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Governor Newsom Swears in Rob Bonta as Attorney General of California

Bonta makes history as California's first Filipino American Attorney General

SACRAMENTO - Governor Gavin Newsom today swore in Assemblymember Rob Bonta as California's 34th Attorney General. A national leader in the fight to reform our justice system and stand up to the forces of hate, Bonta is the first Filipino American in the state's history to serve in the role.

"California and the nation need leaders like Rob Bonta to meet this pivotal moment in our history with the courage, energy and tenacity it will take to shape a society more reflective of our values," said Governor Newsom. "Carrying the lessons of his remarkable upbringing at the center of historic social justice movements, Rob has been at the forefront of courageous fights for racial, economic and environmental justice from day one. As Attorney General, Rob brings to bear the legal and moral authority to effectively engage a broad array of groups - community leaders, law enforcement, the



Governor Newsom swears in Attorney General Rob Bonta.

Legislature and more - in a meaningful dialogue, so that California continues to build bridges and advance together in a direction that does justice to all our communities."

Confirmed by the Legislature, Bonta was selected by Governor Newsom to fill the

position vacated by Xavier Becerra, who was recently sworn in as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Governor announced the nomination last month at the historic Inter-national Hotel in San Francisco, a site where Asian and Pacific

Islander Californians famously rallied in 1977 to save the homes of elderly residents and preserve their community.

"Thank you, Governor Newsom for the faith and trust you have placed in me. Serving as California's Attorney General is the honor of a lifetime," said Attorney General Rob Bonta. "There are a lot of challenges we face across America today. People see institutions that work well for those with wealth and power - at the expense of everyone else. We see hate on the rise. And

too often, justice and accountability for those who harm others feel out of reach. As The People's Attorney, I won't back down when I see Californians hurt. Together, we will get justice for families cheated by multi-national corporations. We will defend communities ravaged by big polluters. We will work to repair our justice system, and we will attack the forces of hate and white supremacy. I'm excited to get to work!"

The son of activists, Bonta grew up in a trailer in La Paz, where his parents served at the headquarters of the United Farm Workers movement. Inspired to pursue justice through the law, Bonta studied at Yale Law School and went on to work pro-bono protecting vulnerable Californians from exploitation and racial profiling. He served nine years as a Deputy City Attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office before running for local office in Alameda County. In 2012, Bonta became the first Filipino American in California history to win election to the Legislature, representing Assembly District 18 in the cities of Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro.

The LA County Sheriff Department's Community Advisory Council Holds Food Drive in Covina



Organizers and City Officials on hand were Consul Dyan Kristine Miranda-Pastrana, representing the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, Pastor Sonny Orlando Rivera of the Covina Church of the Nazarene, Peter Ramirez, President of Long Beach Bacolod Association, Covina Mayor Jorge Marquez, Lt Ben Sahile representing the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department and Edward Gomez, Board Secretary of the Covina Church of the Nazarene. (Photo courtesy of the Philippine Consulate General)

COVINA- Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Community Advisory Council in cooperation with the Valley Food Bank, Long Beach Bacolod Association, Kalayaan, Inc, Los Angeles Philippine Women's Club, Covina Church of the Nazarene and the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles held a Drive-Thru Food Distribution event in Covina on April 24, Saturday

morning from 10am to 12 noon. Consul Dyan Kristine B. Miranda-Pastrana and Cultural Officer Maria Dolores C. Sales represented the Philippine Consulate General at the food drive.

Peter Ramirez, President of Long Beach Bacolod Association said "We distributed over

1,000 boxes of food, 500 tin boxes of moon cakes, 1,000 cans of cookies, over 2,000 hand sanitizers in a span of two hours".

The organizers would like to thank Valley Food Bank, Pastor Sonny Rivera and the Covina Church of the

Nazarene volunteers with Victor Lafara, Philippine America Nurses Association of Southern California Cedars Sinai chapter, the Ladies of LASD and their children with Rachel Camacho, volunteers from the Long Beach Bacolod Association, LASD Lt Ben Sahile and wife, LASD Commander John Burcher, volunteers from the Kalayaan, Inc with President Lady Hope, LA County Sheriff Dept Community Advisory Council (Jojo Afafe and Izzabin Osman) with President Chris Chahinian, members the Los Angeles Philippine Women's Club with Rosalie Caratao, Acting President Trinity Foliente of Filipino American Community of Los Angeles (FACLA), Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of San Gabriel Valley President Johnny Chua, the Philippine Consulate General headed by Consul Dyan Pastrana, Cultural Officer Dolor Sales, Covina Mayor Jorge Marquez, Henry and Monica Chen and Jan's Towing for providing the forklift and forklift operator to unload all the food boxes from the trucks.



Volunteers load donated food boxes at the food drive at the Covina Church of the Nazarene.

Azusa Shooting Suspect is Jailed



David Ray Mesa arrested for attempted murder.

By George Ogden

AZUSA - A suspect who shot a woman at the parking lot of the Home 2 Suites Hotel at 229 S. Azusa Ave. in Azusa on April 13, has been jailed with bail set at \$2,050,000.00.

David Ray Mesa, a45 years old male Hispanic and a parolee was held to answer charges of attempted murder, domestic violence and a number of other charges.

Back on April 13th the suspect met the victim in the parking lot of the hotel around 6:45 p.m. There was some type of argument and the suspect pulled a gun and shot at the woman from inside the car and was hit in the neck and critically injured. She is still hospitalized and in critical condition from the last reports made available.

On April 16th, 2021, Azusa Police Detectives in cooperation with the U.S. Marshals Service/

Fugitive Recovery Team tracked Mesa to the City of Colton where he was arrested without incident. There is no information provided as to the exact relationship the victim and suspect had with each other. It appears that this was a premeditated event since the suspect brought the gun with him. No motive was given for the attempted murder of this woman. Mesa who has been a resident of Azusa for less than two years has been arrested 5 times, all felonies, according to LA County Sheriff Department records. He was sentenced to 6 months in jail on one charge but only served less than 2 months.

Mesa has another court appearance on May 25th.

This incident remains under investigation, and the Azusa Police Department encourages anyone with information to contact Detective Rush at 626-812-3252.

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REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE

Photo by Marc M. Pijuan

If you Own or Manage a Retail Store, you need a SmartSafe to Protect your Cash Profits!

GLENDORA - SmartSafes are a vital tool in the retail business to account for and securely store cash received from your customers. For many consumers, identity theft is a major concern, so your customers may decide to protect their identity by continuing to pay with cash. Cash payments remove the complexity and expense of credit card transaction processing, but leave you facing the complex task of recording the receipt of that cash and storing it securely before making a bank deposit. Add the inevitable factors of human error in cash handling, and internal and external theft, and cash management can become a costly, labor-intensive task. An internet connected SmartSafe automates cash logistics, providing information and security while reducing loss, increasing productivity, and automating recordkeeping.



