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# Nicole Shahenian Named Irwindale Chamber of Commerce President/CEO

**IRWINDALE** - Nicole Shahenian, an established Chamber professional, has been named President & CEO of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

She brings to the Irwindale community more than 10 years of chamber experience and an extensive background in government relations. In her new role as President/CEO, Shahenian will lead the organization in serving the greater Irwindale business community with a focus on economic development, public policy, member services and programs to enhance and promote a thriving local economy.

Prior to coming to the Irwindale Chamber, Shahenian served as the Vice President of Government Relations for the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. In her more than 10 years in Hollywood, she successfully mobilized business and community stake-



Nicole Shahenian Irwindale Chamber of Commerce President/CEO

holders in support of Chamber initiatives and played an instrumental role in several major legislative campaigns, including securing protections for the Hollywood Walk of Fame in the

Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Ordinance and the opening of a temporary housing facility that provides ser-

vices for more than 70 members of the Hollywood homeless community. During this time, she also served as Executive Director of the East Hollywood Business Improvement District, which is administered by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Shahenian is no stranger to Irwindale and its Chamber, originally becoming acquainted during her time as a Senior Field Representative for then-Congresswoman Hilda Solis, during which she attended many of the Chamber's meetings and events. "The Irwindale Chamber has always had a significant place in my heart," she said. "It was my first introduction to the Chamber of Commerce industry, inspiring what has now become more than a decade-long career."

Shahenian received her Bachelor of Arts from The

George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she double majored in Political Science and History. She is also a graduate of the Western Association of Chamber Executives (WACE) Academy Program. In the pre-COVID world, Shahenian was an avid trivia enthusiast and enjoyed playing on a weekly trivia team. Shahenian has lifelong and multi-generational roots in the San Gabriel Valley, and currently lives in Azusa with her two cats, Garfield and Mr. Potter, although, she says, sometimes she would secretly like to trade them for a puppy.

The mission of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce is to build solid relationships and provide quality services that support chamber members and businesses in order to drive the economic vitality of our community.

## Conserve-A-Palooza set to Make A Splash this week for Upper District's Residents

A new conservation giveaway program in honor of the agency's 60th Anniversary

**MONROVIA** - Developing new and innovative ways to engage residents of all ages about the importance of water conservation is a priority for the Board of Directors at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District). Usually in October, Upper District's hosts its annual WaterFest for the community, however in light of the stay-at-home orders the Board of Directors is bringing conservation to the residents with a new online conservation program, *Conserve-a-palooza*.

*Conserve-a-palooza* is a five-week program where residents within Upper District's service area have an opportunity to win free water-use efficiency devices by completing a short conservation quiz via social media. The program will begin October 26 and will end the week of November 30. The quiz will be posted on Upper District's social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn – at the beginning of each week. Residents who are interested in participating will have until Thursday to complete the quiz. Questions will involve smart gardening practices, water resources, trust your tap, and Upper District programs. The program is also in line with Upper District's 60th Anniversary celebration as it con-

**WATER CONSERVATION GIVEAWAY**  
CELEBRATING OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

- FIVE-week conservation Giveaway
- Free to UD Residents, must register and answer a short conservation quiz

Weekly Giveaways will include:  
Gardening supplies, water conservation devices, UD swag, kids coloring books and more surprises to come!

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1. SHORT CONSERVATION QUIZ WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND LINKED TO THE CONSERVE-A-PALOOZA PAGE
2. ANSWER ALL THE QUIZ QUESTIONS!
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[WWW.UPPERDISTRICT.ORG/CONSERVE-A-PALOOZA](http://WWW.UPPERDISTRICT.ORG/CONSERVE-A-PALOOZA)

tinues to educate and engage residents on its "history of firsts." Three winners will be chosen at random and announced every week by an Upper District Board Director during a "WaterSmart Minute" video posted on social media.

"We are excited to merge contemporary learning techniques

with fun raffle giveaways to get the community excited about water conservation. Upper District will continue to find new ways to draw out the creative curiosity of the public and keep them engaged and aware of their water usage," said Ed Chavez, Board President for Upper District.

*Conserve-a-palooza* sponsors include San Gabriel Valley Water Company, EcoTech Services, Inc. and the Discovery Science Foundation who have contributed to the collection of raffle prizes which include native plants vouchers, water-efficient washer machines, tickets to the Discovery Science Cube, and 8-station irrigation controllers. To get the latest information and quizzes, visit [www.upperdistrict.org/conserve-a-palooza/](http://www.upperdistrict.org/conserve-a-palooza/), or by following the handle: @upperdistrict.

## Angelo's Burgers in Glendora Considers Name Change



By Jenny Park

**GLENDORA** - Now, aside from the one time I got lost in a Philadelphia airport, due to narrowly catching my connecting flight back to LAX, I have no criteria for a Philly cheese-steak sandwich, other than that it has to have grilled onions, mushroom, beef, sliced peppers, white cheese all lying on a French roll that is toasted. It should also accompany itself with a side of french fries with seasoned salt. Again, I have reviewed two other places that are known just for their Philly cheese-steaks, Philly's Best and Charlie's on Grand.

Having been disappointed, I walked into Angelo's on Saturday. Oddly enough, my nephew's long-awaited "black car" (a Mercedes-Benz look-a-like-power-wheel) purchased through Amazonian market-place, was stuck in the backseat of my car. I wanted to finally drop it off at his house before he grew up and he would be way too tall for the car.

When I walked into Angelo's I was somewhat distraught, Would they be able to vacuum the backseat of my car?

"Over here, ma'am. I can take

your order here," broke into my head-space. It was a 18-year old's voice that helped me remember that I had lost 10 lbs. during the covid-19 pandemic, working with my personal trainer Alastair M. Martin, who I met at L.A. Fitness. "I work for the San Gabriel Examiner, I'd like to try something that I can review."

While this is the most obnoxious line that I only reserve for special occasions, I was immediately introduced to Edgar. Edgar was wearing a black shirt with red print that stated: "Burgers."

He mentioned he worked for a new Angelo's who was considering a name change to "Fantastic Burgers," having kept the employees from the old Angelo's, and wanting better quality ingredients, hand-cut-fries, a new marquee, and double drive-through lanes.

I was getting distraught and hungry but after 2 minutes of listening to Edgar, I picked up my orange bang, paid my bill, and wrote my number on the back of the receipt for Edgar.

Another customer walked in, and now we were nearing maximum 25% capacity. He ordered

a burger stating, "It's less greasy here than at Foster's."

When I actually ate the sandwich with my nephew and my sister-in-law, who live in Long Beach, I realized my mistake was forgetting to eat in the car, and rolling down the windows, driving in bumper-to-bumper alone.

Then again, my mistake was walking into Angelo's. I could have gone through the drive-through.

Undoubtedly, I will try the biscuits and gravy, because that is the ultimate test of a restaurant's prowess. Next time, I will bring Mr. Martin too after our mixed-martial-arts session. The restaurant can be contacted at: (626) 963-6789 and their address is 213 W. Route 66, Glendora, CA 91740. Please call them to order ahead and make suggestions as they brought in a new chef and will be editing their menu.

