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Baldwin Park Unified Scholarship Winners Greeted by District Caravan

BALDWIN PARK – Ten Baldwin Park Unified Class of 2020 seniors gave shouts of joy and even shed a few tears as a District caravan of well-wishers, equipped with balloons and flowers, traveled through the city to personally deliver the news that the students had received scholarships totaling \$11,000.

District leaders – including Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza, Board of Education and Cabinet members, administrators and community leaders – wore masks and practiced social distancing as they surprised students at their homes, placing the decorations and a certificate on the lawns and porches of recipients.

“The Class of 2020 has worked so hard and we’ve watched them all grow into scholars and leaders. We wanted to do something special to let them and their families know we are proud of everything they have accomplished,” Dr. Mendoza said. “We wish them all the best, and we will never forget what they brought to BPUSD.”

Seniors were evaluated on GPAs, achievements in music and the arts, community service, financial need, and personal essays



Baldwin Park High School valedictorian Kendra Nguyen earned a \$5,000 scholarship from the Ramona Burnham Foundation.

about educators who influenced their goals.

Scholarships included a \$5,000 prize from the Ramona Burnham Foundation, named in honor of long-time BPUSD educator Ramona Burnham; four \$750 scholarships from the Baldwin Park Organization of Supervisors and Administrators (BPOSA); three \$500 scholarships from the Baldwin Park Education Association (BPEA) and two \$750 Delta Kappa Gamma

Society International (DKG) and travel in space.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
Ramona Burnham Foundation
Kendra Nguyen, Baldwin Park High School. A member of Baldwin Park’s Robotics, Scholar and Space club, Nguyen’s goal is to work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and win a Nobel Prize in Physics.

BPOSA
Maricruz Becerra, Sierra Vista High School. An AVID Scholar award winner, Becerra wants to pursue a career in aerospace engineering, become an astronaut

and travel in space.
Zaia Rodriguez, Baldwin Park High School. Rodriguez volunteers in several community outreach organizations and aspires to be a bilingual nurse anesthetist to support quality healthcare.

Ezdra Esparza, North Park Continuation High School. Esparza served as a Student Board member during the 2019-2020 school year and aspires to work in immigration or criminal law or as a high school counselor.

Alejandra Morales, BPACE. Morales has a passion to make a

difference in the learning environment for children and wants to be a preschool teacher.

BPEA
Daisy Sarmiento, Sierra Vista High School. A wrestler and cross-country runner, Sarmiento was recognized as “Most Inspirational” by her classmates and is hoping to pursue a career in dentistry.

Cassidy Garcia, Baldwin Park High School. Active in many clubs and as a volunteer with the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless, Garcia’s goal is to be a teacher.

Gabriel Rodriguez, North Park High Continuation High School. Rodriguez earned North Park’s Viking Scholar Award for outstanding academic achievement and hopes to enlist in the Marine Corp and work in law enforcement.

DKG
Karen Gonzalez, Sierra Vista High School. Gonzalez has worked extensively with the ROP’s Early Childhood Development program and hopes to become a teacher.

Hanna Cardenas, Baldwin Park High School. A volunteer with the American Cancer Society, Cardenas is looking forward to a career as a physical therapist and to teach kinesiology.

CSSDAR First Responders Appreciation Barbecue

GLENDORA - An Appreciation Barbecue was held Friday evening, June 5th, for Glendora’s First Responders by Executive Board members of the California State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. During the “drop by” event at their State Headquarters in Glendora, State Regent Adele Lancaster presented certificates and challenge coins to members of the Fire and Police Departments to express appreciation for the many ways these dedicated men and women serve the community. Too, challenge coins were exchanged between Mayor Michael Allawos and Lancaster, each expressing appreciation for the long-time relationship between the Society and the community.

Daughters of the American Revolution is a lineage organization. Members trace their ancestry to those who fought for or supported colonial independence from Great Britain, 1775-1783. The Society is dedicated to service in the areas of Education, Historic Preservation, and Patriotism. Anyone interested in membership, contact the California State Society: www.californiadar.org or the National Society: www.DAR.org.



Mrs. Adele Lancaster the State Regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution presents a certificate of appreciation to Captain Palomino of the Los Angeles County Fire Department Station 151 for their service to the community as first responders.



Mrs. Adele Lancaster the State Regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution presents a certificate of appreciation to Glendora Police Officer Ancheta representing the Glendora Police Department for their service to the community as first responders.



Baldwin Park High School senior Hannah Cardenas earned a \$750 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) scholarship.

Man Charge Towards Deputies with Knife, Shot and Killed in Industry

By George Ogden
INDUSTRY - A Sunday morning, June 7th around 2:30 a.m. there was an officer involve shooting

Deputies responded to the area of Azusa Avenue and Railroad Street to reports of a call that someone had been hit by a train. As deputies arrived in the area, they started looking for a possible victim so as to render any assistance possible. They found a man kneeling next to the tracks. As they approached the man,

they were asking if he was okay. He stood up and faced the deputies with a knife in his hand. The deputies ordered the man to drop the knife, but instead he ran at the deputies. As the deputies retreated, the man failed to respond to their commands to stop and drop the knife. He was quickly closing the distance between himself and the deputies. The deputies fearing that they were going to be stabbed, shot the suspect. Once the man was down and

the deputies felt safe, they rendered assistance to the suspect. He was transferred to the hospital where he died.

There was no indication why the man attacked the deputies, but there is speculation he was contemplating suicide. By attacking the deputies, it could have been suicide by cop.

Authorities identified the man as Jarrid Hurst, 35. Public records show a previous address in Phoenix, Arizona for Hurst.

Chamber Business Award Nominations

GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for our 2020 Business Awards. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00PM on Wednesday, June 17.

Now is your chance to nominate a Glendora Business & Chamber Member for Business of the Year & Non-Profit of the Year.

To nominate a current Glendora Chamber Member as Business of the Year & Non-Profit of the Year please complete the form on the following page: <https://www.glendora-chamber.org/business-awards/>

The Judging Committee of the Glendora Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to determine if the nominee(s) meet the required criteria. Please complete the

nominations as much as possible.

These awards and more will be presented at our Special Installation & Awards Presentation taking place on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Please reserve you spot at <https://business.glendora-chamber.org/events/details/glendora-installation-and-awards-presentation-8769>

District Attorney Jackie Lacey Will Not File Charges for Curfew Violations, Failure to Disperse

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced that she will not file charges against any protester for a curfew violation or failure to disperse.

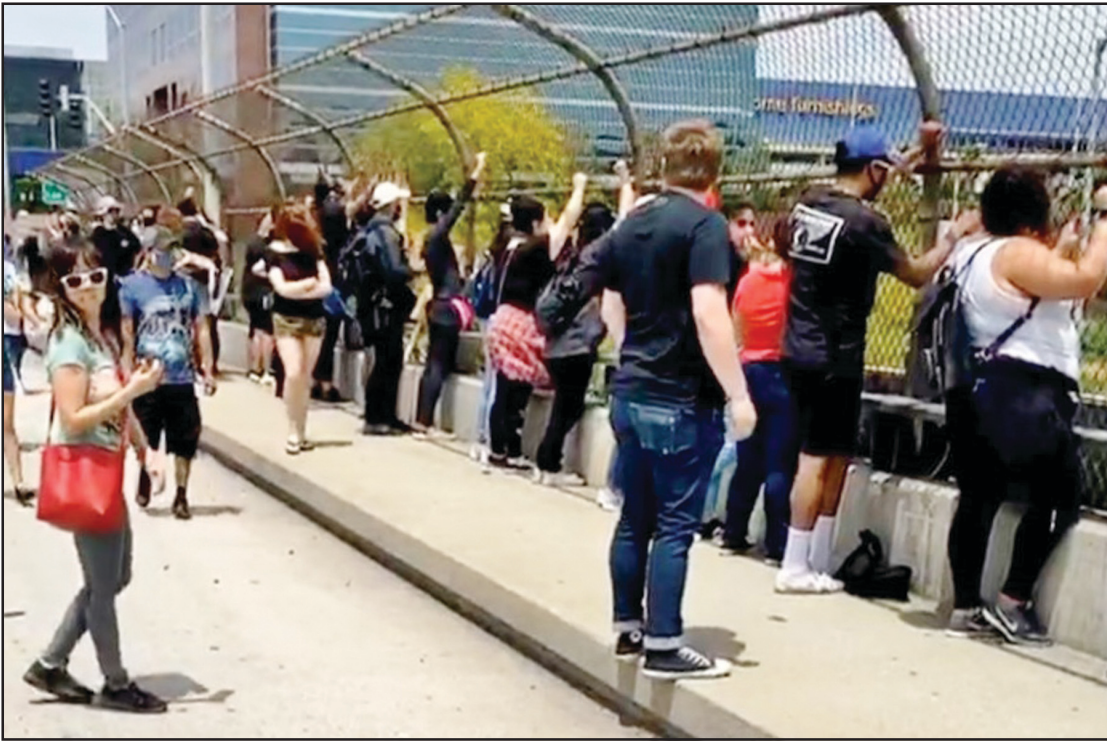
She directed her legal staff to decline to prosecute these cases in the interest of justice.