Pamela Farley shows off the SmartSafe.

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significant role in the management of your business, and your profitability through improved cash logistics. With ever-increasing business costs, it is more important than ever to wisely allocate your resources in time and labor. Relegating the time-consuming task of cash management to a SmartSafe Program will allow you to concentrate on more productive, revenue-generating tasks such as customer service and marketing.

Pamela Farley Marketing Manager at National Link, Inc. can be contacted at 909-670-1900 ext 372. National Link is at 2235 Auto Centre Drive | Glendora.

Finding The Next Superintendent/President Of Citrus College Is An Inclusionary Process

After nearly 13 years of dedicated service, Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., is retiring from Citrus College. Dr. Perri is only the seventh superintendent/president to lead the institution during its 106-year history, and she has the distinction of being the first female superintendent/president. The college is now embarking on the search for her replacement, and the six-month recruitment process is both inclusive and complex.

After the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees learned of Dr. Perri's decision to retire, it reviewed proposals from various search firms to assist in finding viable superintendent/president candidates. Working with a consultant helps the board to ensure that the process is fair and equitable, and that recruitment is far-reaching.

The search firm started gathering data almost immediately about the qualities the college community and the community-at-large wanted to see in the new superintendent/president. All college constituent groups were surveyed, as well as the board and various members of those communities that Citrus College serves. The search firm gathered information and shared it with the board. It also began writing a job description and brochure information for the recruitment process.

Next, a search committee was formed, consisting of faculty, classified staff, managers, and community and Citrus



Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, President of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

finalists and worked with the search firm to receive training in cultural sensitivity and labor laws.

After the search committee completes its interviews, it will select finalists, who will then be introduced to the college community in a series of online forums. Community members may access the virtual forums to also view the finalists. Forums will take place online from May 25-27. Visit www.citruscollege.edu/presidentialsearch for the link to these forums in mid-May.

The college community will again be given the opportunity to provide input to the board about the finalists before the board interviews candidates and selects the new superintendent/president. At that point, the process will have taken nearly six months, but it will have also involved all college constituent groups in selecting the next leader for Citrus College.

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City Of Azusa Announces Completion Of Traffic Management System Project

Upgrades to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow along major thoroughfares

AZUSA—In an ongoing effort to improve the performance of Azusa's street system and ensure safer traffic flow, the City of Azusa is pleased to announce the completion of a citywide traffic signal synchronization project at 52 intersections throughout town.

Traffic Signal Synchronization is a method of timing groups of traffic signals along an arterial street to provide for smooth movement of traffic with minimal stops, thereby reducing delays which result in a better flow of traffic, and minimized gas consumption and pollutant emissions experienced by motorists. Project improvements include a centralized traffic control system, modernized traffic controllers and signal poles, video detection cameras, fiber optics and wireless connections, ADA compliant curb ramps, crosswalks and new sidewalks. With centralized control of signalized intersections, the City will have the capability to monitor and adjust sig-

nal timing to respond to traffic conditions while improving traffic and pedestrian safety. The intricate network can also be utilized by law enforcement and emergency response vehicles in reducing response times, or for unusual signal timing for special events and/or major emergencies.

The project has been developed in coordination with the County of Los Angeles using traffic count data from the City's major arterial streets, which serve as essential connectors between neighboring cities, major freeways, and to various regional destinations. The project is made possible in large part by approximately \$4 million in combined grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Review Committee, representing various governmental agencies working to advance air quality and safe transportation issues in the region.

"By synchronizing our traffic signals, our system will be safer and more efficient for both drivers and pedestrians, while reducing pollution levels from idling vehicles and improving connectivity with our neighboring cities. This is an important technological step for our community and I'm excited for all Azusans to experience the benefits of this project, whether traveling by car, bike, or on foot," said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez.

"The Public Works Department appreciates the patience and support of our community during the implementation of these improvements. Thank you to all the essential workers who worked very hard on accomplishing this project," said Project Manager, Christina Curiel.

For additional information about this project or questions regarding traffic safety issues, please visit the Azusa City website or contact the City's Engineering Division at 626-812-5247.

El Monte Union Eases Graduation Requirements for Class of 2021

EL MONTE—El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees voted to adjust the graduation requirements for the Class of 2021, easing the path for seniors who have struggled to complete their schoolwork since the introduction of distance learning in March 2020.

The credit requirements for graduation will be reduced from 220 to 190 and students will have until Aug. 15 to complete their coursework. The one-time adjustment in credits is applicable only to Class of 2021 candidates, benefiting more than 170 El Monte Union seniors who are approaching the end of the school year with 175 to 190 credits.

"El Monte Union continues to provide the best educational opportunities for our students," Superintendent Dr. Edward A. Zuniga said. "Distance learning has presented a myriad of obstacles that have greatly affected El Monte families and reduced the opportunity for our students to stay current with their studies. We are mindful of their struggles and feel this is the best course

of action for the benefit of our community."

Throughout the pandemic, students have encountered an array of obstacles through distance learning, including limited internet access, the responsibility of caring for siblings, the lack of school structure, not having a quiet place to work on assignments, difficulty in adapting to an online environment, or social-emotional struggles that prevent students from being successful in distance learning.

The adjusted graduation requirements mirror the California Department of Education (CDE) mandated requirements for high school graduation. The CDE requires only 130 credits for a student to graduate, a mandate that does not require a student to complete elective classes.

El Monte Union's credit adjustment eases graduation requirements by eliminating a required fourth year of English credits, one semester of health credits, and 15 elective credits. Graduation requirements for math, science, social science,

physical education, and the combined credits of visual or performing arts, foreign language or career technical education remain the same.

"El Monte Union's requirements for graduation are more stringent and rigorous than what is mandated by the state of California," Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Larry Cecil said. "The District requires four years of English and 75 elective credits, on top of what the CDE requires. In this extraordinary year we feel it is equitable to ease these standards to ensure our seniors graduate with their peers."

Seniors who are unable to complete the adjusted graduation requirements by the end of the school year will be able to gain additional credits during summer school. Seniors who do not meet the adjusted requirements by Aug. 15, 2021 will need to meet the current graduation requirement of 220 credits. El Monte Union will add a third class to its summer schedule to better accommodate these students.

Use of Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Resumes in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—After a thorough safety review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), they determined that the pause in the use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine can be lifted and that use of the vaccine should resume. Vaccine providers in LA County with doses of the Janssen vaccine can resume administration of the vaccine, provided they distribute the updated Janssen fact sheets to any recipients of the vaccine. Public Health will be posting updated safety information about the Janssen vaccine shortly.