For more information about HollywoodFit.tv, and a customized fitness plan, contact Mr. Martin (323) 380-8877 and tell him Angelo's sent you. Additional information on small business practices can be found on [covid19.lacounty.gov](http://covid19.lacounty.gov).

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# On to the Future - The "Brain Train" Will Take You There

Where are you headed? What opportunities are on your horizon?

After months of dealing with a pandemic from which few of us have escaped untouched, an optimistic visualization of the future may be difficult to grasp and hold onto.

But hold on-the future will happen.

For evidence of this, look no further than your local media publications featuring updates on Phase 2 of the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line, also known as the "Brain Train." While we have been finding new ways to earn a living, avoiding contact with friends and family and trying not to sink into a pattern of unhealthy lifestyles, the Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) has been hard at work expanding the line east from the APU/Citrus College Station to the Los Angeles County line.

With funding from Measure M, approved by voters in 2016, the Construction Authority has been methodically moving through a series of preliminary projects, such as reconstructing street crossings, relocating underground utilities, reviewing design patterns for bridges, working with station artists, and quite literally, doing a lot of heavy lifting. All of this is calculated to make Phase 2 a reality by 2026.

What does that have to do with your future? It could quite possibly change the entire di-



Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Citrus College Governing Board Member and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at Metro Gold Line Extension Phase 2 groundbreaking, December 2016 (courtesy photo).

rection of your life.

With many institutions of higher education already in close proximity to a Gold Line station to the west, and many more to the east accessible in the future, the light rail's moniker as the Brain Train is well deserved. And you don't have to wait for years to get started on your educational goals. A variety of colleges and universities located close to existing Gold Line stations are currently serving students online, and

some are offering limited in-person courses. Once these colleges and universities fully re-open-optimistically by summer 2021-students will find them easily accessible from Gold Line stations.

A popular definition of the word "optimist" is "a person who is hopeful about the future." As Winston Churchill once said, "I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else." He had a point.

The future will be here before we know it, and that future of freedom, travel and good times would seem so much brighter with a diploma or certificate in hand that will allow your dreams to become a reality.

Check out the possibilities. Where are you headed?

*About the Author:*  
Dr. Edward C. Ortell is the senior governing board member at Citrus College and a Professor Emeritus at Pasadena City College. He has served on the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) state board of directors and 11 terms as president of the Citrus College Board of Trustees.

# Pink Popcorn And Pink Patch

AZUSA - The Azusa Police Department is proud to partner with Keith's Kettle Corn to help raise funds for the Pink Patch Program.

Come by October 29 from 5-7pm to purchase pink popcorn and Pink Patch merchandise. This event is drive-through only and we ask that everyone remain in their vehicle and wear a mask. Access will be available from Santa Fe Ave to southbound Alameda Ave.

Azusa PD Pink Patch items are selling quickly! To ensure getting specific items, come by our lobby Monday-Saturday between 7am-4pm to purchase masks, socks, keychains, bracelets, mugs, hats and/or patches. Cash or Venmo only!

# Machete Attack Suspect Arrested

By George Ogden

IRWINDALE - Irwindale Police were working two separate crimes where a man attacked two people on two different locations on two different dates. A press release indicated that on Sept. 4th, a woman at a homeless camp said a man entered her camp and attacked her with a large knife. She received a slash on her arm. Then on Sept. 29th, the same suspect attacked a man slashing his hand and fingers. The man was able to get away from the suspect. Both victims knew the name of the suspect.

There is an encampment in the 1200 block of Arrow Highway which is an undeveloped area. Police had the suspect identified as Fidel Esparza, 52, originally of La Puente. He has been a transient for the last couple of years.

Police set up a surveillance operation in the 1400 block of Foothill. They arrested the suspect Sunday, Oct. 18 around 10 a.m. They moved in to make the arrest and Esparza resisted and fought with officers. When he was finally taken into custody, they found one long knife and two machete type knives that they believe were the weapons used on the victims.



Police recovered several machetes after arresting Fidel Esparza (Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Department)

Esparza has been arrested 3 times in the last two years. He was charged with 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. There is a possibility that the District Attorney's office may consider elevating the charge to attempted murder. Esparza remains in custody and being held on \$50,000 bail.

## First Christian Church of Glendora & Art Academy

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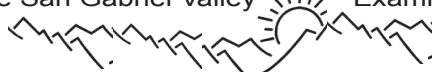
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## Plan for Safe Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebrations This Year

*California Health Officials Strongly Discourage Traditional Trick-or-Treating*

**GLENDORA** - As everyone prepares to celebrate Halloween and Dia de los Muertos, the Glendora Police Department is encouraging the community to make this year's festivities as safe as possible by planning lower-risk online, at-home and car-based activities.

To limit the spread of COVID-19, the state's Department of Public Health released safety guidelines strongly discouraging traditional trick-or-treating and asks families to plan safer alternatives. These alternative celebrations include a candy scavenger hunt at home, online pumpkin carving and costume contests, and car-based tours of Halloween displays.

The health guidance also covers Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican tradition celebrated in the Latinx community honoring the deceased. Dia de los Muertos celebrations often in-

clude gatherings of extended family. Families are encouraged to place traditional indoor altars outside so others can view them from a safe distance and create virtual altars online.

Families and individuals are also encouraged to check with local or county guidance on holiday celebrations.

"Unfortunately, Halloween is going to be celebrated a bit differently than it has in the past," Police Chief Matthew Egan said. "While skipping traditional trick-or-treating and indoor celebrations is recommended, please be safe if you are out and mindful of others who may drive by to look at decorations."

Halloween is on a Saturday this year, and the Glendora Police Department will have additional officers on patrol Halloween night looking for suspected impaired drivers.

It is important to keep traffic safety in mind and designate a non-drinking driver be-

fore going somewhere to drink.

The Glendora Police Department offers these tips for drivers and those who are out walking:

- The days are getting shorter. Be visible and carry a flashlight or reflective vest if you are out at dusk or at night so drivers can see you.
- Stick to familiar, well-lit routes.
- Only cross the street at crosswalks or corners where it is safe. Always look left, right, then left again before crossing.
- If you are doing car-based tours of decorations, be extra alert for other vehicles backing out of driveways or leaving parking spaces.
- Watch for pedestrians and yield to them at all crosswalks.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Nearly 50,000 Voters Turned Out to Vote In Person in Opening Weekend

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced nearly 50,000 voters turned out to vote in-person at a Vote Center in the first weekend of early voting.

The RR/CC opened 118 Vote Center locations throughout the County providing a safe in-person voting experience.

All locations will remain open every day from 10 AM to 7 PM and on Friday, October 30 an additional 649 Vote Center locations will open and remain open through Election Day.

During the pandemic, all voters are still encouraged to safely

return their Vote by Mail ballot in the mail or at one of our 400 Official Ballot Drop Boxes.

To date, 1,670,119 Vote by Mail ballots have been returned in Los Angeles County.