“I believe whole-heartedly in free speech and support the right of protesters to demonstrate peacefully against historic racial injustice in our criminal justice system and throughout our nation,” District Attorney Lacey said. “I want to encourage the exchange of ideas and work to establish dialogue between law

enforcement and protesters so that we may implement enduring systemic change.”

These 10 cities prosecute misdemeanors that occur in their jurisdictions: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Torrance, Burbank, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach.

The West Covina and La Puente Protests



Demonstrators and Protesters on the Barranca Street overpass on June 1.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On June 1 and June 2, the Barranca Street overpass of the I-10 Freeway was blocked by protesters. They were displaying signs to the eastbound and westbound traffic on the I-10 Freeway. The CHP and the West Covina Police blocked the overpass to through traffic and residents in the area and to find another way to get around this blockade.

Both malls, Plaza West Covina and the Eastland Shopping Center, were shut down. At the Eastland Shopping Center, the stores had to put up plywood over there windows to prevent possible damage from the protesters. They also blocked off the

shopping center's entrances with roll-off containers so nobody could drive into the center.

It appeared that both demonstrations were peaceful outside of a few abusive comments towards the police now and then. They had BLM signs along with other signs regarding the George Floyd murder by a police officer.

On Wednesday, June 3, in La Puente protesters showed up at Amar Road and Hacienda to express their outrage of the killing of George Floyd. Many of them carried signs protesting the murder and showed their support for George Floyd. It had been reported that one car was playing loudly NWA's "F**k Tha Police". NWA is from Compton and of-

ten promotes civil unrest against the police.

Deputies were at the intersection were stationed at the Walgreens parking lot and the gas station across the street.

Stores in the area had to board up their windows for their protection against the protesters.

As for the protesters, it appeared to be somewhat peaceful with the protester crossing back and forth with the green traffic lights and basically not blocking any traffic. The only issue may have been the Latino man carrying an American Flag and respectfully standing in the intersection from time to time. Overall these protesters were well behaved.

Reflecting on 50 Years of Inspiration, Collaboration as a Citrus College Trustee

This spring, I was humbled to be acknowledged as the state's longest-serving community college trustee by the Community College League of California. When Duarte area residents first elected me to serve as their representative on the Citrus College governing board in 1969, I was eager to give back to my community and advocate in support of higher education.

I never expected to receive so much in return.

For more than 50 years, I have had the privilege of working side-by-side with dedicated professionals devoted to fostering academic excellence and career success. The progress, innovation and goodwill that resulted from collaborating with higher education leaders, local and state officials, and the faculty, staff and students of Citrus College have been nothing short of inspirational.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my service has been joining other educators in supporting legislation to increase access, improve student services and create effective academic programs. From establishing disabled student programs and services in 1976 to creating associate degrees for transfer in 2010, community colleges have been committed to meeting California's economic, social and educational needs.

This commitment has been



**By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member**

especially evident in recent weeks as the state manages a public health crisis. Community colleges throughout California have donated thousands of ventilators, personal protective equipment and face shields to those serving on the front lines of this global pandemic. I was also impressed by the California Community College Athletics Association's quick decision to postpone all spring sports in order to prioritize the health and safety of student athletes. In these uncertain times, actions like these reinforce what an honor it is to be part of this higher education community.

It has also been an honor to develop important partnerships within the Duarte area. For example, the collaborative relationship between Citrus College and the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) has benefitted local students for several years. Working together, the two organizations have developed innovative programs that increase student success. Most notably, Cit-

rus College and DUSD pioneered the Early College/Dual Enrollment program that allows high school students to enroll in college courses.

These innovations have been high points during my time as a trustee. I am thrilled when academic programs, such as STEM or the associate degree in nursing, are introduced, and I am equally proud of the college's state-of-the-art facilities, such as the Haugh Performing Arts Center and Student Services Building, that have been constructed. Additional areas of growth include the expansion of student services and an increase in the rates of students transferring to four-year colleges and universities.

Of course, Citrus College has also overcome obstacles during my tenure. When confronting challenges, the college community does so with incredible determination and resilience. For this reason, I am not surprised by the remarkable way in which our faculty, staff and students have responded to the trials associated with COVID-19. While this semester has not been business as usual, everyone has come together to establish and embrace a new way of learning.

Reflecting on my five decades of service on the Citrus College governing board, I am grateful for the support that the citizens of the Duarte area have continued to show me. I remain passionate about the mission of California's community colleges, and I hope to share many new successes in the years ahead.

Duarte To Enforce Fireworks Restrictions for 4th of July

DUARTE - The City of Duarte will be enforcing restrictions on both legal and illegal fireworks usage for the 2020 July Fourth holiday. Fireworks may not be discharged on the day of July 4th or any other days since the passage of Measure F in November of 2018.

Both Duarte Public Safety and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will have extra patrols out on the holiday and days leading up to it to ensure that restrictions are enforced. Violators of the City's fireworks restrictions may be prosecuted and receive a \$1000 fine and/or six months in jail. The California State Fire Marshall has decreed a zero tolerance against illegal fireworks due to drought conditions.

The loud booms and bursts of fireworks on the 4th can also scare dogs, cats and critters, causing them to run away. In fact, the 4th of July is one the busiest days of the year for animal shelters around the country. Here are some tips to help keep your pets safe.

• Keep pets indoors with windows and doors closed. Fire-

works can cause animals to change their behavior and do things like jump over fences and/or bite a human.

• Play music to help cover the noise of fireworks.

• Never light fireworks next to your pet.

• Don't take your dog to the fireworks display.

• If you are home, do an activity that your dog enjoys and will take their mind off the noise outside.

• Give dogs a bully stick or chew toy to help occupy their time.

• Tire your dog out by exercising them before the festivities begin.

• Use pet-friendly calming spray or oils.

• If your dog already uses a Thundershirt, put this on them.

• Make sure your pet has an updated ID tag worn on a secure collar.

• Get your pet microchipped

before the 4th of July holiday.

• If your pet runs away, check the neighborhood, contact Duarte Public Safety at 626 357-7938 during normal business hours and the San Gabriel Valley Human Society at 626 286-1158.

For additional information regarding fireworks, contact Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938 or, if you see someone discharging any type of firework in the community, contact LASD Temple Station (626) 285-7171.

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FACT SHEET: Insurance Coverage During Civil Unrest

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - To help California business owners understand some of the key insurance issues relating to civil unrest, the information provided below is intended to present a general overview of relevant insurance coverages and some important tips to consider. Although the information below serves as an overview, policyholders are strongly encouraged to read the terms of the policy purchased, as terms and definitions can vary from one policy to another.

Business/Commercial Insurance: Standard commercial policies typically include coverage for physical loss or damage to the insured premises and other business property resulting from looting, vandalism, and riots. Whether a specific loss will be covered depends on the actual language in the applicable policy and any coverage exclusions that may apply. It is important to check your specific insurance policy for the following coverages:

- **Vandalism, Malicious Mischief:** Vandalism is generally defined as willful and malicious damage to, or destruction of, the policyholder's property; malicious mischief is similar to vandalism and generally defined as the willful destruction of property for vicious or mischievous purposes.
- **Riot and Civil Commotion:** Both a riot and a civil commotion involve a revolt by a gathering of people in a public place. A civil commotion is similar to a riot, but involves a greater number of people. Riot and civil commotion can be difficult to differentiate. The perils are often listed together in a policy.
- **Business Income Coverage:** This coverage is for the loss of income sustained due to the necessary suspension of business operations during a period of restoration. The suspension of business operations typically must be caused by direct physical loss or damage to the policyholder's premises resulting from a covered peril.
- **Civil Authority Coverage:** Business income insurance typically includes civil authority coverage, which provides loss of income due to prohibited access to the business premises by civil authority such as a governmental entity. Civil authority insurance covers income lost during a limited period of time. Businesses that are forced to limit hours or suspend operations due to rioting, vandalism, or civil commotion and have coverage for this particular loss of income may be covered after an initial waiting period.
- **Glass Coverage:** Many commercial policies cover glass breakage. However, some insurance companies require that glass coverage, such as plate glass insurance, be added to the standard policy by endorsement for an additional premium.