The decision comes after CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization

Practices reviewed data related to the recent reports of a rare and severe type of blood clot that occurred in individuals after receiving the vaccine. Based on their review of all available data, both the CDC and the FDA determined that the vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.

The three vaccines that are currently available through the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) remain the most powerful tools we have in reducing transmission, preventing serious illness and death, and eventually ending the COVID-19 pandemic that has claimed the lives of almost 24,000 people in LA County.

As Additional Variant Cases Are Identified, Public Health Encourages Vaccinations to Reduce Risk of Getting COVID-19 Infection

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—As of April 18, more than 6,488,391 million doses of vaccine have been administered in the County, including 4,176,360 first doses. Already, almost 2,312,031 million people have been fully vaccinated.

Over the past two and a half months, with vaccination campaigns aimed at increasing uptake in communities of color, the County has seen vaccine uptake increase 170% in Black communities, 151% among multiracial individuals, 130% in American Indian/Alaska Natives, 129% among Latinx residents, 91% among Asian residents, and 78% among White residents.

The County has now vaccinated about half of Asian, White, and American Indian/Alaska Native residents in L.A. County and have also made some important gains in vaccinating multiracial community members, where vaccinations increased from 11% to 37% with one dose. In Latinx residents, the vaccinated proportion of the population increased more than fourfold of what it was two months ago, and in Black residents, the proportion increased more than threefold.

Over the course of the pandemic leading up to the very early days of the vaccine rollout, the County saw about 1 in every 10 L.A. County residents get infected with COVID-19 - and that's a very low-end estimate of the real numbers, given how many people who were infected but didn't get tested for one reason or another. During that same period, we saw

about 1 in every 500 L.A. County residents die from COVID-19.

Looking at the data on breakthrough infections after vaccination that the CDC released last week, the risk of infection in people who are fully vaccinated was 1 in 13,275 - much less common than 1 in 10 infected with COVID-19 who were not vaccinated. And the risk of death goes from 1 in 500 to 1 in a million.

If you're taking a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, getting the second dose is important. Although one vaccine gives you 50% to 80% protection, the second dose offers nearly 100% protection from getting a severe case of COVID-19. Make sure you show up for your appointment for your second dose, and if you don't have an appointment, contact your vaccination provider to schedule a time to receive your second dose. As a reminder, if you received Moderna for your first dose, you need to get Moderna for your second dose; if you received Pfizer the first time, you will need a Pfizer vaccine the second time. Your vaccination card tells you which vaccine you received. As a reminder, for those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you are done. It is one dose, you wait two weeks and you are fully protected.

L.A. County's case rate remains low and stable. On March 13, the County was seeing 544 cases a day. A month later, on April 13, that number decreased to 413 cases a day, a 24% decrease. Over the same period of time, the County saw a 24% drop

in daily hospitalizations, from 544 to 413, and daily deaths dropped even more dramatically by 84% from 31 to 5.

Public Health continues to identify variant cases in Los Angeles County. The two most commonly circulating variants of concern in L.A. County have been and remain the UK (B.1.1.7) and California (B.1.427/429) variants. Of the 59 specimens analyzed, 50% were the UK variant and 10% were the California variant. Most of the specimens analyzed were associated with clusters of cases, and where specimens were sequenced from larger outbreaks, the UK variant is currently identified more often than other virus variants. The Public Health Laboratory did not detect any additional Brazil (P.1) variants last week, although it is likely there are undetected cases of this variant circulating in our region.

The identification of these variants highlights the need for L.A. County residents to continue to take measures to protect themselves and others including wearing a mask, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from those who do not live in your household, and getting the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. All currently available information indicates that vaccines appear to be highly effective in preventing transmission, hospitalizations, and deaths, even with the increased presence of variants.

Throughout the pandemic, the higher the levels of area poverty, the higher the rates of death due to COVID-19 infection. Fortunately, with significantly less community transmission, death rates have plummeted across all communities and the difference in the rates between communities with high rates of poverty and communities with very little poverty has narrowed to 0.8%.

The pandemic also disproportionately affected Non-White populations. The impact on Pacific Islanders was particularly severe, with nearly 6 times as high a hospitalization rate as among White residents, and more than 3 times as high a death rate. Although Latino/Latinx residents were hospitalized at only 2.9 times as high a rate as White residents, they died from their infections at 3 times as high a rate. Black/African American (1.7), American Indian/Alaskan Native (1.6), and Asian (1.3) residents also died of COVID-19 at rates higher than those of White residents.

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Arcadia Public Library Reopening May 3

ARCADIA - Arcadia Public Library will reopen to the public on Monday, May 3, with express services and temporarily reduced operating hours. This marks the first time the public has been able to enter the library building since March 2020, although the Library has continued to offer front-door pick-up services, passport services, and a wide range of virtual programming.

Library users will be required to wear masks and socially distance while in the building and to follow posted COVID-19 guidelines.

The Library will be open to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 4 pm to 8 pm; Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10 am to 2 pm; and from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Contactless curbside pick-up of requested items will

still be available by appointment. Passport, remote printing, chat and telephone services will continue as before, as will online programs for children, teens, and adults. The Library's electronic resources and downloadable books, magazines, movies, and more are available 24/7.

Library staff are looking forward to welcoming back the public and expanding library hours and services as conditions permit.

For more information, please call 626.821.5567 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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Our country is being directed politically by two divergent political platforms and one agenda has been broadcasting climate change as gloom and doom and the only fix is to throw huge amounts of our tax dollars at the problem with more restrictions turning our lifestyles back a century.

One side of the aisle believes our government needs to take a strong stand on reducing, if not eliminating fossil fuels, and drive new energy sources forward with tax dollar investments in those other options. My side of the aisle, believes in allowing the private sector to develop all forms of energy creating a balance of options, without government subsidies and an expedited environmental review process.

U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), ranking member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) says "...the green new disaster is back with a total price tag of up to \$93 trillion ... [that] would bankrupt the nation." He reported a year ago when the Green New Deal resolution was presented in the Senate it received zero votes in support.

The American Action Forum says the Green New Deal (GND) is the progressive path to creating an absolutely pure environment and part of that is a vision of high-speed rail throughout the country and eliminating air travel - no more airplanes. That group estimates a cost between \$1.1 to \$2.5 trillion to complete that system. California's bullet train started out at \$19 billion and is now sitting at \$100 billion to finish that project.

Ever notice when a government body comes forward with new laws and regulations for our own well-being they always come with a fee, or what some call a tax?

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is in charge of stationary air pollution sources in Los Angeles, San



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties and has a \$14 billion plan to implement rules for clean air. First problem, their revenue budget is about \$171 million. They've looked at various taxes to implement that plan and all attempts have failed.