If a voter needs or prefers to vote in-person, they are encouraged to use these voting tools:

- Find a Vote Center and view wait times: Vote Center Locator Tool
- Make your selections before leaving the house: Interactive Sample Ballot
- Speed up Vote Center check-in: Quick Check-in Code (also printed on the Sample Ballot book)

## Homeless Man Dies After Falling From Parking Structure

**By George Ogden**  
**WEST COVINA** - West Covina Police and Paramedics were called to the area of the Lakes where the Regal Edwards Cinemas is located, on Saturday just before midnight. When they arrived, they found a man down next to the parking structure. It appeared that the man was deceased. Apparently, the man either fell or

jumped from the upper level of a parking structure.

The man was declared dead at the scene. Police are not sure if the fall was accidental or deliberate. Investigators may review security recordings in the area. The man was not identified.

They don't believe there was any foul play, but the investigation continues.

## Los Angeles County Residents Affected by the Bobcat Wildfire Now Eligible for FEMA Financial Support

*Register with FEMA today for Federal Resources to Help Your Recovery Efforts*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County residents who lost their home or sustained other losses due to the recent Bobcat Wildfire may now apply to receive federal assistance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives eligible wildfire survivors financial awards to help them pay for needs such as rent, home repair or replacement, medical and dental costs, funeral expenses and other disaster-related expenses.

The deadline to register with FEMA is December 15, 2020. If you are a Bobcat Wildfire survivor, you can register for FEMA assistance in three ways:

- Online at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov);
- Download the FEMA app on your smartphone or tablet; or

• Call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). The helpline has specialists who speak many different languages.

If you use a relay service such as a video-phone, InnoCaption or CapTel, provide FEMA the specific number assigned to that service when you register.

When registering for FEMA assistance, be prepared to provide your personal information, including your Social Security number, insurance policy information, and a description of the damages or losses suffered due to the Bobcat Wildfire.

For additional Bobcat Wildfire recovery resources, please visit [lacounty.gov/recovery](https://lacounty.gov/recovery).

## Los Angeles County Fire Dept Awarded USAR Cooperative Agreement from USAID

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby is pleased to announce that the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Program, California Task Force-2, will continue providing international urban search and rescue services as part of the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) disaster response efforts.

The USAR Program completed an extensive competitive process to obtain a cooperative

agreement with BHA that goes into effect December 1, 2020 and will last for five years. This continues a formal partnership that has been in place since 2003 and allows the Department and its personnel to provide emergency response and technical assistance around the world. This partnership is run alongside the USAR team's work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a domestic disaster response team.

"I am extremely proud of the members of our urban search and rescue team," said Fire

Chief Osby. "This accomplishment was made possible by their hard work, dedication, and innovation. We are honored to continue our partnership with USAID and provide urban search and rescue services around the world."

In recent years, the Los Angeles County Fire Department's USAR team has deployed numerous times in support of USAID's humanitarian response efforts, including to the Bahamas in 2019 for Hurricane Dorian, and Mexico City in 2017 for a magnitude 7.1 earthquake.

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Texas Draw

**By Joe Castillo**

**Going to Texas...** Before California became a state in 1850, the Republic of Texas fought for its own independence from Mexico. When the New World was being colonized by the Spanish conquerors, most of the North American continent was claimed by Spain for its King. The vast amount of land included the states now known as Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, California and parts of Utah, and Idaho. It was a huge claim with few people available to even settle in the Spanish claimed areas. When Mexico fought for its independence from Spain, Texas was combined with the province of Coahuila to form the state of Coahuila y Tejas. Mexico then established an immigration policy which sought to draw American settlers to the new state of Tejas.

In 1823 and 1825, the Mexican legislature passed a series of immigration laws establishing the granting of lands to worthy applicants. The process was simple but the rewards

were great. A prospective settler would have to embrace Catholicism and agree to obey the laws of Mexico. With slavery officially outlawed in Mexico, any prospective settler would be unable to bring their own slaves but the law could easily be circumvented. However, if a grant was awarded, the settler would receive one league of land or 4,428 acres for grazing land for cattle plus 1 "labor" or 177 acres for farming. Even better, Mexico would not tax the settler's acreage for six years.

The initial land grants of land in Tejas were given to an "empresario" who then recruited more settlers to Tejas. The first "empresario" was Stephen F. Austin, who was given the authority to award grants to American settlers directly on behalf of the Mexican government. Marriage also played an important role in obtaining a sizable land grant. If the male applicant was single, he would be awarded a quarter league. If the applicant was married, he would be awarded a full league and one "labor" but if the applicant was married to a Mexican

woman, he would be awarded a full league and one "labor" plus a bonus of a quarter league or 1,107 acres. The cost of a grant application was only \$30 plus expenses but an applicant had four years to pay it in full. For "empresarios", for each 200 families he brought in to Tejas, he received another eleven leagues or over 44,000 acres, which could make each "empresario" a very wealthy land owner. With an abundance of available land and favorable credit terms, a prospective settler would be able to start his life all over again in Texas. With the draw of land being awarded in large quantities to American settlers to Texas, large numbers of Americans jumped at the opportunity bringing with them an American way of life which would soon be in conflict with the existing and identified Mexican culture. ....

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### Street Sweeping UPDATE

The City of Baldwin Park will resume citations for street sweeping parking beginning **January 1st**.

In the meantime, we will continue to sweep as normal. We remind you to move your vehicle, so we can continue to keep our Baldwin Park streets clean!



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# Know What You Are Voting For One Week To Go!?

The toughest job voters have is trying to sort out where the candidates are really coming from on issues important to most of us. Generally speaking, those issues boil down to our pocketbooks, our kids, our homes and crime and safe neighborhoods. These issues are never easily spelled out for us but become entwined in pages of bullet-pointed platforms and political rhetoric that make good sound bites. It becomes our job to sort through newspapers, political mailers and social media for answers.

The Democrat legislators and party platform supports Prop 16 that would allow affirmative action use in government employment and actions in education using race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin when selecting individuals to be employed or educated in California. The Democrats took affirmative action one step further by approving Assemblyman Chris Holden's (D-Pasadena) AB 979 and charging head-long into the private sector, requiring companies to have at least one director on their board from an underrepresented community. Those would be African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgenders. Many title this reverse discrimination.

Our businessman-President, Donald Trump, has implemented tax credits to companies who return their businesses to this country providing more needed jobs. He's cut regulations to make it easier for these companies to operate, funded apprenticeships and job training programs, and established Opportunity Zones attracting \$75 billion in private capital investment in cities needing that new investment for jobs and revenue to operate.

Wall Street Journal Editorial Board ran an article explaining Biden Team's Blueprint for the Economy giving Trump's concerns about the stability of the economy credibility if Biden is elected. The primary responsibility of the Federal Reserve is to ensure price stability and full employment. Joe Biden, with Bernie Sanders, decided the Federal Reserve needed a third mandate -- a racial-equity mandate.