Other Coverages:

- **Auto Insurance:** Damage to vehicles because of riot or civil commotion is covered under the Comprehensive portion of an automobile policy. This is an optional coverage, separate from Collision coverage and from the mandated Liability insurance under the Financial Responsibility Laws in California.
- **Homeowners' & Renters' Insurance:** Standard homeowners' and renters' policies will typically cover damage to the property including contents caused by a riot or civil commotion, vandalism, or malicious mischief. However, this coverage may be subject to exclusions such as vacancy of the property, usually over 60 days. If you have a California FAIR Plan policy, these coverages are optional, so you should verify that you purchased these additional coverages.

Tips for Businesses with Claims:

- **Preservation of Property:** As soon as it is safe, businesses should do what they can to secure the business against further loss, such as boarding up shattered windows and securing inventory.

Expenditures made to secure property against further loss is typically covered by a commercial policy. Businesses should consider contacting their insurance company to determine whether such expenditures will be covered.

- **Report Claims Immediately:** If you have sustained a loss due to the recent civil unrest, you should report damages immediately to your insurance agent/broker or insurance company. Generally, policies require that claims resulting from criminal behavior be reported promptly to law enforcement. Review and comply with any reporting deadlines required by your policy such as reporting theft or vandalism to the police within time periods specified in the policy.
- **Track Expenses and Save Damaged Property:** Track all the expenses you incur to preserve your property and complete emergency repairs. Save your damaged property so it can be inspected by your insurance adjuster. Consider taking photos and video of the damaged property - especially damaged property that is perishable and must be discarded.
- **Document Communications with Insurance Agent, Adjusters, and Insurance Company:** Log all of your conversations with your insurance company, agent/broker, and/or adjuster about your claim and policy limitations in a dedicated "claim diary." If your adjuster says something is excluded, limited, or subject to certain conditions, ask the adjuster to point out the specific provision in your policy being cited.
- **Hire Licensed Contractors:** The California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) has publications that can help you identify and avoid problems before they occur. Contact the CSLB at 1-800-321-2752 to obtain a free copy of their publications and/or verify the licensing status of a contractor.
- **Grace Periods for Paying Premiums:** Businesses affected by looting should contact their insurance companies about the grace periods and premium rebates that the Insurance Commissioner has ordered as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Because of the Commissioner's prior actions, businesses should be provided additional time to pay premiums and may qualify for lower premiums during the pandemic.
- **Contact CDI for assistance:** Work with your insurance company, agent/broker, and/or claims adjuster to achieve a settlement that you believe is fair and consistent with your coverage. If you have a question about your insurance or a dispute with your insurer, please call the California Department of Insurance at 1-800-927-4357 or visit us at www.insurance.ca.gov.

Please note: These tips are for general guidance only and are not a substitute for legal advice.

For more information, visit insurance.ca.gov or call 1-800-927-4357.

Los Angeles County Reviews New State Guidelines That Could Move County Into Stage 3 Of Roadmap To Recovery

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County is reviewing new guidelines from the State of California that could move LA County into Stage 3 of the Roadmap to Recovery and permit the reopening of key sectors including schools, day camps, museums, entertainment industry production, camping and spectator-free sporting events — as early as June 12.

The Department of Public Health will review the newly issued state guidance, evaluate the County's COVID-19 metrics and data and consult with the Board of Supervisors to determine how sectors can reopen with safeguards and di-

rectives in place to ensure essential physical distancing and infection control.

At this time, Los Angeles County is still under a Safer At Work and In The Community Order. Public and private gatherings of people outside of a single household unit are not permitted except for public protests and faith-based services with limited numbers of participants.

Everyone needs to continue to follow physical distancing and infection control protocols and wear a cloth face covering when in contact with others not in your household.

At this time, still closed are:

- Nail salons

- Tattoo shops
 - Gyms and fitness centers
 - Campgrounds
 - Entertainment venues including arcades, bowling alleys, movie theaters, live performance theaters, concert halls, stadiums, arenas, theme parks, gaming facilities and festivals
 - Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that do not offer sit-down, dine-in deals.
 - Indoor museums, galleries and zoos
- The plans for reopening are part of a phased progression that provides employees, customers and residents with safety protections to slow the spread of COVID-19.

More Than 60 People Charged With Looting, Other Crimes During Protests

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced today that 61 people have been charged with crimes committed during protests in Los Angeles County over the past several days.

"I support the peaceful organized protests that already have brought needed attention to racial inequality throughout our society, including in the criminal justice system," District Attorney Lacey said. "I also have a constitutional and ethical duty to protect the public and prosecute people who loot and vandalize our community."

A majority of the charges filed over the past two days have been for looting. Other charges include assault and/or battery upon a peace officer, robbery, burglary, possession of a destructive device, identity theft and receiving stolen property.

Felony looting carries a possible maximum sentence of three

years in county jail.

Additional cases are expected to be presented this week by various law enforcement agencies for filing consideration. In some instances, people who were arrested over the past several days were cited and released. Those cases have not yet been presented.

In downtown Los Angeles, 11 people were charged with felonies, including looting, robbery and assault upon a peace officer.

Seventeen people were charged at the Airport Branch Court, which covers some of the western portions of Los Angeles County, including Santa Monica and Beverly Hills. The charges include felony looting, burglary and identity theft as well as misdemeanor looting and burglary.

Fifteen people were charged with felony looting, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's vehicle or attempted looting in Compton, while three people were charged

with felony looting in Long Beach.

In Van Nuys, five people were charged with felony looting. Six people were charged with felony looting or attempted looting in Norwalk and three people were charged with attempted looting in Torrance.

A 15-year-old youth has been charged in juvenile court with assault upon a peace officer.

In total, 11 cases were declined due to insufficient evidence, 19 referred back to law enforcement agencies for further investigation and 31 were referred to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office for misdemeanor filing consideration.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some cases qualified for zero bail under the guidelines set forth by the Judicial Council of California. However, some looting cases might require bail since a state of emergency was declared in Los Angeles County.

LA County Library Starts Sidewalk Service at Select Locations

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In accordance with revised Public Health orders, LA County Library is offering sidewalk service holds pickup at select library locations beginning Monday, June 8. All bookdrops will also re-

open for item returns that day. This is the first step of a phased reopening, with additional locations and hours to be added at a later date.

Sidewalk service begins at 24 libraries listed at

LACountyLibrary.org/express-service. Holds may be picked up Monday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm. Libraries remain closed to the public, but staff are answering phone lines during the hours of 9 am - 6 pm, Monday - Friday.

New holds can be placed starting June 8 using the online catalog at LACountyLibrary.org, or over the phone. Customers with existing holds that were paused when libraries closed will also be notified of availability. Once holds are fulfilled, customers will be notified. To pick up, customers will be asked to call the library when they arrive, and their holds will be brought out to an outdoor table. Customers will be able to retrieve the item(s) without any direct contact with staff. Those interested in picking up materials from one of the above locations that is not their local library should call for assistance.

Additionally, bookdrops at all of LA County Library's 85 locations will reopen for item returns on June 8. All returned materials will be quarantined before being reissued, as recommended by health officials. All due dates on existing checkouts have been extended to July 15. Due dates on new item checkouts will follow standard borrowing schedules. Customers should check their accounts for item due dates and assure items are returned to bookdrops.

The Library's digital offerings —including activity ideas, Virtual Storytime, and our online summer reading program for all ages—continue to be available at LACountyLibrary.org/coronavirus.

Celebrate the 4th of July Holiday with a Virtual 5k

DUARTE - The Duarte community is invited to join the City of Duarte for their first Virtual 5k race, July 1 - 3. Run, jog or walk anywhere at your own pace and time it yourself. Safely complete this 5K on your own or with a family member any time between July 1 - July 3. All participants

will receive a commemorative medal in the mail at the conclusion of the event completion timeframe. Fee: \$25 (race bib, finisher certificate & medal) \$35 (race bib, finisher certificate, medal & race t-shirt). For additional information, contact the City of Duarte at 627 357-7931.

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The Power, Control of Social Media

President Trump had his tweet "... when the looting starts, the shooting starts" censored.

Candace Owens, Prager U, tweeted criticizing Michigan's Governor and her twitter account has been suspended without any reason.

After Trump's tweet was removed, he issued an Executive Order for review of the law that distinguishes tech platforms from publishers by shielding them from liability for their users' posts. Several lawmakers, across the aisle, have taken up the issue but nothing has happened so far. Is time for a few new rules for the tech industry?

Alastair Mactaggart was concerned about the power and control the social media corporations have grabbed in California. So concerned, he invested \$3 million of his own money to present Consumer Personal Information Disclosure and State Initiative and collect signatures to qualify it for the 2018 ballot. Former CIA analyst, Mary Stone Ross, and a former California State Senate legislative analyst, Rick Arney, helped Mactaggart with the initiative. The initiative, would have required businesses, upon a consumer's request, to disclose the specific information collected on them, what information they had disclosed or sold, require parental / guardian consent on information of a minor child, and allowed consumers to opt-out of having the information sold.