Rule 2305, Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program is up for hearing on May 7th. This rule would target approximately 3,000 warehouse properties requiring owners with more than 100,000 square feet of space to reduce truck emissions by banning non-electric trucks from their properties or paying a charge, called a "mitigation fee". SCAQMD has a few problems with this proposal:

1. SCAQMD does not control emissions from trucks, the Air Resources Control Board (ARB) does that.

2. The warehouse property owners are providing storage space for goods and don't dictate what vehicles their customers drive.

3. Large zero-emission trucks are not yet commercially viable.

A commercial real estate investment firm estimated the cost to warehouse operators at nearly \$1 per square foot, every single year, with NO SUNSET DATE. Annual increases are expected with no limit on this new endless tax that we all will pay for when we buy those stored goods.

SB 32 by Cortese (D-SD 15) and Stern (D-SF 27) called Building Decarbonization Requirements requires every city and county to include an eighth element in their general plan on environmental justice, or incorporate environmental justice concerns throughout the other elements and identify goals, policies, objectives, targets, and feasible implementation strategies to decarbonize newly constructed commercial and residential buildings.

Air Resources Board (ARB) says residential and commercial buildings are responsible for roughly 25% of California's GHG emissions when accounting for fossil fuels consumed onsite, like refrigerants and electricity demand, with 10% of emissions attributable to fossil fuel combustion, including natural gas.

Cal Green, billed as the first-in-the-nation mandatory green building code, designed standards to meet California's 2006 AB 32 to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) to 1990 levels.

The goal of reducing (GHG) emissions to 40% below the 1990 level by 2030 and 80% by 2050 began with Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, also AB 32, by Fran Pavely (D-Agoura Hills). ARB was required to determine the 1990 statewide GHG emissions level and approve a statewide GHG emissions limit that is equivalent to that level. In 2016, Pavley was back with another SB 32 with the same goals. She served full terms in the state legislature, and is currently working as the Environmental Policy Director for the USC Schwarzenegger Institute.

Staff report says the current SB 32 is a state mandate and should reimburse local governments, but also disclaims the state's responsibility for providing reimbursement because local governments can charge for the costs of implementing the bill's provisions.

A few weeks ago I suggested that I have felt the need to move from doing to being. The implication was that having spent most of my adult years engaged in a considerable list of concerns and issues in the outside world, the time had come when I needed to turn my attention inward. I offered this transition without having a clear grasp on what "being" might mean.

While I am still searching for entrees to this inner world, it has occurred to me that the sharp division between doing and being is obscure. Clearly it means far less involvement for me in politics, or my need to engage in one more campaign or personal project, and to spend more time and effort on nourishing my inner life. As I have thought about what this implies, I have wondered if the division between doing and being is not as sharp as I had assumed. I am one person with one set of gifts. Perhaps the difference is really a matter of emphasis.

My very modest venture into watercolor painting may now only partly involves proving something or creating something for others to admire—or even to purchase, but may open the door leading to a greater appreciation of nature, colors and shapes. I think of Buddhist monks who



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spends days creating intricate sand mandalas, and the moment these marvelous works of art are finished, every grain of sand is carefully swept away. Perhaps for me art may have little public value, but may be a way for me to explore my inner world.

The same may be said of the books I have been reading. Formerly reading was largely research I found useable for some project in which I had become involved. Perhaps I now read mainly to enrich my inner life.

Perhaps my encounter with the true, the good and the beautiful is for their own wisdom and not that they hold any utilitarian value or data to be of use in some future column.

Moving from doing to being may mean more attention will be paid to grand children, friends and neighbors for their

own sakes, and will no longer be about my need to convince someone of my wisdom, or my wish that they share one of my projects or political concerns.

Paying attention to my inner world may strangely enough offer a way to pay more attention to others. Perhaps this transition will offer me the opportunity to listen to what someone else has to say instead on reflecting on what or how I plan to reply.

None of this is a way to deny who I am or quiet my deepest concerns. I will continue to explore the commitments that lie at the center of who I am. Capital punishment, health care, the environment, the poor, the left out will stay in focus. The exploration of my inner world and my commitment to "being" will not be used as an escape to some isolated, private hermit's cell where I will live unconcerned about those issues at the heart of who I am. "Being" may in fact be another avenue to that outer world.

If for many others "being" involves meditation, prayer and other spiritual practices, it occurs to me that my exploration of "being" will enrich my understanding of the "doing" that has shaped most of my life.

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Pragmatism vs. Ideology - Why Rule of Law Should Not Be Political

By Marc Ang

In 2016, I was a victim of crime, shortly after the passage of Prop 47 when violent and property crimes increased due to lighter sentencing. My pickup truck stolen and found twelve days later stripped apart in Compton. Sadly, this was a statistic all too common in the city of Cerritos. Older vehicles were stolen due to the fact property crimes (especially those under a certain dollar amount) were hardly ever prosecuted. While thankful to not be the victim of a more serious crime, I can still clearly remember the pain I felt, losing some personal possessions, like my favorite pair of bowling shoes, snow boots and the cherished suit I had just picked up from the dry cleaners that was a treasured gift from my now deceased father.

While the loss I felt paled in comparison to those felt by those who have lost loved ones, the common denominator remains - rule of law must be enforced. Recently, there have been moves for a more "compassionate reform" to the prosecution of crime, but where is the compassion to victims of crime. Where is the notion of personal responsibility and holding habitual criminal offenders accountable for their actions?

In a Press Release issued by Criminal Justice Legal Foundation President Michael Rushford, he compared crimes reported in 1992 with 2011, when there was tougher sentencing for habitual felons. There were 932,996 (45%) fewer of the seven major crimes, 190,681 (55%) fewer violent crimes, and 2,129 (54%) fewer murders. "That's almost one million fewer victims when we were enforcing tough sentencing." 2011 was also the year that repeat offenders did not receive increased sentences and "low level" crimes such as property theft or drug offenses had reduced sentences. This leniency extended to many theft and drug crimes not even being reported, creating a culture of fear and complacency in not only the inner cities but also suburban enclaves like Cerritos, which I personally experienced.

So why are we going backwards? Because we seem to forget about real data and results in this day and age. It is a well-documented fact that stronger sentencing deters crime. Isn't prevention the best cure?

But we have an ideological

District Attorney that refuses to prosecute crimes, especially misdemeanors. Some of these misdemeanors were felonies at one time, but now crimes just continue to be redefined and the threshold for a felony only increasing to the benefit of the criminal. Not only are we experiencing lighter (or no) sentencing, but on his first day in office, Gascon went against the will of the voters, who voted to retain cash bail (No on 25), by a 56-44 landslide vote, just two months before.