WSJ indicates in their Edito-



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

rial, July 20, 2020, under this racial equity mandate, banks could be required to collect data about the racial make up of employees and their pay at companies applying for loans. This would become the invisible way to force regulations on companies without legislation from Congress and public scrutiny, and a way to avoid challenges in the Supreme Court on hiring practices.

The Editorial comments: "Under a race mandate, the Fed will have no choice but to obey whatever dictates Congress and a Biden Administration send its way in 2021." Bottom line - control all money in the U.S.

Democrat Party Platform puts forth a policy that no one should spend more than 30% of their income on housing and government should "take aggressive steps to increase the supply" of affordable housing. This past year our Democrat Gov. Newsom tried to force that policy on us by usurping our local government's zoning ordinances. Those proposals put high density housing along rail lines and high traffic corridors - high density levels not compatible with the existing communities or lifestyles of current residents. And, density levels that could eliminate quality of life services ... libraries, parks, youth and senior services ... so they could afford essential services, like adequate law enforcement.

The Epoch Times reports the differences in Trump's position and Biden's position on the housing issue. Trump believes in grassroots regulations and supports local zoning ordinances; he wants to create a program to help foster children with housing once they are out of that system; and, use Housing and Urban Development programs to reduce home-

lessness for veterans and families with children.

The Biden Plan creates more subsidies and penalties for non-compliance of mandates. Joe Biden would support a Homeowner and Renter Bill of Rights which sounds like more rent control and eviction prohibition. He would eliminate local municipal codes and state housing regulations; and, withhold federal funds from states that refuse to eliminate local zoning ordinances and single-family homes altogether.

Since the death of George Floyd we've seen an unqualified defunding of our law enforcement agencies, primarily in big cities, and in Los Angeles County that affected the entire criminal justice system. Much of that seems to be a knee-jerk reaction to quell the rioting and violence, but is in sync with the California Democrat Party Platform. Joe Biden is on record of supporting the defunding of police agencies, continued support for the sanctuary city/state policies that allows criminal illegals released back into our communities, decriminalizing of marijuana, no bail policies and standards for "no-knock" warrants.

President Trump supports full-funding of our law enforcement agencies, elimination of "no-knock" warrants, and is opposed to federal legalization of marijuana, but agreed states should create laws on marijuana. He's taken a tough, no tolerance position on Prop 47 and Prop 57 crimes changed from felonies to misdemeanors, including child pornography and sex trafficking. He supports the death penalty.

George Gascon, running for L.A. County District Attorney, supports the same policies Joe Biden does and, if elected, would turn Los Angeles County into the same disaster he created as D.A. in San Francisco. Best choice is law and order candidate, Jackie Lacey.

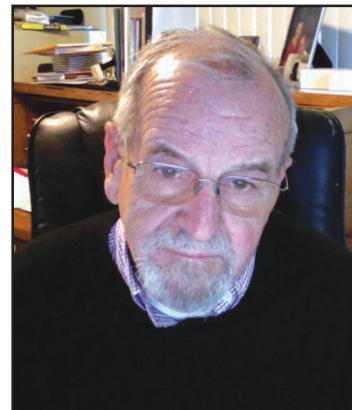
L.A. County Measure J on the ballot is a charter amendment making defunding of the criminal justice system - L.A. County Sheriff, Probation, District Attorney's Office and Superior Courts -- in L.A. County permanent. Supervisor 5th District, Kathryn Barger, voted NO and Republican groups support vote NO on measure J.

It is now less than a week until the polls close. Tens of millions have already voted as will many others in these remaining days. My guess is that the number of voters either still undecided or who will change their minds is miniscule. The vast majority of the American people have already made their decisions, and continuing to debate the issues will prove fruitless, so what now?

Some elections hinge on last-minute political commitments, but not this one. The only real question for the next six days revolves around getting out the vote. If any Democrats believe that the fight is over, sit back and assume their votes doesn't matter, they are inviting a political catastrophe.

On the other hand, President Trump and his cohorts have done everything in their power to keep people from the polls. If you are convinced that your mail-in ballot will be thrown out, so why bother---electoral doom lurks in the wings.

Regardless of who has won the



Charles H. Bayer

ground on the issues, this election hinges on turning out dedicated voters. What a farce it would be to see the nation go down the drain because solid progressives don't bother to vote.

I want to say a word to those good solid progressives who remain unhappy with Joe Biden's unwillingness to endorse Medicare for All, as well as other solid liberal proposals. I fear however, that your continual attacks on Joe Biden have been both shortsighted and risky. How many otherwise solid voters will

your trashing of Biden keep from the polls? I know it is not your intention to help secure a victory for Donald Trump. But in this election every vote is critical. Bernie has bent over backward to support the Biden-Harris ticket. But every swipe at Biden may mean critical votes lost. I trust that in these last days you will do everything you can to encourage those in your orbit to vote. I stand among those much more comfortable with democratic socialism than with the safer middle of the political road. Perhaps a fresh progressive movement is now necessary down the road. But for the next few days every effort must be made to secure a Biden victory.

I know that most of us have done our best, encouraging those we know to vote as soon as possible, knowing that this is the appropriate strategy for the next few days. As they say in Australia, "good on ya!"

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## The Enemy Within: The Radicals in the Democrat Party

*Are you a Kennedy Democrat or a Biden/Harris/Sanders Democrat?*

**My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel**

I know people who when asked, "What political party do you support" proudly state "I am a Democrat." My next question is, "Are you a Kennedy Democrat or a Biden/Harris/Sanders Democrat?" When asked this question they often seem perplexed. That is not a trick question. Were John Kennedy alive today he would not recognize his Democrat Party. He stated his idea on government handouts in a speech he once gave. He said, "Ask not what your Country can do for you - ask what you can do for your Country". That idea is a far stretch from the Democrat Party of Biden, Harris and Sanders. Their idea of the Democrat Party is one of government handouts and government control.

One only needed to watch the Democrat Party's debates during the primaries, to see just how socialistic the Party has become. Free medical, free college, free everything even for those who they chose to call 'undocumented aliens'. To hell with the working American Citizens who elected them and who will eventually have to pay for their extravagance. Apparently, Democrats only seem to care about those people who have entered this country illegally. Do they not know that only American citizens can vote for them? Oh, that's right the Democrats want to change that also. Do not be fooled. This purported altruism is all in the quest for personal and political power. Government handouts are only an IOU that people take from these oligarchs in exchange for votes when next they come up for election.

Who is the real enemy within our midst? My answer to this question is: If one looks beyond the rhetoric one will find that the true enemy is the elitist, "woke", fools who are currently dominating the media and the left's political rhetoric. In any discussion, they will claim to have the morally superiority high ground. However, if one dares to disagree with their point of view instead of a logical argument they rely on the old hackneyed deflection of name calling. Anyone who dares to disagree with their opinions will be called a "racist, fascist, homophobe, xenophobe, misogynist, islamophobe" or any other denigrating name that comes to their cloistered minds. Why would they even try to enter into a real intellectual discussion when name calling will do?