California initiative process has changed with more steps needed before the initiative can be placed on the ballot. In 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown signed then-Senate President Pro-Tem Darrell Steinberg's legislation reforming the process allowing for a "reasoned compromise" between the initiative proponents and members of the legislature. Additionally:

1. Attorney General, once the initiative is submitted, must allow for a 30-day review period with public comments and proponents to amend the initiative.
2. Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst Office have 50 days to conduct a fiscal estimate of impact.
3. The proponents have 180 days to collect signatures to qualify for the ballot.
4. Once 25% of required signatures are acquired, the initia-



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

tive is sent to the legislature for committee hearings and review.

5. In that process, the top ten contributors must be published and once \$1 million is collected in support or opposition, the information about the organization or contributors must be published.

6. Allows the proponents to pull the measure before it qualifies for the ballot.

As the League of California Cities put it in their analysis: "Legislature may have the ability to paint a rosier picture of a measure by holding hearings at which committee members are supportive of a measure, or foster negative public perception should committee members oppose a measure."

That's when Alastair Mactaggart's initiative hit a hiccup. A hiccup named AB 375 co-authored by Assemblyman Ed Chau (D - AD 49 Arcadia) and Sen. Bob Hertzberg (D-SD 18 Van Nuys). In less than a week, AB 375 was passed by the state legislators without addressing any concerns or amending the bill so they could adhere to the 72-hour print before passage requirement and to comply with the deadline to pull the measure from the ballot.

With \$1.7 million raised, and the average donation of \$200,000 each by those opposing the initiative - Amazon, Microsoft, Comcast, Verizon, Facebook, Google and a few others -- was accepting AB 375 the best alternative to improve Internet privacy? New York Times, Daisuke Wakabayashi, reported, "Political consultants have told the initiative's backers that they should prepare for the opposition campaign to spend \$100 million."

Hertzberg said the law won't go into effect until 2020 giving lots of time for fix-its. The bill

limits \$750 a consumer is allowed to sue for if violations occur in release of personal information; and, attorney general will set the fines levied against violating companies. Reports of those lobbying to weaken AB 375 and others lobbying to strengthen the law have left the Internet privacy at a stalemate.

Right now, if you want to see what information companies have about you and you want it deleted, you must make a separate request to each and every company. To request they not sell it, you have to once again make that request separately and to each company.

CalMatters published an article about a writer that downloaded his personal information and published the results in The Guardian:

- The Google data was the equivalent of 3 million Word documents.

- Histories of every location he'd been to in the last year -- with the time and date he was there.

- All the photos he'd ever taken with his phone.

- Every email he'd ever sent or received, including those he deleted.

- Facebook data was about 400,000 Word documents

Attorney General Xavier Becerra has set the fine at \$7,500 per violation for those companies who need to play by the new rules, originally by January 1, 2020 but now extended to July 1, 2020.

- Make \$25 million in revenue

- Make half of its money be selling data

- Gather information on at least 50,000 consumers.

Companies are asking for an extension to 2021 for enforcement due to the pandemic.

May 5th, San Francisco Chronicle reported Alastair Mactaggart is backing another initiative to expand the current law and ensure the existing one cannot be compromised with amendments, before or after the November election. The organization has the signatures, but not sure if the counties can validate the signatures by June 25th deadline.

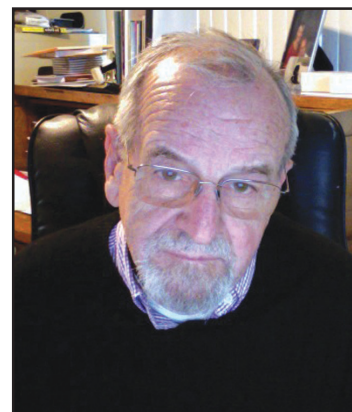
The first initiative had qualified with 600,000 signatures and only needed 366,000.

Pornography

Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart when asked to define pornography said, "I cannot define it, but I know it when I see it." Whether it is verbal details or X-rated motion pictures, porn is readily available. However, to limit it to sexually explicit images is to turn a blind eye. Perhaps a vulgar dishonoring of that which is sacred might be an alternate definition.

I'm certain we have all seen images of Trump holding a Bible at St. John's church. Attorney General Barr, for whom Trump can do no wrong, insisted that there was no relationship between the gassing of citizens on Trump's parade to the church and the Bible fiasco. There follows a report of an eye-witness.

I was at St. John's, Lafayette Square most of the afternoon, with fellow clergy and laypeople. We were passing out water and snacks, and helping the patio area at St. John's, Lafayette Square to be a place of respite and peace. All was well. Around 6:15 the police started using tear gas and folks were running at us for eye-washes or water or wet paper towels. At this point, one of our seminarians and I looked at each other in disbelief. I was coughing, her eyes were watering, and we



Charles H. Bayer

were trying to help people as the police in full riot gear drove people toward us. She left and I stayed with Back Lives Matter folks trying to help people. Suddenly, there was more tear gas, more concussion grenades, and I saw someone hit by a rubber bullet. We had to try to pick up what we could. I was so stunned I only got a few water bottles and my spray bottle of eyewash. We were DRIVEN OFF of the St. John's patio with tear gas and concussion grenades. WE WERE DRIVEN OFF OF THE PATIO AT ST. JOHN'S, a place of peace and respite and medical care throughout the day - SO THAT MAN COULD HAVE A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH!!!

Washington Bishop, Mariann

Edgar Budde, blasted Trump for the grotesque stunt. "Let me be clear: The president just used a Bible, the most sacred text of the Judeo-Christian tradition, at one of the churches of my diocese, without permission, as the backdrop to a message antithetical to the teachings of Jesus and everything that our churches stand for. I am outraged," she fumed. "The president did not pray when he came to St. John's nor did he acknowledge the agony of our country right now."

Here stood Trump, Bible aloft, pretending it was a solemn act of Christian piety, when it was blasphemy! So Trump was trespassing on church grounds after gassing the crowd that had peacefully assembled there.

If the evangelicals he had hoodwinked cannot identify either pornography or blasphemy when they are hit in the face, one wonders just how corrupted they have become, abandoning any resemblance of authentic religion.

Justice Stewart knew what it was when he saw it, and so might anyone not blinded by the pomp and bigotry of America's law and order President.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Election Campaign

By Joe Castillo

Good Old Days... In the early 1880's, California was a growing state with a number of prominent early businessmen and affluent individuals who would eventually leave their mark on the state. Even though each of these individuals rose to prominence in different fields, politics was a common destination which would propel them to heights beyond their wildest dreams.

In the campaign for State Senate, the Democratic Party sought a candidate who was already established, could persuade others to vote for him and carry him to the nomination. Two strong candidates were chosen to vie for the nomination, L.J. Rose and George S. Patton. Rose had become a large land owner in the San Gabriel Valley, raising acres of orchards, crops and vineyards. In addition, he had a large stable of quality race horses and was known as one of the leading horse owners in the horse racing business in the United States. Rose's business ventures had made him a popular figure throughout the San Gabriel Valley, and he seemed a shoo-in to win the nomination and election. His opponent was George S. Patton, a lawyer who was originally from Virginia but moved West when he married the daughter of Ben-

jamin Wilson. Patton was a very good orator but being Benjamin Wilson's son-in-law gave him a built-in advantage as Wilson may have been the most popular person in all of Los Angeles County.

The Democratic convention was held in Ventura, and the battle for the party nomination came down to a contest between Patton and Rose. On the first ballot, the vote was deadlocked, on the 15th ballot the vote was deadlocked, on the 31st ballot the vote deadlocked, on the 63rd ballot the vote was deadlocked and after 90 ballots the vote was still deadlocked. Four days of the convention had passed and besides a number of fisticuffs the sides were still no further nominating a candidate than they were from the first day. The convention decided to take a 2-week break and continue the nomination process in Los Angeles.

During the recess, both sides attempted to persuade individuals from the opposition to vote for their candidate. Expensive dinners were scheduled, relaxing trips were arranged and increased business opportunities were offered. When the convention reconvened, it was expected that one side would gain the upper hand in votes but after 25 more ballots, the votes still remained dead-

locked. One-hundred fifteen ballots were cast and a candidate could still not be decided. Finally, a compromise candidate was identified in the person of Charles Barlow, a former pumpkin farmer who later invested in the oil industry in Bakersfield and won big. Barlow was no where as popular as either Rose or Patton, but delegates from both sides rallied to support him and he was eventually nominated and won the election. Barlow served one term, 2 years and did not win the nomination for re-election. L.J. Rose went back to his race horses, crops and vineyards, while enjoying long walks in his fields of flowers in Rosemead. George S. Patton would return to the Wilson Ranch in San Gabriel Township where he would run Wilson's properties and businesses, while also raising a family which included his son and future General of the U.S. 1st and 3rd Army, George S. Patton Jr.