The practical reality is sentencing now doesn't fit the crime, especially with repeat offenders. This revolving door of criminals (who now get seen with "fresh eyes") actually go out and commit more crimes, some not even reported, especially property crimes against businesses just forced to take the loss. This was only further compounded in the case of the inmates released into the streets due to coronavirus and were swiftly readmitted after they committed crimes once released such as the cases of Rocky Lee Music, Owen Aguilar and a school burglar released without bail but was rearrested after another crime spree where he stole 23 cars from a car rental agency.

Now, violent 17 year-old repeat offenders are tried as juveniles. At the same time, Gascon is encouraging motions to release any defendant that has served 15 years, regardless of the crime they committed. This cookie cutter approach, with an overarching leniency is advocating for the criminal. Especially in light of how Gascon treats vic-

tims, which he ignores, or downright insults, as is in the case of the mother of Joshua Rodriguez, who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered. Instead of showing empathy, he removes sentence enhancements, ignoring the brutality of the crime, and complained that the victim's family couldn't "keep their mouth shut".

Even the Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, a fellow Democrat, has come out to support the recall effort against Gascon. We need peace through strength of law enforcement. Sheriffs can make all the lawful arrests, but if the DA is not prosecuting the criminals, they will be in jail and out the next minute, committing those crimes again. Neighborhood watches and community partnerships with law enforcement is key, but so are tougher consequences for criminals to send the message to everyone.

Gascon isn't working for anyone but the criminals. It's time for real solutions and real criminal justice reform, with a focus on results.

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My Take On The Derek Chauvin Trial

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

Who exactly is the victim here? Is it George Floyd, Derek Chauvin or are American citizens and our judicial system the real victims?

The judge in this trial must be commended for setting this trial up to be overturned on appeal. I will address this bold statement later but I feel compelled to set the stage for this trial.

First, there are always two sides to any issue. In this case we are confronted with two diametrically opposed sides of the justice system. Let me establish some undeniable facts.

On one side, we have a person who died while being confronted by the police.

On the other side we have four police officers, a police department, a city and a Nation.

I realize that we are all familiar with most of the facts in this case so I will only summarize the most salient here.

At the George Floyd funeral Nancy Pelosi honored this criminal with an American Flag as if he were a decorated military veteran. Yesterday, Pelosi thanked Floyd for his sacrifice. George Floyd was no saint even though there is a mural in Minneapolis depicting him as one.

George Floyd, like every living person, was the captain of his own ship of destiny. George made many poor personal decisions that led to his death!

George was a convicted felon. He was convicted of home invasion and holding a pregnant woman hostage by pointing a loaded gun at her abdomen.

He was convicted of drug related crimes.

On the day of his death, according to the coroner's report, George had taken several drugs including cocaine and fentanyl. Allegedly, George had enough fentanyl in his system to kill two men of his size. Additionally, he had a heart problem and cancer.

George decided to become a criminal. George decided to take drugs. George decided to try to pass a counterfeit \$20.00 bill. George decided to resist arrest.

There is almost 30 minutes of video of the incident but only a still picture of George on the ground has made it to the MSM.

I will not go into Derek Chauvin's side because it is somewhat irrelevant at this time. However, let me state emphatically, Chauvin was not above reproach in this issue and he had a questionable history in his law-enforcement career.

In the months leading up to this charade of a trial, rioting, burning and looting was the norm in every major city across this nation.

Days before the trial began, the City of Minneapolis paid the Floyd family Twenty seven million dollars. By making this peace offering the city of Minneapolis admitted guilt.

The Trial:

Now to my premise about the judge setting this trial up for appeal. This judge knew from the onset that there was no way that this was going to be a fair trial. If the verdict came back innocent every major city across this nation would be burnt to the ground. Even more bloodshed would have occurred.

What did the judge do?

Initially, the judge denied a change of venue request by the defense thus assuring a tainted jury pool.

He let the jury selection be open to the press so that the names of every member of the jury was public knowledge. Why? To provide the vision of an open process. Actually what was accomplished was; the members of the jury knew that if they found Chauvin innocent they would likely die at the hands of a mob. This act alone assured a guilty verdict.

Then, the judge did not sequester the jury. Thus assuring that they would have access to all the news. Additionally, the judge allowed the prosecution a high degree of latitude in the interrogation of witnesses and in closing statements.

Then, in open court, before the cameras, the judge declared; statements of people like Maxine Watters would be tantamount to jury tampering. He further, stated that Maxine's comments would be grounds for appeal and eventual overturning of the verdict.

Derek was taken into custody, mostly to give some credence to the vision of justice being served. This arrest provided some level of assurance that Derek Chauvin would live to see this process as it goes to appeals.

This case is not nearly over. Everyone fervently hopes that this verdict will somewhat prevent the destruction of innocent lives. Too many people have already had their lives destroyed by mob violence. This verdict will only placate the mobs until the next excuse to riot comes along. The recent fatal police shooting of Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center Minnesota is already becoming the new rallying cry.

No matter the outcome of this trial, expect more rioting, looting, burning and more innocent people's blood to be shed this summer.

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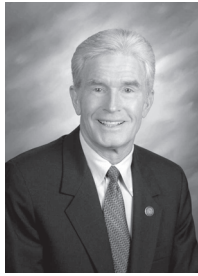
America May Have an Economic Boom on Its Hands

There have been many economic factors contributing to our present extraordinary expansion. In the last several days of Wall Street reporting on financial indicators, one stands out as a dramatic example: March Retail Sales. The first signs of a spending wave were also previously evident from retail sales reports. March provided the third spending surge in a year, each following a month or two after a round of fiscal stimulus. COVID-19 vaccinations probably also aided this spending surge, hopefully opening the door to an ongoing, more self-sustaining recovery.

On a percentage basis last June's 18.3% retail sales rise will retire undefeated unless there is another nationwide shutdown. That said, the 9.8% increase this March was even more impressive because it came from a much higher base. Only two retail sales categories recovered even halfway back to pre-pandemic levels last June, grocery store sales and non-store (including internet) sales. In contrast, most categories were at records in January before slipping in February and roaring to new highs in March. After the March surge, retail sales were 17.1% higher than February 2020 and 50.0% above their April 2020 low.

America can again get dressed up and finally have someplace to go. Two of the previous biggest losers - apparel stores and eating and drinking businesses - broke from weak seven-month trends in March. This message was clearly backed up by the Beige Book, which, for the first time in a year, found most businesses in most districts anticipat-

In A Nutshell What's up in the Economy?



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ing a post-COVID recovery not just someday, but someday soon.

More restaurants are reopening. Resorts in New England and on the Jersey shore are staffing for the summer. The Boston Fed expects record hotel and vacation rentals this summer, based on current bookings. Even in New York, hotels permanently closed last spring are reopening. New York City bookings are still low, and hotel rooms still cheap, but activity is picking up (despite ongoing political turmoil).