This supercilious attitude is also reflected in other venues like Facebook and Twitter. If you refute their ideals they will censor you and "cancel" you. The Russians pose no real threat to our republic compared to these corporation's erudite leaders - they are a far bigger threat. These self-proclaimed intellectual individuals believe that they have all the answers to society's problems - just tax the "haves" to give it to the "have-nots." It is hard not to notice that many of these people are quite wealthy themselves. They are all too eager to show their moral superiority by handing out someone else's money. Somehow these morally superior snobs have beguiled the masses into believing that government handouts are "free" money. If you run out of money just print

more. Ask the people of Venezuela how well that works.

I have asked myself why these corporate elites donate millions of dollars to a party that openly says that they will raise taxes to a level that would stifle business's ability to expand. The answer can only be that in the past these same companies have successfully lobbied Congress to get special tax breaks that smaller companies do not enjoy. Additionally, the modern Democrat Party is a party of globalism. Look at Nike Shoe Company. If Nike never sold another shoe in the US, it would hardly cause a dent in their bottom line. Nike only gets 5% of its revenue from U.S. sales. China and Europe are far bigger contributors to their profits.

The new Socialist Democrats believe that you can replace the innovative and creative power of this nation with a bureaucratically regulated nation that will give away free stuff at the expense of the wealthy. When there are no more wealthy people's money to steal, then who do they devour? The rest of us of course. "Beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing". Free stuff is not free - someone has to pay for it.

Who can save this nation from these power hungry fools? Only real patriots can, through actions, words and votes. The time has come for the patriots of this country to stand up for this country and not for the political elite.

The Constitution is not yet dead but the liberal movement toward socialism should be. Vote wisely - our country's survival depends on how we vote.

## Can Disneyland Save California?

Mike Gallagher was reporting on his radio show that Disneyland is begging Governor Newsom to let them open up. Gallagher has a home in Florida and talked about how much the Disney World Park means to him and his family. He said since the park reopened after the initial shutdown he has been there six times. It is working fine. People wear masks and keep their distance. The radio host said the park is something personal to him and his family. Often he will go on days off and just sit and watch the people and take in the atmosphere. He proves how you can enjoy a Disney park on many levels.

The question we should present to the citizens of California is this. How long are you going to continue putting up with your state's monopolizing radical Leftist Democrat rule? What will it finally take to get Californians fed up? This isn't about party affiliation anymore as we see "establishment" Republicans supporting Biden and mainstream folks normally voting Democrat, looking at considering a vote for Trump. Not really party lines as much as ideologies and maybe



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about how much government we want in our lives.

How many folks have little girls who want to put on their Disney Princess dresses and go to the Disneyland park. How many little boys want to see Star Wars Characters and maybe Buzz Lightyear? How does a parent or a grandparent explain yet another dagger thrust in their childhood, like not going to the movies, or not going to school? Not being able to experience what little kids experience and the memories that result. It doesn't look like we are going to have a Halloween. I went to Disneyland one time during Halloween and it was decorated quite impressively. In New York there is no Broadway,

and it doesn't appear that there will be a Thanksgiving Day Parade.

I am glad I was a kid when I was a kid.

So what say you, Governor Gavin Newsom? How long can you shutdown Disneyland. The Governor might ask me why I care so much for Disneyland? Maybe it is because it has always been a symbol of what America was and is. And what it has built. A symbol hopefully as well, of the future of America. I know the Disney Company has made some questionable politically correct decisions lately. And I am bothered by their practices of "Cancel Culture," but in the bigger picture, it is still a positive symbol, at least for the time being.

I would prefer that the park remain a symbol of America, and not a symbol of the shutdown. I believe what Gallagher's colleague in the talk radio business has said. Dennis Prager says "the shutdown is not a tragedy. The virus is the tragedy, but the shutdown is the biggest mistake made in history." Maybe the people who live in California that have to look their kids and grandkids straight in the eye and say "we can't go to Disneyland and we don't know when we will be able to go," will finally get fed up. Many non-Californians have the same dilemma, but they can't vote in that state. So it is up to the folks with the Golden State zip codes.

Maybe Disneyland can save California?

## Vote "Yes" on Proposition 20

**By Joan Schmidt**

We received a flyer with "COPS" on it in large print saying "Vote no on Prop 20." What a flagrant lie. No Law Enforcement Agency is against Prop 20. Quite the contrary. They support it!

At a recent Zoom Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council Meeting, retired LASD Sergeant Burton Brink refuted all the falsehoods.

Opponents of Prop 20 claim it will "waste millions on prisons." Prop 20 was actually carefully and specifically written to prohibit it from sending additional people to state prison!

Opponents claim Prop 20 will lock up teenagers for low-level, non violent crimes to state prison.

The truth is Prop 20 was drafted to fix four specific flaws created by AB 109 and Props 47 and 47.

Prop 20 will reclassify current "nonviolent" crimes like rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child and domestic violence as "violent" to prevent the early releases of inmates convicted of these crimes. It does not send anyone new to prison; only those who commit these crimes serve their complete sentence.

Prop 20 will restore consequences to serial theft by making the third conviction with stealing (with the values of \$250 or more) a "wobbler". This allows the third (not first or second, but third) significant theft to be charged as a felony, giving judges ability to impose court ordered Rehabilitation Programs-versus the alternative of a short stint in local jails-helping serial offenders turn their lives around. Again no state prison.

Prop 20 reinstates DNA col-

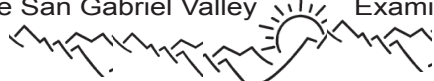
lection for those convicted of misdemeanor theft, drug, and domestic violence crimes-"indicator" crimes, proven to help solve other more violent crimes or exonerate those wrongly accused. Since Prop 47, which did away with DNA collection for these crimes, cold-case hits dropped by 2000! This will help solving some again.

Prop 20 requires a mandatory hearing to determine whether parole should be revoked for a parolee who violates the parole for a third time. Currently, parolees could violate their parole 7, 8, 9 times or more without having their parole re-evaluated. The parolee who shot and killed Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer in 2017 was one of these parolees.

Sgt. Brink urged all to vote "Yes" on Proposition 20.

### Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to [SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com). We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.





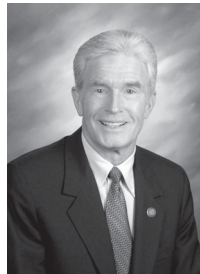
# Will Contentious News And Uncertainty Weaken Markets?

Recent information related to Hunter Biden's 2019 abandoned laptop computer could further stress financial markets. An EP-OCH TIMES 10/23 article quoted Tony Bobulinski (a former Biden family business insider) as confirming the authenticity of an email on Hunter's laptop which discusses payouts and equity shares related to a now defunct Chinese Energy Company. Tony surrendered three of his cellular phones to the FBI (which apparently is still investigating data on Hunter's old computer).

The upcoming election, hindered by fake news chatter continuing to be negative concerning our President, has activated market critics who talk down the generally ongoing market rally. They believe that the market longevity isn't justified and rationalize their justifications based on daily changing headlines. How could the media's stories about lofty market valuations, China tensions, big taxes coming (if Democrats sweep elections), ongoing social unrest as well as another surge of Covid-19 be good for future markets?