Neither Rose nor Patton needed politics to achieve great success, they were already on the path to prominence....

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Local Protests, Who is Liable and Who Pays for This?

Protests are popping up all over the place. Someone gets on Social Media and decides there should be a protest at a certain day and time, and BINGO, they show up.

The big question is, who are these people? In some cases, they never show up for the protest that they created. Some "so called protest organizers" scout around for area near stores and malls knowing that most likely these protests will turn into civil unrests (riots), and this will allow for looting and riots.

In many cities as far as I know, if you want to have a parade or an event in a public place, you need a permit from the city. Also, the responsible party has to have insurance for the event(s) as well as pay for any extra police if needed for the event. Is this happening? I don't think so?

One "peaceful protest" had someone throw a broken cinderblock at the police only to have it fall short and it struck a child in the head. This child was there with her mother who was part of the protest. The child ended up in the hospital. They was there for a "peaceful protest" and obviously it wasn't all that peaceful. So, who pays the hospital stay for this little girl? Well, the organizer has the liability and they should pay or let their insur-



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

ance company that they secured take care of this, including restitution.

The question everyone should ask is, who is paying for all of this? The promoter should be paying for the extra police, the businesses that had to board up their windows because of the "peaceful protests", the loss of revenue because of the protests and they should pay those people that lost money because they were not allowed to work because of the protesters.

Those protest organizers that didn't get permits and insurance, they are in violation and should be dealt with accordingly. They are also liable for all costs and damage as well.

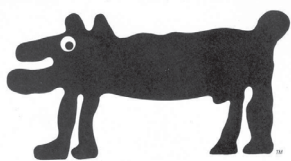
Those people that want to have a protest, go for it. It is your right via "freedom of speech" however, do it without hurting other people. You certainly don't have the right to impede other people from the roadway by blocking

them for their rightful way of passage. Doing this is could be a form of an illegal restraint and could be considered a form of kidnapping by detaining someone. Highly unlikely that anyone would be arrested for that, however under 21954(a) CVC (California Vehicle Code) - Pedestrians Outside Crosswalk - Every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection can be given a citation for being in the street. The fine can be as much as \$250.

I believe that each city should make available the responsible parties for each of these protests. Post this on their website so the people that have issues such as liabilities for injuries, damage or "closure losses" can contact them for restitution... and if need be, file against them both legally and civilly. They are responsible, right? Yes, they are.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

BART The BLOCKHOUND



To get tangled up in an argument with your fractured logic, irrelevant misdirection and thoughtless interpretation leads to an emotional nightmare that takes one 3 hours to recover from...

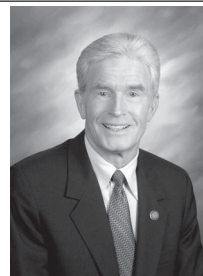
The Corona Virus Was A Perfect Smoke Screen For China

The emergence of COVID-19 remains very suspicious! It appeared to solve more problems than it created for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). First, it negatively impacted President Trump's reelection chances (as a result of its significant damage to America's economy). It has certainly provided fake news outlets with more excuses for "Trump bashing". The CCP's (close to one month long) delay in being honest with the rest of the world has severely damaged economies around the world. COVID-19's negative impact on the USA has even been magnified (because Trump's positively impacted economy was running at record high levels prior to COVID-19). In addition to damaging free world economies, this Wuhan initiated pandemic provided somewhat of a smoke screen for China's power play in Hong Kong! And, time will tell if the CCP also plans to use this "smoke screen" to further threaten or subrogate Taiwan (which could become extremely dangerous to world peace).

What may have sounded like a conspiracy theory in March is now getting intensive international scrutiny in June. What did the Chinese authorities know, and when did they know it before announcing that the SARS-nCoV-2 (later COVID-19) virus was highly contagious and transmissible between humans? We know the CCP knew of this danger well before January 20th. The Chinese foreign minister has also gone out of his way to explain that this particular strain of coronavirus was never studied at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, but only had its genome sequenced there after the pandemic had already started. (Few in the White House appear to believe this mumbo jumbo diplomatic explanation.)

Other world governments are also starting to ask questions as to the sequence of events in China. Many of those countries will likely struggle with financial recovery much more so than the USA. Unlike in the United States, poorer governments do not have the ability to do complicated central banking operations to support their capital markets, nor do they have health care systems to deal with the CCP's pandemic.

In A Nutshell What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

This virus has recently spread into many emerging markets in Latin America and Africa, where the worst for them is probably yet to come. Brazil has very serious issues, causing U.S. entry from Brazil (for non-US citizens) to now be banned.

Xi Jinping is now moving on completely controlling Hong Kong, by bypassing the local legislature and rubber stamping a new security law in Beijing. This will violate the terms of the "handover agreement" (of Hong Kong by the British), and conveniently comes at a time when other global powers are distracted by the coronavirus recession. (The free world hopes that Taiwan, which has always been treated by China as a renegade province, is not the next CCP target.) Hong Kong issues already had been escalating before the coronavirus distraction. What else might the CCP have planned before U.S. elections? That uncertainty may be one reason why the Hang Seng Index has been depressed. It is close to its March lows, which are likely to be "taken out" as this Hong Kong situation gets worse. Hong Kong repression will NOT be met with applause in Washington, so the potential for further escalation in the U.S.-Sino rift is very real.

Most recently China seems to be doing whatever it can to take advantage of Antifa led and at least somewhat organized riots throughout much of America. While the USA deals with Antifa's destruction, thefts and brutality, we wonder who their backers may be. Could the CCP be supporting the usual "bad actors" behind anti-American Antifa criminals and their destructive actions? What else does the Chinese Communist Party hope to do to weaken Trump's reelection chances?

The stock market is also con-

fusing a lot of people right now. It seems simple: Most news is bad, across the board. There's a pandemic for the first time in generations, people are still dying, and the economy has taken a beating. There's ongoing bitter political infighting. Riots in major American Cities don't help. Stocks should go down, right? But they're not down. Markets have recovered the majority of their March slide and are near their all-time highs (in what turned out to be the shortest bear market in history).

The fact remains that stocks surged mightily in three late March days. The definition of a "bull market entry" after a "bear market low" is a 20% recovery from the market low. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rallied 21.3% from Monday, March 23 to Thursday, March 26 - just three days - the quickest bear market low to a bull market entry on record (as tracked by Dow Jones Market Data Group). That was a monster rally! In the last two months, the major U.S. stock indexes gained between 31.6% (Dow) and 35.9% (Nasdaq), averaging +33.7% from the depth, despair and uncertainty before this record rally began.

The market is in a bit of a confusing spot right now. From my colleagues on Wall Street: News and fundamentals (sparked by the corona virus as well as China uncertainty and riots) say SELL! Technical and price performance say, BUY! Leadership is both logical and confusing. Yes, we are (probably) overbought, which would incline one to sell; but, market strength could last a while longer, along with market volatility. The market could be giving us a bonus round with which we could potentially rack up huge gains while we wait for a downward turn. Or, it could turn ugly tomorrow. Econometric models cannot be relied on as in the past. The market doesn't have to make sense. We just need to be able to adapt as the environment changes.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Happy Father's Day!

Dads, grandpas, great-grandpas, step-dads, father-figures - enjoy letting your family celebrate YOU on Father's Day. Some dads might want expensive gifts, but most are very happy to be acknowledged and thanked for their role in your life. Share some childhood memories that were special between you two. You might even be able to reenact an experience like going camping, fishing, eating ice cream, or just looking through photo albums. You could help him with a project around the house or detail his car for him. If you live far apart, or decide to stay home because of Covid-19 or protests and riots, at least call, Skype, or send him a video.

Some are saying that Covid-19 and the riots are going to have a bigger impact on the economy than they thought. What can my family do?

Whether the economy is worse than expected or not so bad, it's best to work at getting your financial house in order. Pay off debt. Save an emergency fund. If the economy crashes, you'll be better prepared. If the economy levels out, or improves, you'll be in a good position. Be diligent about spending less and saving more.

My sister-in-law is in her late 60's and is trying to figure out if it's best to continue renting, or to take half of her retirement savings to buy a house and have no mortgage payments for the rest of her life. What do you



Julia Yoder

recommend?