In the South tourism isn't just anticipated, it is already happening. The Richmond Fed reported strong vacation rentals, busy beach towns, and strong restaurant sales. The Atlanta Fed district, which includes Georgia and Florida, reported a tourist boom. Many hotels have reopened and report 80-90% occupancy. The Dallas Fed reported "very strong activity" at restaurants and hotels. Airlines reported strong ticket sales, despite few business travelers. People are flying to Texas (and other open states) for vacations.

In the Midwest Cleveland reported a modest rise in business travel, with more expected in the future. Chicago noted strong restaurant growth, as well as a pick-

up in air travel and hotel business. The St. Louis district and Memphis reported stronger tourism thanks to a combination of warmer weather and rising vaccination rates. The San Francisco (Fed) district reported modest improvements in travel and leisure, but activity remains well below pre-pandemic levels there (thanks to that governor). California, Arizona, Oregon, and Hawaii, all in the twelfth district, still have some of the toughest pandemic restrictions anywhere in the country. Given California's importance to the economy, when it fully reopens and travel and leisure recover there, the whole country could get another boost.

Stimulus fueled the March retail bounce, meaning some of the fizz could fade in coming months unless government checks keep coming. But, unlike previous experience with pandemic aid, the overall economy could grow into this upward trend as vaccines finally open the door to a return to full employment and consistent spending. What that could mean, in GDP terms, is stronger growth in 2021 (even more than in 2019).

However, what will the inflation penalties be for significant government hand-outs and record high deficit spending? When will the value of America's dollar reflect our government's seemingly non-stop printing of money?

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Your Money - Ask Julia

In the simplest way, please explain how inflation can hurt the value of the dollar?

Whatever your dollars can buy today will cost you more dollars to buy when there's inflation. The Rule of 72 (72 divided by ___ percentage rate) is usually used to calculate how many years it would take for your retirement savings to double at a specific rate of return. However, the same Rule of 72 can be used to determine how many years it would take to double the price of goods. For example, at 8-percent rate of inflation, a loaf of bread would double in price every 9 years. (72 divided by 8 equals 9). If inflation hits double-digits like it did in the 1970's, at 18-percent, a loaf of bread would double in price every 4 years. On top of inflation, we have all learned that a pandemic, natural disaster, ship stuck in the Suez Canal, or certain moves by government (shutting down a pipeline, changes in foreign trade), can greatly affect prices of toilet paper, food, building supplies, generators, gasoline, etc. Also keep in mind that interest rates during inflation rise on adjustable loans such as mortgage, credit cards, etc. If a business has adjustable loans, or has to pay more for manufacturing materials and/or goods to stock their shelves, they pass it on to you. When an employer is required to pay higher wages, they raise the price of whatever they're selling. Advice: Get out of debt and save for the rainy-days of inflation.

I got my mortgage loan about eight years ago. My 30-year loan is down to 22 years. Can I get a new, 22-year loan? And,



Julia Yoder

is this a good time to refinance?

Now is a good time to refinance. And, yes, some lenders offer a loan to match your current number of years left on the loan you are refinancing. However, I recommend you get a 30-year loan, and pay extra against the principle each month. If something unforeseen happens, you could fall back on the 30-year payment amount without causing hardship or hassle with your lender. Ask the loan officer, (or go to Bankrate.com and use their mortgage calculator), to calculate payment amounts. To find a loan professional who is not limited to the loans that a bank or credit union offers, go to findamortgagebroker.com

I'm a retired teacher, collecting my pension. My husband is also retired, collecting Social Security. If he dies, I will not get any of his Social Security. This will greatly impact the budget. Can you help me plan ahead for this possibility?

You are well informed! It might come as a surprise to other readers that teachers, and others with a 403-b retirement savings plan, are not entitled to their spouse's Social Security benefits,

but it's true. It will take some saving and safe investing now to plan ahead for the possibility of a drop in household income. When the time comes, you might consider downsizing your housing, or getting a reverse mortgage.

Can I avoid paying taxes by doing a direct transfer (institution-to-institution), moving money from my retirement account to pay off my mortgage?

No, you cannot direct-transfer funds from a tax-deferred investment (your retirement account) to a non-taxable account (your mortgage) without paying taxes.

In the past, you've talked about investments with a bonus. Are those still available?

Yes. Of course, the highest priority is determining which safe investment, with or without a bonus, is most suitable for you. These investment products usually include guarantees against the loss of principal and credited interest. Some carry the benefit of guaranteed lifetime income. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company offering such investment products.)

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Spam Alert - Do Not Be Fooled by Calls About Expiring Auto Warranties

We have all had them...robo calls telling us our vehicle warranty is about to expire! Sadly, once we answer the call, the company who initiated the calls knows your phone number is legitimate and they will keep calling. Even more aggravating, they make big bucks selling your number to other organizations! Even if you block the original number, they will simply use a different caller number next time.

Should you, for whatever reason, engage with a live person on such a call, do not give out any personal information such as social security number, driver's li-

cence number, credit card or bank account numbers. Always protect yourself from fraudulent scammers.

The best course of action is not to answer any phone number you do not recognize. Even though these callers know they are violating telemarketing and robocall rules, they make enough money to take the risk and will simply pay the fine if they are caught.

If you want more information, visit

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Day of World Intellectual Property

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - April 26 marks National Day of World Intellectual Property. The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe."

Counterfeiting is the largest global criminal enterprise affecting economic growth and impacting the health and safety of consumers. This illicit trade is a significant problem worldwide that continues to grow. Whether it is smuggling, counterfeit, or tax evasion, governments are losing billions of dollars in tax reve-

lues, legitimate businesses are being undermined, and consumers are being exposed to poorly made and unregulated products.

It is a crime to steal, with the intention to, Sell and/or Manufacture of someone's registered trademark and/or logo, whether it's a song, artwork, or tangible property.

Within the County of Los Angeles, the Sheriff's Department enforces trademarks to protect against Intellectual Property theft and ensure the health and safety of consumers. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Counterfeit and Piracy Enforcement (CAPE) Team is an active investigative unit consisting of Sheriff Deputies, a Sergeant, and a Lieutenant responsible for enforcing counterfeit-related

crimes and investigation of various "quality of life" issues, including counterfeit pharmaceuticals, and safety products.