Is this the most unloved market rally of all time? The dramatic V-shaped recovery for stocks left scores of investors waiting for a "retest of the March lows" that seemed "guaranteed" by some smart market technicians. But that never happened. The coronavirus allowed many politicians to demand shutdowns of businesses as well as churches etc., throwing the economy into a tailspin that had the bears sharpening their claws. Finally, after an 11-year bull market, the shorts

**In A Nutshell**  
What's up in the Economy?



**KEN HERMAN**  
Economic Analyst  
& Former Glendora Mayor

hoped to cash in for billions in profits as the economy nose-dived into a long recession. That also never happened!

What did happen was the power of the Fed sweeping over Wall Street with the promise of eternal QE, accompanied by huge spending bills passed by Congress. America's rebounding market never looked back. During the month of June, the market briefly consolidated the torrid gains off the March lows and then rallied unchecked until recently when stocks hit volatility and a relative pause.

Businesses have quickly learned how to survive. Many even thrived during this pandemic. Based on 98% of S&P 500 companies reporting Q2 results, 84% beat earnings estimates (source: FactSet). So much for analysts who are supposed to have information not available to the retail investor! Most encouraging, in light of COVID-19 continuing to hamper everyday life for much of the country, is that the economy added another 1.4 million jobs in August. The jobless rate dove to 8.4% at a time when economists were looking for a 10% number. September

job increases also exceeded expectations! Those strong job numbers followed reports of stronger-than-expected Factory Orders for July, a rising ISM Manufacturing Index for August, and blowout numbers for new and existing home sales, thanks to historically low interest rates

The U.S. economy, with Trump's leadership, appears to have rebounded like a coiled spring. While companies have gotten leaner and more efficient since April draconian lockdowns, many other businesses (such as Amazon) have benefitted from lock downs. As improved therapeutics and focus on protecting the most vulnerable continue to allow more normal life in the USA, optimism is returning.

Today's biggest obstacle is the election. Fears of higher taxes, more regulations and the loss of America First leadership are hard to ignore. However, voters recognize the risks of going backwards. Do we want a Make American Great agenda or a return to an environment which mainly benefits hostile foreign countries, the most powerful people in government as well as large international corporations? I have faith in American's making the best choice for our children and grandchildren, one that will continue to put America first, with an opportunity to Make America Great Again!

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*Social Security in 2020 - will there be any cost of living increase?*

Although this is not final, an article at [blog.ssa.gov](http://blog.ssa.gov), states that there will be a 1.3-percent increase in the Social Security benefit. However, there is strong probability of increased Medicare premiums and increased out-of-pocket limits. In December, watch for a letter, or check your own information by setting up a password-protected account at [mySocialSecurity.gov](http://mySocialSecurity.gov)

*We're trying to make a budget. How much does the average household spend on food?*

A detailed chart available online at [cnpp.usda.gov](http://cnpp.usda.gov). It is broken down to weekly or monthly for different plans: Thrifty, Moderate, and Liberal for individuals, and families of 4 or 6 people.

*I'm a salesperson and my monthly income is irregular. How do I start a retirement plan?*

You probably have a couple of options, but it depends on what is most suitable for you with your individual circumstances and qualifications. There are retirement plans that understand the fact that independent contractors have variable income. These plans allow intermittent investing and/or payments. If you also need life insurance, there are policies which have living (while you are alive) benefits which can be used for any reason, including retirement income.

*How do we go about financially dividing up our family-run business in the most practical and cost-effective way?*

You might want to talk to a qualified legal or tax advisor about a Family Limited Partner-



**Julia Yoder**

ship. This is an agreement between family members who are actively involved in a trade or business. The family's objectives could be set up in the partnership to divide rights to income, appreciation, and control. You could set up transferring the limited partnership interests in increments over time, resulting in a gradual, systematic transfer of ownership. These transfers to your children can be excluded from your estate, resulting in estate tax savings later. The method of incrementally transferring interests in your family business could be set up to take maximum advantage of the 2020 \$15,000 annual gift tax exclusion per person, up to an \$11.2 million lifetime exclusion. I highly recommend that you also look into using life insurance policies to cross-insure each family member.

*My checking, savings, CDs, an IRA, and an annuity at my bank are FDIC insured, right?*

No. Too often folks trust their bank, and banker - period. Your money could be safe, but you cannot be sure without fully understanding where your money is truly invested, the strength of those sub-companies, and whether or

not your money is protected - either due to FDIC insurance or other guarantees. If your checking account, savings account, and CDs are within the established limits, they are FDIC insured. Chances are high that your IRA and annuity are not FDIC insured. Often obscure, a standard bank disclaimer statement typically reads: Investment products offered through ABC Bank Investment Services, annuities offered through ABC Bank and its subsidiaries, and insurance products offered through ABC Bank Insurance Services are not FDIC insured, are not bank guaranteed, may lose value, are not deposits, are not insured by any federal government agency, are not a condition to any banking service or activity. Your IRA is usually invested in the stock market, which means it could lose value. Regarding your annuity, I would advise you to find out what insurance company it's with, and do some due-diligence on that company's strength. While you're at it, review your beneficiaries. And, remember, if you have a safety deposit box, the contents are neither FDIC insured, nor bank insured, and can be difficult for heirs to access.

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# Residents and Business Owners in LA County Affected by the Bobcat Wildfire Now Eligible for Disaster Assistance Loans

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Disaster recovery loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are now available to Los Angeles County residents and businesses who suffered damage as a result of the Bobcat wildfire that began on September 6, 2020.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA low interest loans can also help businesses with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

If you need assistance with your application, visit the Los Angeles County Disaster Help Center at [lacountyhelpcenter.org](http://lacountyhelpcenter.org). Interested applicants who do not have access to the internet, have limited computer proficiency or speak languages other than English, may contact LA County's Disaster Help Center at (833) 238-4450. Multilingual business counselors are standing by to assist business owners in

completing applications Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- There are several ways to apply:
- Complete an application online at [disasterloanassistance.sba.gov](http://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov)
  - Call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance.
  - Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339

The SBA is also offering assistance through their Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center at [FOCWAssistance@sba.gov](mailto:FOCWAssistance@sba.gov) or by phone at (800) 659-2955.

Economic injury disaster loans help meet working capital needs such as purchasing inventory, supplies, and covering day-to-day expenses like rent and payroll. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business has suffered any property damage or not.

Interest rates can be as low as 3 percent for businesses, and 2.75 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 1.188 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

## THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# If Car Trouble Scares You... Read On

Sometimes there is nothing scarier than car trouble...you know how it is...you drive along and all is great then suddenly...