This scenario would involve some more facts and 'number-crunching.' Will the other half of her retirement savings be enough to last his lifetime? The cost of renting can continue to rise, or the landlord could sell, or decide to live in the rental. The cost of taxes and insurance can continue to rise, and there's the cost of maintenance and repairs. Renting helps the landlord's finances, and provides free maintenance and repairs for the tenant. Purchasing builds equity which could be utilized at a later date, either by financing or reverse mortgage.

Is there somewhere else to invest my CD money that's safe, will earn a little better returns, and I could get to some of it, just in case a need arises?

Some of that money should be kept in an emergency fund. You have a couple of good choices for the other amount. One product line offers a start-up bonus, a guarantee that you cannot lose your principal, automatic lock-in of gains annually, gives you ac-

cess to up to 10% of your money annually, and (usually for a small fee) sends you payments for your lifetime, with any remaining money in your accumulation account going to your heirs. Or, you might be interested in a product that offers no bonus, but potentially higher returns, with all the same guarantees. If you qualify, some life insurance policies give access to funds while you are alive. (Disclaimer: Guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance co.)

What is an FHA Streamline?

It is a refinance loan especially for those who already have an FHA mortgage. It has simplified qualification guidelines and minimal required documentation. If you qualify, it's a really good time to inquire about an FHA Streamline refi. Another option you might consider (especially if you have monthly Mortgage Insurance premiums), would be refinancing your FHA mortgage into a conventional mortgage loan. Mortgage interest rates are incredibly low right now.

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Short Memories

There's one thing that we can all agree on is that the world moves incredibly fast and if you blink, you'll miss it. As the northern hemisphere moves into the summer season so does the heat and the anticipation to re-engage in the great outdoors and resume some semblance of normalcy. So where does this leave our business community?

As in life there are always winners and losers and those in between. The aftermath of this pandemic highlights this truism to the greatest extent, but human nature always finds a way even in defeat. We learn from our circumstances and our mistakes. As we found and always knew that diversification and market saturation was and is the key to survival along with my favorite, theme creativity.

So how do we move forward? Depends on the businesses that we are in and anticipated pent up demand as well as new and more efficient ways of conducting business. We now know and to some degree have gotten use to virtual meetings out of necessity, some technology impaired may disagree; however, we have been shown the future with mixed reviews.

Many professional businesses are reevaluating the need for large office space as well as the hustle and bustle not to mention the drive to work or not. But hu-



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man interaction is a must and is needed at a basic level for survival and communication as well as efficiency in moving projects forward. So, hybrid models of smaller office spaces and flexible at work schedules will be more in vogue moving forward.

Retail stores particularly boutique stores will continue to be challenging; however, the ones that provide excellent customer service and are creative on their pricing models will continue to grow and, in some cases, thrive. Ordering off a website may be convenient but most of us still like to see the product before we purchase it, as long as the item is reasonably priced.

Manufacturing will continue to grow especially in light of bringing more products back to the U.S. with a caveat, that the products are of high quality and technically advanced. Many parts

of the world that were low cost suppliers are quickly becoming on par with the United States in price or should I say various States that are mindful of being business friendly (a completely new topic for a newsletter). The challenge will be in the manufacturing industry to train future employees and their willingness to work in factories.

Restaurants in most cases were adversely affected; however, they should reach all-time highs with the pent-up demands and the need for social events with family and friends finding the importance to commune with others. This is a lesson that was truly exemplified and have found even a higher value than ever before.

Short memories, unfortunately yes. We as a society are bombarded with so many daily distractions along with various news and information that's questionable, we will in time brush off the past traumas and life changing events to a modified normalcy. And as I very much like to espouse in the success for business and in your personal life is creativity follow through and tenacity wins the day.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Most People Assume Auto Shops are Certified

In a study of several hundred people, the question was asked, "Does the auto shop you use have certified technicians?" The vast majority said they assumed that they were.

The shop you use may have certified people, but the reality is there is no mandatory certification required to own or operate an auto repair shop in California. To be an auto shop owner, you must have a state license issued by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) which any person can apply for and receive with no automotive experience at all.

To apply and receive an automotive repair dealer's license (ARD), just show up to the Bureau of Auto Repair (BAR) with the license fee, a name for the company and a tax ID. While you're in the automotive repair business, no proof of insurance, no tools and no experience are

necessary.

The only certification system we have is voluntary, other than being a smog station. Smog technicians are licensed by the state and require continuing education.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers a series of tests that a technician can take to be certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At my shop, I require all staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well. ASE tests are all written tests and does not necessarily mean a person is competent to work on a car.

AAA approved auto shops must have ASE certified technicians employed as well as have a minimum set of tools for the cars they work on. I recommend using a AAA approved shop due to their tough standards and you have a voice through the arbitra-

tion system if you have a concern with the service or repair.

In these uncertain times, saving a few dollars is always something to consider. But don't get caught up with a low price that will cost you more later. Have a knowledgeable certified technician perform the service or repairs on your car; it will save you time and money in the long run. Before you agree to have any work performed, ask if the technician working on your car is certified.

Certified Auto Specialists: the friendlier and more helpful auto shop! Feel free to call 626-963-0814 with any questions, and we will be glad to help, or visit our website at CertifiedAutoCa.com.

Hometown Service You Can Count On!

New Sales and Use Tax Rates Operative July 1, 2020

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The tax rate changes listed below apply only within the indicated city or county limits. The new tax rates, tax codes, acronyms, and expiration dates will be available to view and download as a spreadsheet prior to July 1, 2020, on <https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/sales-use-tax-rates.htm>.

To find the specific tax rate for your area or business location, go to <https://gis.cdtfa.ca.gov/public/maps/taxrates/>. The new rates will be displayed on July 1, 2020. You

may also call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711). Customer service representatives are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.

DISTRICT TAX RATE INCREASING

Citywide	New Code	Acronym	Prior Rate	New Rate
City of Alhambra	780	ALAL	9.500%	10.250%
City of Azusa	782	AZUZ	9.500%	10.250%
City of Duarte	784	DUAD	9.500%	10.250%
City of La Verne	790	LALV	9.500%	10.250%
City of Montebello	794	MONH	9.500%	10.250%
City of Monterey	806	MONG	8.750%	9.250%
City of San Gabriel	800	SASG	9.500%	10.250%

Around the Valley & Senior News

COVID-19 Emergency Rental, Small Business & Utility Assistance Program

MONTEREY PARK - Monterey Park residents and small business owners who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 are invited to apply for the City's COVID-19 Emergency Rental, Small Business, and Utility Assistance Programs starting Monday, June 8, 2020. These programs are provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES), Community Block Development Grant (CDBG), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2020 COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Monterey Park residents may be eligible to receive emergency rental assistance under the City's HOME Program. Residents must meet specific

criteria outlined by federal guidelines.

2020 COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Program

Small business stabilization grants are available to Monterey Park small business owners who meet one of HUD's national objectives.

2020 COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program

Residents may be eligible to receive utility assistance under the City's CDBG program. Residents must meet specific criteria outlined by federal guidelines.

The application period for the City of Monterey Park's COVID-19 Emergency Rental, Small Business, and Utility Assistance Programs is Monday, June 8 to Monday, June 22, 2020. Interested residents and small business owners can review the programs guidelines and eligibility requirements and apply online, or download and

print a paper application, by visiting <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/1314/COVID-19-Programs>

Paper applications must be postmarked by Friday, June 19, 2020. The deadline to submit applications online is Monday, June 22 at 5 p.m. The final day for application questions will be Friday, June 19, 2020, at 5 p.m. For general inquiries about the programs, contact Deborah Niblick at dniblick@montereypark.ca.gov or call 626-307-1398.

Monterey Park City Hall is located at 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. City hall is closed to the public until further notice. For more information about other resident and small business owner programs and city COVID-19 updates, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/238/Coronavirus-Updates.

Four El Monte City School District Campuses Earn 'Top School' Honors

EL MONTE - Four schools in the El Monte City School District are being touted as 2020 Top Los Angeles County Public Schools for ensuring high rates of success in math and English language arts for low-income Latino students.

LeGore School was honored for achieving high rates of success for elementary students in both areas and Cleminson for success in English for elementary students. Gidley and Durfee schools were praised for their success for middle school English.

"These honors recognize the dedication and commitment of our team of educators and students," Superintendent Dr.

Maribel Garcia said. "I'm tremendously proud of all of our schools for their efforts every day to ensure student success."

The annual report is produced by nonprofit Innovate Public Schools in partnership with the USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation and the USC Rossier Center on Education Policy, Equity and Governance.

Innovate Public Schools highlights institutions that are closing the achievement gap for low-income African American and Latino students.

The 2020 list recognizes 278 schools across Los Angeles County, based on annual scores

on California state standardized tests as well as other indicators, such as suspension rates.