If you know of someone who is selling counterfeit products, you can call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Community Partnerships Bureau, Counterfeit and Piracy Enforcement Team at 323-981-5300 to provide information on the Sale and/or Manufacture of counterfeit goods. Or if you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>

Statewide Task Force Continues to Root out Fraud in California's Unemployment System

SACRAMENTO - As part of the ongoing effort to protect Californians from fraud and ensure the integrity of the state unemployment system, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in partnership with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the California Employment Development Department (EDD), and the State's District Attorneys, the US Attorney's Office today announced additional progress by a state-led task force on investigations and interdiction efforts and has instituted new safeguards to protect Californians from fraud.

Since being established in November, the California Task Force on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Fraud has led to the arrest of 68 individuals and opened 1,641 additional cases.

"This coordinated and targeted partnership between government and law enforcement has been very successful so far in detecting and disrupting COVID-19 related fraud schemes," said Mark Ghilarducci, Director of Cal OES and California's Homeland Security Advisor. "We want to send a clear and unmistakable message to those who would choose to exploit a once in a generation crisis, to steal from vulnerable individuals - do not try it. We will leverage all resources to investigate and prosecute you."

The Task Force has worked closely with EDD to employ new tools and bolster existing programs to strengthen its fraud detection methods. Updates include EDD's implementation of ID.me to help validate the identity of individuals filing a new claim for unemployment benefits, use of Thomson Reuter's fraud criteria to validate other claimant information, and review of existing claims to take action on highly suspect claims.

"At a time when Californians are struggling with economic challenges due to COVID-19, it is disgraceful that so much EDD

fraud has occurred," said Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley. "Even more troubling is the impunity with which inmates in our jails and prisons and their co-conspirators have defrauded the public of funds that should go to those actually in need. The Bay Area Task Force is actively investigating and prosecuting these wrongdoers to ensure the integrity of our unemployment insurance system and the availability of support for those who have legitimate claims."

Representing district attorneys' offices overwhelmed by both Pandemic Unemployment Insurance (PUI) and Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud, Sacramento District Attorney Ann Marie Schubert is leading the charge on regional task force efforts working together to return taxpayer dollars.

Governor Newsom directed Cal OES to facilitate a coordinated effort, with other state agencies, the District Attorneys and the US Attorney's Office of multiple local, state and federal law enforcement entities to hold those responsible for PUA/UI accountable to fullest extent possible under the law.

"Strong cooperation among local, state and federal law enforcement helps stop these schemes and bring perpetrators to justice," said Employment Development Department Director Rita Saenz.

The full list of organizations participating in this effort includes: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the California District Attorneys Association, United States Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Postal Inspection Service, US Department of Labor, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation - Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration - Office of the Inspector General, United States Secret Service, United

States Marshalls Service, Federal Bureau of Prisons, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the California Employee Development Department.

Some of the statewide efforts of the task force to date include:

- Allocating \$5 million in state funding to immediately support and enhance the joint investigative efforts of regional District Attorney Task Forces.
- Establishing a new data sharing agreement which allows the CDCR to more broadly share information with EDD investigators to cross-match inmate data and more rapidly identify fraudulent claims.
- Utilizing the State cyber security threat intelligence, big data analysis and threat assessment capabilities to support investigative efforts.
- Supporting federal, state and local law enforcement in conducting search warrants, indictments and facilitating arrests of fraud perpetrators.

The US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California, which covers 34 counties across Northern and Central California, has appointed district-wide coordinators to work closely with federal and state agencies on combatting EDD fraud at the federal level. The US Attorney's Office is working on multiple investigations and has charged several defendants, including known gang members, who have stolen millions of dollars of EDD UI benefits.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to combatting fraud targeting benefits intended to assist individuals suffering during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic like the conspiracy rings we are prosecuting in the Chowchilla Women's Facility," said Acting U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert. "We will continue to work with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to investigate and prosecute fraud arising out of the pandemic."

Around the Valley & Senior News

Checkout "Who" is Planning to Run for Governor



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

Well, let the show begin. A few people have tossed their hats in the ring to run for governor in California when Newson is recalled. Some have political experience and some don't.

These people need to understand that the rulers of the state will not change and the ruling party will do everything in their power NOT to help you if you are elected.

I believe the new governor will have the power to restore the death penalty, but he/she will not be able to place those who were on death row back on death row. Death Row inmates will never have to worry about their execution date as it was removed. If the new governor tries to do this, there is case law that states that this action is "cruel and unusual punishment" so all those murderers get to live forever.

So here are four that plan to run, saving the best for last...

John Cox is a Republican businessman. In 2018 he lost to Newsom and is running again. He posted on his website that he "has stepped forward to run for governor because he is deeply concerned about the decisions being made in Sacramento today." He said he "will work to reduce the

work across party lines to reopen schools and businesses in a state upended by the coronavirus, while taking on the long-running homelessness crisis. "Californians are tired of having a governor whose operating themes are hypocrisy, self-interest, half-truths and mediocrity," Ose is 65 and ready to get into the race.

Caitlyn Jenner, the former Olympic athlete-turned-transgender activist and reality TV star, said in a website launch Friday: "For the past decade, we have seen the glimmer of the Golden State reduced by one-party rule that places politics over progress and special interests over people. Sacramento needs an honest leader with a clear vision." Jenner doesn't show a party preference.

I liked Jenner's comment, however I don't know if not having any political experience would be a plus or not. I would think that would compromise the ability to do the job. Jenner needs to remember that the Democrats rule the state and the people which would make it rough for anyone other than a Democrat to be the Governor. "That's just the way it is!"

cost of living, create high-paying jobs, and fixing homelessness across our state."

Kevin Faulconer is former San Diego mayor who has been tossing his name out across the state to get his name out there again. Faulconer's team says he fits the mold of a Republican who can win in a Democratic state, like Gov. Larry Hogan in Maryland or Charlie Baker in Massachusetts. He was elected mayor twice in San Diego, which is the eighth-largest city in the country by population and a place where Democrats outnumber Republicans. He wants to reopen schools now!

Doug Ose is a former U.S. representative last held office in 2005. That was 16 years ago. Now, Ose states he is ready to

"TIME JOCKEY" - Hammerin' Hank

By Joe Castillo Greatest of the Home Run...

The recent passing of Hank Aaron recalled the magnificent baseball career of one of the greatest baseball players of all time. As a young boy growing up in the South, Hank was a skilled athlete who loved to play multiple sports but his favorite was baseball.

Working with his father on their farm, young Hank spent hours chopping wood, it was hard work but it unexpectedly developed his wrists into what would become his trademark athletic ability. When Hank told his father that he wanted to play baseball, his father truthfully said that their kind weren't allowed to play in the major leagues. But in 1947 that all changed when Jackie Robinson became the first black man to play in the major leagues.

A couple of years, Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers toured the south to play a series of exhibition games. Young Hank skipped school to see Robinson and the Dodgers and listened attentively when Robinson spoke to a group of young teens encouraging them to follow their dreams no matter the obstacles. Aaron wanted to follow Robinson into the Major Leagues and eventually impressed scouts enough with his playing ability to be signed to a contract.