- You hear a different noise (squealing or scraping sound when you hit the brakes, knocks or pings when you climb a hill, rumbling or hissing sound from your muffler, thumping from a tire, clicking of a worn CV joint, chugging when you turn off the engine)
- You notice a different smell (moisture or antifreeze odor inside the car)

- You see a small leak or a puddle from under the car (antifreeze, oil, brake fluid)
- You see lights illuminated on your dashboard (check gauges, check engine light)
- You hear nothing at all (dead battery)

Your mind immediately goes into panic mode! You wonder how long it will take to fix the problem? How will you get to work? How will you pick up the children or get them to school or practice? How will you run er-

rands? How much will it cost? Will it need to be towed? Is it safe to drive to our shop for needed repairs?

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# County Officials Warn Against Property Tax Scam

*Scammers Going to Taxpayer Homes to Collect Property Tax Payments*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Keith Knox and County Assessor Jeffrey Prang are alerting the public to an alleged property tax scam perpetrated under the guise of COVID-19 building closures.

It's being reported that unknown people are attempting to fraudulently collect in-person property tax payments at taxpayers' homes because of COVID-19. The individuals may even have fake identification as well as the tax bill for the specific homeowner in question. These individuals allegedly are claiming that the homeowner must pay their property taxes in-person because the COVID-19 pandemic has closed County offices to

the public.

"The County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) does not conduct in-person visits to collect property tax payments and that any attempts to collect in-person payments are fraudulent," said Keith Knox, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector. "Should you be contacted at your home or hear about this in your neighborhood, do not make payment to the person requesting it and notify local law enforcement immediately. Be sure to provide a detailed description of the individual."

Assessor Prang agreed, saying that residents need to be aware of this scam and not to engage with anybody seeking an in-person property tax pay-

ment.

"It's important to be cautious with anybody making unsolicited offers," Assessor Prang said. "Appraisers sometimes will visit homes to appraise the property, but our appraisers will never ask for tax payments. This current activity is a scam and it's important to report it to the authorities immediately."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the TTC and Assessor offices are closed to the public and the TTC is not accepting in-person payments. The TTC accepts payments online, by mail, or over the telephone. For details on available property tax payment options, visit [ttc.lacounty.gov](http://ttc.lacounty.gov). For Assessor information go to [assessor.lacounty.gov](http://assessor.lacounty.gov).

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## Azusa Drive-In Movies At Northside Park

**AZUSA** - The City of Azusa's Community Resources Department will present a 2020 Drive-In Movie series at Northside Park, 600 Block W. 11th Street beginning at sunset. NO RV'S or CAMPERS will be allowed entrance to the park.

Vehicle Check-In begins at 7:00 p.m. All vehicles must be in their spots by no later than 7:45 p.m. Movies start at approximately 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Recreation office at 626 812-5280

Register at: [www.azusaca.gov](http://www.azusaca.gov)  
 Drive-In Movie Schedule  
 10/29 - Hocus Pocus  
 10/30 - The Nightmare Before Christmas  
 11/6 - The Little Mermaid  
 11/13 - The Little Giants



### ☆ 2020 Drive-In Movie Series ☆

## Daughters of the American Revolution Yard Sign Fundraiser

**GLENDORA** - The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Serrano Chapter supports Veteran Services, Schools, ROTC, Active Military Services and Conservation projects

This year they are kicking off their new term with a Patriotism Campaign. Now more than ever they want to promote Patriotism throughout our community. Your donation for this yard sign will show your Patriotic Spirit within our community and the proceeds will help them raise the funds they need to continue their service work that they are committed to.

For questions or yard signs please contact: [serranochapterdar@gmail.com](mailto:serranochapterdar@gmail.com)



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## Family Caregivers Of Veterans Eligible For Free Professional Help

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have launched an emergency respite care fund for the family caregivers of wounded, ill, and injured veterans. The program, Respite Relief for Military and Veteran Caregivers, will provide non-medical, no-cost, professional home care to veteran caregivers who are struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. CareLinx, a nationwide professional home care network, helped launch the fund with a donation of \$1 million worth of services. Wounded Warrior Project then contributed an additional \$1 million to expand the program. The Foundation expects to provide 75,000 hours of care to more than 3,000 veteran care-

givers. "The lack of affordable, convenient, professional respite care has always taken a significant toll on the emotional and physical well-being of veteran caregivers," said Steve Schwab, CEO of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. "Now, due to the increased health risks and limitations created by the pandemic, we are seeing a spike in the need for short-term relief."

Even as states re-open, some of the most critically wounded or ill veterans and their caregivers will have a long journey back to the pre-pandemic world. These veterans often have vulnerable immune systems that require their caregivers to take every precaution against exposure. By ask-

ing family and friends to keep their distance, they are losing a vital source of daily support.

"We are grateful to CareLinx and Wounded Warrior Project for helping us respond to this urgent need," Schwab continued. "We hope other organizations also step up, so we can ensure every veteran caregiver suffering during COVID-19 receives the help they need."

The program is rolling out in select regions and will expand nationwide over time. Eligible caregivers can request services that include companionship, grocery shopping, cooking, mobility assistance, transportation, bathing, and other activities of daily living. AARP and Bob Woodruff Foundation have also joined as key collaborators for this effort to help spread the word to military and veteran caregivers.

To learn more and apply, visit [www.hiddenheroes.org/respite](http://www.hiddenheroes.org/respite). (NAPSI)

## So, Let's See if My Prediction is Correct

I know that everyone is rooting for the Dodgers to win the World Series. The bummer is, for all my life I rooted for the Dodgers. However, all professional sports players have used their platform to disrespect our country. Political crap doesn't belong in sports. Not long ago we played the National Anthem at sports games, now we don't. Can you believe that? They are concerned that the players will disrespect the playing the Anthem by taking a knee, turning their back on the American flag and even more.

We have men and women serving and placing their lives on the line and we have these people disrespecting this country. For this reason, I seem to have divorced myself from pro sports.



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

This anti-American attitude doesn't set well with me, and I am not alone. In fact, a veteran's group has terminated the sport channels at their facility via a unanimous vote for this reason.

After the Los Angeles Laker's won, the rioters took to the streets again. Nearly 80 arrests, 8 police officers injured, police cars destroyed, businesses dam-

aged and graffiti everywhere. This was supposed to be Laker's fans celebrating. Laker's fans have become terrorists, wonderful.

Now, I hope the Dodgers "don't win" the World Series. I would expect the same kind of unrest and destruction if they win. I am fed up with people destroying anything and everything whenever they get an excuse to do so. Not sure what happens if they do lose. However, I feel if they do lose, we will be much safer. No reason to go out and destroy.

This is being written before the paper goes to print, so... my prediction is, if the Dodger's win, we are going to have a problem with unrests in Los Angeles. If they lose, then we are better off. *"That's Just the Way It Is!"*

## Early Morning Crash Disrupts Railroad Operations



A Toyota Scion overturned and upside down on the Metrolink railroad tracks.

**IRWINDALE** - An intoxicated driver found her and her 2018 Toyota Scion overturned and upside down on the Metrolink railroad tracks near Azusa Canyon Road and Los Angeles Street in the city of Irwindale on Thursday, Oct 22.