Cleminson, LeGore and Gidley were also recognized in 2019, when 279 schools were listed. Cleminson, LeGore and Durfee are among five El Monte City Schools also honored this year as California Distinguished Schools for their academic prowess.

To be considered for the Top Public Schools list, a school must enroll at least 43 percent Latino students or 4 percent African American students. In Los Angeles County, 1,856 of 2,075 schools are eligible for listing.

Baldwin Park Unified Projects Upgrade Schools, Boost Student Safety

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park Unified students will benefit from new air conditioning systems, restored sports fields, new school marquees and safer infrastructure as the District completes Measure K-funded projects targeting safety, long-term needs and current needs.

These upgrades are the last items to be funded by Measure K, a bond measure approved by BPSUD voters in 2006, to improve school safety and security, as well as enhance learning and athletic facilities.

"To ensure that Baldwin Park Unified students have every opportunity to succeed, we must create the most conducive learning environments," Superintendent Dr. Froilan Mendoza said. "I want to thank our Board of Education and school community for supporting these upgrades."

The District is addressing critical needs with upgrades to electrical poles at Baldwin Park High School and to Sierra Vista High School's gymnasium HVAC system.

Additional needs being addressed include: new roofing at Olive Middle School, Sierra Vista Junior High School, Baldwin Park and Sierra Vista high schools; Districtwide elementary school playground safety upgrades to create safer fall zones; and new school marquees for Bursch, Central, De Anza, Kenmore, Pleasant View, Tracy, Vineland, Walnut, Sierra Vista Junior High and Baldwin Park High School.

The District renovated the sports fields used by the community's three Little League organizations at Elwin and Vineland elementary schools, and Olive Middle School. Additional field upgrades will include new fencing, netting, lighting and all-



weather artificial turf for multi-use fields.

Baldwin Park and Sierra Vista high schools will receive canopies and multi-level shade units to be placed over seating areas and existing tables, ensuring students have ample shade and shelter areas.

Next, BPSUD will use funds from Measure AE, approved by the community in 2018, to fund a Safe Schools Initiative, including cloud-based surveillance security systems, Voice Over IP phones and Incident Commander security system.

Tree Identification Book from the Arbor Day Foundation Helps People Identify Tree Species

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes

and textures so users can make a positive species identification in a few steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape and arrangement of the leaves, differences in the leaf-stalks and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"Our *What Tree Is That?* Pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said

Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

What Tree Is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, visit arborday.org or send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to:

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Father God in Heaven,

We come humbly to your throne, because of the issues that have not gone away, we ask that you remove all sin from us and help us repent for any and all wrongdoings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Father, it is written in your word that your word can not return unto you void.

We ask that you remove all obstacles that would stop all our children and adults for not being accepted in our society because of their skin tone.

What a miracle that the treatment and abuse we have received has not killed our very souls. Are not the words of the Lord tried in a furnace of earth purified seven times?

Father, when will my child be able to walk, drive, and enjoy the sunshine of the day, without being hyper-vigilant because of the color of his skin, daily fearing for his life?

It is written in your word, that if you abide in me and I abide in you, what so ever I ask in your name shall be done if I have the faith of a mustard seed. Father give me the faith to move this

mountain, give us the faith to remove the obstacles of our enemy.

We plead the "Blood of Jesus" over every dark skin child, man, all descendants of slaves who have one drop of Slaves. Sending legions of warring angels, to fight, war, and ensure their safety. Father in your word you said whatsoever, I bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever, I loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Legions of angels, to retrieve their dreams and hopes forgotten, due to the debilitating conditions that have affected their minds because of the deferred hope. Their ancestor's spoils, blessing not received unquenched wages never paid.

Call down your help in times of need, be not silent to the cries of our souls. Touch all those whom our children encounter, that you will remove the reproach, prejudice while eradicating the veils from their eyes, minds, and hearts. And release your favor on all those that treat them with your love,

respect, and honor secret blessings from on high. Make all those that love our children be blessed exceedingly.

No longer will a person of color fear to walk down the street, go into a store, or enjoy the sunshine of the day, be jailed for being in the skin that you provided for him or her, be jailed, or killed for trivial matters.

Let all those with fair skin lift up your voices to the heavens, lets the God of Abraham, Issacs, and Jacob hear your prayers for our children and their plight.

Father, your word shall be done, our children shall lack nothing. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father.

Father, touch our leaders, those whom choose to exploit and control us through our pain, and because of our undying and unwavering love and devotion to you and your word.

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New COVID-19 Testing Site at the Herald Christian Health Center

Site features English, Mandarin and Cantonese-speaking healthcare professionals



San Gabriel Councilmember Jason Pu, San Gabriel Public Information Officer Antonio Negrete, San Gabriel Fire Chief Steven Wallace, San Gabriel Mayor Denise Menchaca, San Gabriel City Manager Mark Lazzaretto and Herald Christian CEO Pastor David Lee

SAN GABRIEL - The City of San Gabriel announced a new COVID-19 testing center at the Herald Christian Health Center. This new testing location is available to all asymptomatic essential workers and those with COVID-19 symptoms and features English, Mandarin and Cantonese-speaking staff.

"I want to applaud the Herald Christian Health Center for taking the lead by launching this testing site," said San Gabriel Mayor Denise Menchaca. "There is a tremendous need for these services in the West San Gabriel Valley."

COVID-19 testing at the Herald Christian Health Center is free, does not require patients to

have health insurance and is provided regardless of immigration status. Those who may receive testing include individuals who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and all healthcare workers, social workers, grocery store workers, restaurant workers, food service employees, seniors aged 65 and up and patients with chronic diseases.

"We're happy to serve our community with these much-needed tests for our essential workers," said Pollyanna Lee, Operation Director at the Herald Christian Health Center. "Our health care professionals look forward to serving those who speak English, Mandarin and

Cantonese in our region."

The Herald Christian Health Center is a federally qualified health clinic, acquiring over 1,000 COVID-19 test kits. Acquisition of these test kits has allowed the clinic to generously provide testing for the region. The test is a polymerase chain reaction test which is one of the tests approved by the CDC and FDA for COVID-19. The test is a self-administered nasal swab under the supervision of a healthcare professional and results are reported to patients within 2-3 days. Those who wish to receive a test must call 626.286.8700 to schedule an appointment.

Marinda D. Hofacre's Optometry Office Reopens for Business

By Jenny Park

Dr. Hofacre may very well be smiling underneath her mask.

"I'm very happy to be back in the office. I understand while some people may be uncomfortable with coming back to check their eye exams there are still some others who are comfortable with coming into the office. I was answering phone calls for 2 months at home and I realized many people still needed to have their optometric needs met."

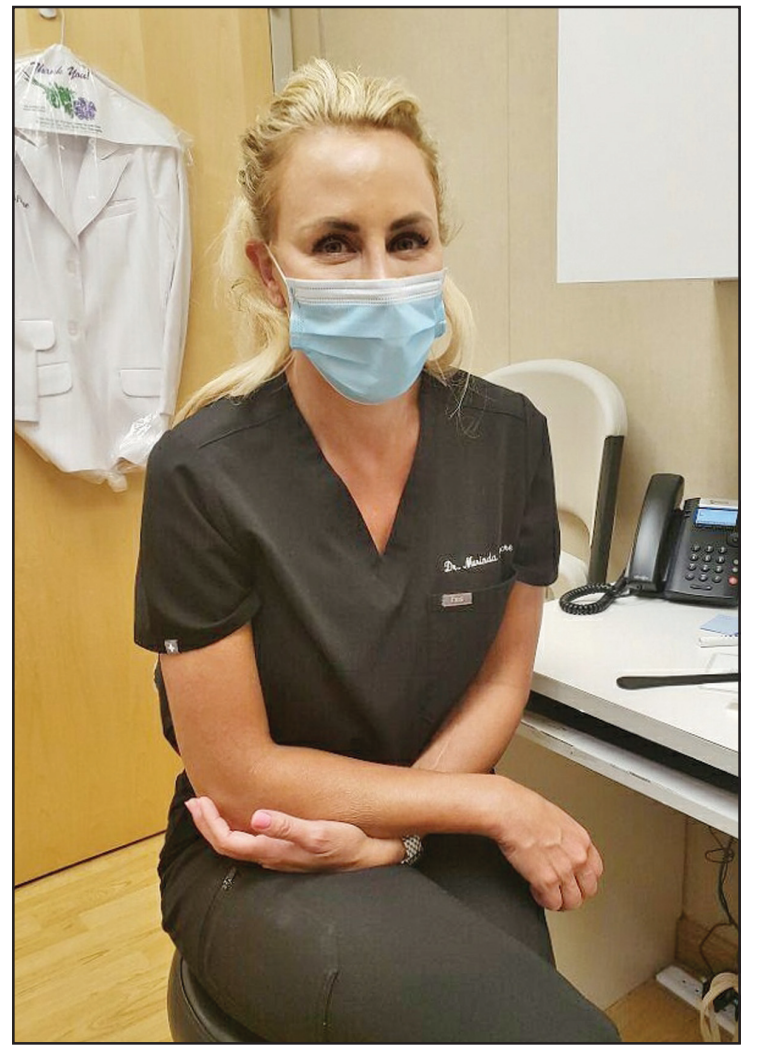
Dr. Hofacre's office is equipped with the latest technology such as retina scanning that allows early detection of medical illnesses such as macular degeneration, diabetes, hypertension, and even cancer. The retina scanning machine is called an optomap. Taking a picture of the retina, including the blood vessels, avoids dilating the eyes which can be uncomfortable and requires 4 hours for the eyes to readjust. The picture allows a quick snapshot to your eye health. Early detection of illnesses can be detected by the optomap which was invented by Douglas Anderson whose son became blind in one eye and also the inspiration behind this powerful device.

One important and overlooked fact is that you do not need to be a member of Costco to make an appointment with Dr. Hofacre.

"Helping patients everyday, providing clear sight, can change your whole life, which is why I got into optometry. Whether it is helping a young student struggling to read or helping an older patient, getting diagnosed with cataracts, we take for granted our sight. It's amazing how we can repair sight and improve sight."

People can protect their eye health by using the 20-20-20 Rule, which states to take a break every 20 minutes and look at something far away that is about 20 feet away for 20 seconds. "I firmly believe in the 20-20-20 rule. It's hard for kids to be staring at the screen for so long. Eye strain at the computer is a daily occurrence," Dr. Hofacre said.

Ultra violet rays can also be a health issue. Contacts have UV protection, just as sunglasses do. "UV rays can cause early cataracts so the more you can protect yourself the better," said Dr. Hofacre. With regards to protecting their eye health, Dr. Hofacre stated: "I recommend sunglasses and annual eyeglass exams. We also check for eye health and glaucoma."



Dr. Marinda D. Hofacre

Glasses with blue lighting protection are also recommended and are available at Dr. Hofacre's location.

Asked if Lasik is safe, Dr. Hofacre stated: "Yes, Lasik is safe. I've even had them done with my eyes. I work with N-Vision. I work with them exclusively and they do a fantastic job. That's what I actively provide in my practice."

Eye exams for contacts need to be renewed every year and glass prescriptions in every two.

"To truly monitor the health of

the eye, you need an appointment and prescription from an eye doctor. The eyeglass and contact prescriptions tend to be the same, but contacts are not a one size fits all. They have to be chosen for a perfect fit. Unfortunately some sites do allow people to buy contact lenses without a prescription, but I don't condone that."

For more information, please call Dr. Marinda Hofacre's Office at the San Dimas location in Costco at (909)394-4545.

JCPenney in West Covina May Be Closing

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The 118-year-old JCPenney has filed for bankruptcy and plans to close some stores. The latest retailer forced into Chapter 11 by pressure from the government shut-down was a little premature, but the government mandates created more of a problem.

West Covina's store at the Plaza West Covina Mall is still shut down. This got extended partly because of the riots and the civil unrests. JCPenney has filed for Chapter 11 and stated said it would close an undisclosed number of stores as part of the restructuring process. With West Covina, there is speculation that the other two stores in the San Gabriel Valley, Montebello and Arcadia will also close down. All three stores in the San Gabriel Valley are presently closed.

At one time, JCPenney shares were \$86.35 in 2007 and as of



A Closed JCPenney in West Covina Mall

today, it is \$0.32 per share. Actually, this is double what it was a few weeks ago.

Many speculate that JCPenney will downsize the stores, but will expand on the mail order market instead.

JCPenney was an anchor store as far back as 1954 when plans were made for a massive shopping center. The "L" shaped mall would include JCPenney and other stores on the South Wing and F. W. Woolworth on the East

Wing. Also, on that East Wing would be Bank of America, Thrifty's and other stores.

Back then, Plaza West Covina Mall was a "massive" shopping center, however today, it is nothing but a postage stamp compared to the size of shopping centers today.

With JCPenney most likely to depart West Covina, it will be taking part of the History of West Covina with it.

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Let's Celebrate our Heroes, here in Glendora. Our Rotary Club of Glendora will be holding our 2nd Annual Field of Heroes July 2, to July 5, 2020. You have the opportunity to help us celebrate and show your love and support for your Military, Veterans, Law Enforcement, Fire Dept., First Responders, and Healthcare Heroes by sponsoring a flag in our Field of Heroes.

This year, due to the COVID19 restrictions, we are doing things a little differently. Our display will be a 'drive by' experience. Our individual flags will be on display at City Hall in Glendora, and our large flag will be showcased at the Sunflower Campus on the corner of Gladstone and Sunflower Ave. Since we aren't able to attach the flag tag to the flags this year, we will mail you your flag tag, along with a Field of Heroes Sponsor 2020 decal.

This project will generate funds for our local Veteran's Centers, our Police Auxiliary, our Fire Department and for our Glendora Rotary COVID19 Relief Fund.

If you would like to sponsor a flag and/or make a donation to help us support this Field of Heroes display, please go to our website: FieldofHeroes.net. Thank you for making this a great experience for our City again this year!

Monrovia High School Celebrates Over 300 Graduates During Drive-Thru Ceremony

MONROVIA – Over 300 Monrovia High School seniors exited their vehicles, walked the green and white decorated stage, received their diplomas, and turned their tassels during the school's drive-thru commencement ceremony at Monrovia High School on June 3.

"I'm incredibly proud of our extraordinary graduates, who finally got their moment of celebration after losing so many aspects of their senior year to the COVID-19 pandemic," Board of Education President Rob Hammond said. "I know they will go on to contribute to our society in wonderful, meaningful ways, drawing on the lessons learned over their years at Monrovia Unified."

The graduation ceremony almost didn't happen, after Los Angeles County education leaders nixed drive-thru events. But advocacy by Hammond and the rest of the Board of Education, Monrovia High School Principal Kirk McGinnis, and the Monrovia community, convinced the county to reverse its ruling, opening the opportunity to celebrate safely – not just for Monrovia but for districts across



Vivian Fisher, accompanied by her great grandson and Monrovia High graduate Elijah Vance, received her honorary diploma from Principal Kirk McGinnis during Monrovia High's commencement ceremony.

The very first graduate of the day was Vivian Fisher, who received an honorary diploma as she was unable to receive her diploma from the class of 1938.

Fisher, 99, longtime Monrovia resident and former Monrovia Unified School District employee, was escorted on stage by her great great nephew and Monrovia High Class of 2020

graduate, Elijah Vance. Afterward, students lined up 6 feet apart and walked the stage as their names were announced through the speakers. Families drove next to the stage, taking photos and cheering for their graduate before making their way to a pick-up zone.

"Graduation ceremonies symbolize the culmination of educational pursuits as a child and the commencement of life as an adult. They are a celebration of achievement. This year, we also celebrate our graduates for their perseverance through these challenging times," Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "They are the bright spot in a time of crisis."

Though the graduation ceremony was vastly different than

years past, valedictorian Kate Tadeo and salutatorian Jessica Lee were still given the opportunity to address their fellow graduates through a video message.

"I ask you, Monrovia Class of 2020, to not look at this experience as something of sadness, but as an opportunity to fight for those who don't get to walk across their stage because of gun violence, who do not get to watch their virtual graduation from their Apple MacBooks, and for those who are unable to lead their lives without fear of being persecuted for their beliefs and identity," Tadeo said. "We have to be better. Fight for better. Be the generation of change as I know we can be."

Lee, who shared advice and words of wisdom she learned from her brother, emphasized the importance of setting goals and practicing compassion.

"Always remember to practice gratitude, because not every day is guaranteed. Although I am

proud of the achievements I have accomplished, looking back, I regret not spending more time with people," Lee said. "In a time like this, more than ever, I've realized how easy it is to forget the privilege of being around friends and family."

Despite the hardships to get to graduation, Monrovia High School, Monrovia Unified Board of Education, and the community of Monrovia collaborated to create a memorable day full of smiles, cheers, and applause.

"Graduates, you have proven that your commitment to graduate was made with a conviction to finish strong. I challenge you to set a new vision for success," McGinnis said. "I trust that you will take the skills, lessons, and qualities you learned here at Monrovia High School and apply them to each step in your life. Monrovia High is truly the home of scholars and champions and is a better place because of your contributions over the past four years. Congratulations."

Glendora High School

Abigail Ferdinandus

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