Irwindale Police officers responded to the report of an early morning solo vehicle traffic col-

lision in the area and when they arrived, they found that the Toyota had left the roadway and entered the Metrolink railroad tracks, striking some track switching equipment and then overturning next to the tracks.

The vehicle's driver and lone occupant was extracted from the vehicle by the Los Angeles

County Fire Department. The driver was not hurt in the collision, but she was arrested by officers for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Railroad operations were disrupted for approximately 90 minutes while railroad crews inspected the tracks and repaired the equipment.

(Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Department)

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# Arcadia Appoints Captain Roy Nakamura As Police Chief

ARCADIA - Arcadia City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto has appointed Captain Roy Nakamura to the position of Arcadia Police Chief. A 28-year veteran of the Arcadia Police Department, Captain Nakamura is the current Operations Captain. He will succeed Chief Robert T. Guthrie, who is retiring from the Arcadia Police Department after a distinguished career of over 31 years.

"We appreciate all those who have risen to the call of service as Arcadia Police Chief," said Mayor Roger Chandler. "Captain Nakamura continues in the long line of excellence in law enforcement leadership that this community has come to expect and enjoy from its Police Department."

Captain Nakamura began his career with the Arcadia Police Department in 1992 as a Police Officer. As an Officer, he was assigned to Patrol and worked as a Field Training Officer, as well as being assigned to the Detective Bureau. As Detective, he was assigned to the Forgery and Fraud Unit and completed his Detective Bureau assignment in the Crimes Against Persons Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2002 and worked as a Field Supervisor until he was transferred to Personnel and Training. In 2009, Captain Nakamura was promoted to Lieutenant, working various assignments under the Operations and Administration Divisions within the Department, including Watch Commander, Detective Bureau Commander, Field Training Officers Program Commander, and Force Training Unit



**Captain Roy Nakamura**

Commander. In 2019, he was promoted to Captain. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal Poly Pomona, and is married with four grown children and a grandson. "Roy is exceptionally qualified to lead the Arcadia Police Department," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "Over the years I have known him, I have seen that Roy is conscientious, progressive, and dedicated to keeping Arcadia safe," he added. "I am honored to be named the next Police Chief for the City of

Arcadia," said Captain Nakamura. "The Arcadia Police Department is one of the finest law enforcement organizations in the country. I appreciate the support and confidence of the City Manager, City Council, the men and women of the Arcadia Police Department, and the entire Arcadia community."

With his appointment, Captain Nakamura will become Arcadia's 30th Police Chief and its first of Asian-American descent. He will assume command on January 9, 2021.

# Kaye Biggs, Duarte Kiwanis Champion for Students

DUARTE - Kaye Biggs is one of those "Community Champions" - one who supports many organizations; The Carmelite Sisters at Santa Teresita, St. Vincent DePaul, Friends of the Duarte Library and, of course, the Duarte Kiwanis Club. Kaye has been a member of Duarte Kiwanis since 2017 and was the President of the Club in the 2019/2020 year. Through all of those years, Kaye has been the club's representative to the Duarte High School Key Club, California School of the Arts Key Club and the Mountain View Key Club as well.

In recognition of her continuing service, the club has awarded Kaye with a Youth Service Award.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.



## Hospitalized pregnant women with COVID-19 can have severe illness

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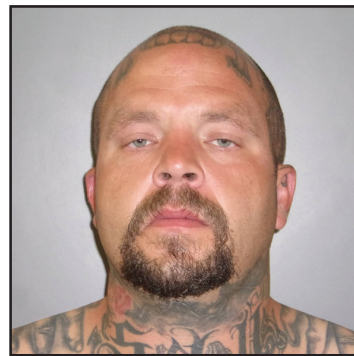
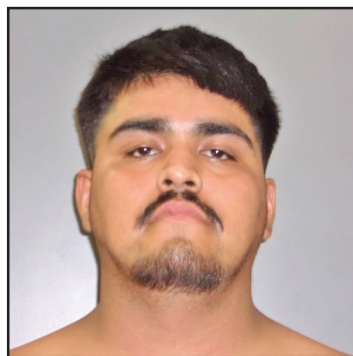
# Baseball Bat Attack Leaves Man in Critical Condition, Two Azusa Men Arrested

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Azusa Police responded to the 900 block of north Sunset Ave. on Wednesday Oct. 21st just after 8 p.m., to an altercation that had occurred with a man down. When police arrived, they found a 47-year-old man in critical condition who had been beaten with a baseball bat and had his head bashed in. The victim's name was not released because of the critical condition

he was in.

Police were able to identify the two suspects in the case and they were arrested. Albert Chavez, 19, and Robert Bucher, 39, both of Azusa, were taken into custody. No reason was given by police for the attack. They were booked on suspicion of attempted murder. Bail was set at \$2 million for each suspect. This is still under investigation.



Azusa Police Department Officers identified two alleged suspects as Albert Chavez (19 years old, Azusa resident) and Robert Bucher (39 years old, Azusa resident). Both suspects were arrested at the scene without incident and transported to the Azusa Police Department for booking.

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# Marilyn Mays - Creative Advocate for Youth

**DUARTE** - Marilyn Mays has been an advocate for kids for her entire career. Her most recent assignment has been Duarte's Teen Center programs including the Duarte Boxing Club. Marilyn is also an active leader in the ACT-SO program for the San Gabriel Valley. Marilyn has also been a member of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, and in Non-Pandemic times, the Teen Center serves as the club's meeting location. Marilyn's creativity in leadership includes creating the city's Family Feud event as well as the Amazing Family Race event. Recently, she has participated with the Duarte Youth in the annual Unity March.



Marilyn was presented with a Youth Service Award for Duarte Kiwanis Club in recognition of her continuing service.

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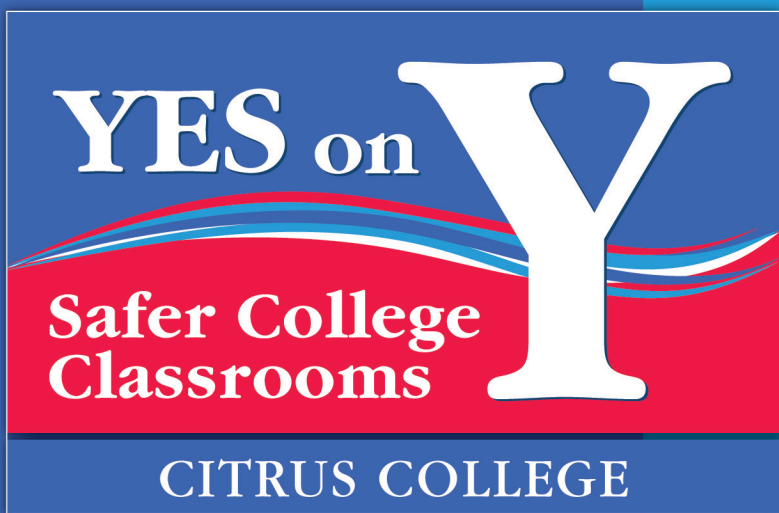
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