When he reported to his first

Negro League team, he only had enough money for a bus ride and one change of clothes. But it was the start to one of the greatest baseball careers ever. Aaron started out playing shortstop and would eventually be drafted by the Milwaukee Braves. Fast forward to 1973. Aaron had enjoyed an illustrious career playing for a team in a small revenue market starting in 1954. He was never known as a home-run hitter as he never hit more than 47 home runs in a season but had led the National League on four separate occasions. He also won two batting titles and had a .364 average in 14 World Series games, and would eventually collect 3,000 hits in his career.

On June 10, 1972, Aaron hit his 649th home run to pass Willie Mays for second place on the All-time home run list. He was now within sight of Babe Ruth's 714 mark needing only 66 home runs to break the mark. For the next season and a half, Aaron closed in on what was considered Baseball's most coveted record. Under immense pressure, Aaron hit his 713th home run with two days to go in the 1973 season. Baseball and its fans would have to wait over the winter for Aaron to continue his pursuit of Babe Ruth's record. The Braves opened the 1974 season on the road and

in his first at bat, he hit home run number 714 to tie the record. For the next two games, no home runs are hit, no records are broken by Aaron but the excitement was heightened when the Braves returned home to play the Los Angeles Dodgers. In front of 53,000 fans and 35 million viewers on a nationally televised game, Aaron did not disappoint. On an Al Downing fastball in the 4th inning, Hank Aaron hit home run number 715 into the left field bleachers. It was the culmination of a pressure filled journey to become the black man who broke one of sports most coveted records. Aaron would later say that Babe Ruth was still the greatest home run hitter of all-time but the humble and quiet Hank Aaron would leave his mark on baseball as one of the greatest ever to play the game. His passing is a reminder that nearly 50 years ago, Hank Aaron achieved something special, under extraordinary pressure and conditions, that no one had previously or since, even come close to achieving...

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Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. During the week of April 19 in Glendora, aside the west bound 210 Freeway on-ramp, just east of Grand Avenue: a budding springtime homeless encampment had sprung, with all its negative accoutrements (nice tent, though, maybe an "R.E.I.")...

2. "Charity begins at home"... But America is failing its people when it does not curb the hunger and poor living conditions of so many citizens within its borders — one explanation for the failure is that yearly too many people come into the country via illegal immigration... Thus, the country's available funds and efforts are diluted because there simply is not enough governmental money and time to meet the needs of underprivileged American citizens, as well as the needs of the many thousands of poor new illegal immigrants.

3. Some do not know their true moral worth, but they always strive to tell anyone around, with loud uppity emphasis, what important jobs they hold, or held in the past.

4. Earning a good education in The Valley or elsewhere is the key to success, not defunding or abolishing the police, or demonizing "law enforcement"... Overall, the police are not the problem in minority neighborhoods (or anywhere). The collective problem is high crime rates and poor educational leaders, as well as incompetent poli-

ticians — additionally, what is not emphasized in the press, is that the high crime rates in significant numbers of minority communities are the result of people of the same race harming each other.

5. It seems too many state and national elected officials (and opinion influencers) have brainwashed themselves into believing that America is a terrible nation, so they continually blame racism for the shortcomings they perceive -- they create unnecessary dissension between races when they continually espouse crooked views about the people of their country... President Biden and his assistants (along with such rich folks as LeBron James), do not seem to know the real America The Beautiful.

6. People in The Valley who complain about those who build homes in the Foothill highlands would build there themselves if they could afford it...

7. Prepare to wear a Corona Virus mask or masks until Dr. Fauci retires, if he ever does.

8. Some medical centers require that any old-timers (70 years of age or older) on its premises wear wrist plastic bracelets with the words FALL RISK printed on it (yes) — apparently, to alert everyone in the complex to be careful the dangerous-old-fogies do not fall, and especially

careful they do not fall on anyone... Wonder if inscribing the two words with a felt marker on the forehead of the Golden Agers would make the words more noticeable and have more effect.

9. America is becoming dysfunctional because many politicians, news people and corporations have done a great job of convincing many of the unthinking that the nation is rotten-to-the-core... And, also, lest we forget, it seems many White parents and grandparents, as well as Black ones, have failed to teach their "kids" that all people must earn their way in life through honest hard work, and that supporting law-and-order helps ALL communities — NEWS FLASH: contrary to what some simpletons say, in no communities in the country are knife fights laudable and acceptable forms of solving disagreements.

10. In The Valley and elsewhere across the land, it seems significant numbers of commonsensical voters of both major parties will need to vote in the coming special elections and the elections of 2021 — so that voters will thereby elect candidates who support lawfulness... If not, lawlessness and destruction will triumph because the majority of voters will have surrendered to mob rule.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: SESAME STREET

- ACROSS
1. Scarecrow stuffing
6. Observe
9. Kind of ski lift
13. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
14. Madame Tussauds' medium
15. Fervent
16. Never say this?
17. You to are is as thou to
18. Skylit lobbies
19. *It isn't easy "bein' green" for him
21. *First bilingual Sesame Street puppet
23. Flower precursor
24. Rental on the links
25. Rowing prop
28. Banana remnant
30. Besmear
35. Poker variety
37. Away from wind
39. Like helium gas
40. Coconut fiber
41. Like an iPhone
43. Singular of #33 Down
44. Per ____, or yearly
46. Guesstimate phrase, 2 words
47. Raise, as in child
48. Bob Marley's music
50. TV classic "___ Make a Deal"
52. Hi-___ monitor
53. Oscar Wilde's Dorian ___
55. *Sesame Street's Meryl Sheep
57. *Every starred clue in this puzzle
60. *Self-described as lovable, cute and furry
63. One born to Japanese immigrants
64. Be in the red
66. He had no cause?
68. Thin mountain ridge
69. Local area network
70. Unmanned flyer
71. Hospital statistics unit, pl.
72. NaOH
73. Church assembly

CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-73.

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54. Lagoon wall
56. Each and all
57. Bog down
58. From a second-hand store
59. Four-legged friends
60. Autry or Wilder
61. Jet black
62. Nevada city
63. Pick up, as in suspect
65. Modus operandi
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Sierra Vista High School Senior Named 2021 Dell Scholar

BALDWIN PARK - Sierra Vista High School senior Jesus Medina has been named a 2021 Dell Scholar and will receive a \$20,000 scholarship to support his pursuit of higher education.

As part of the recognition from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, Medina also will receive a laptop and access to Dell Scholars Connect, a mentoring program that offers support from other Dell Scholars.

"Finding out I was a Dell Scholar was such a surreal moment because I was doubting myself and I thought it was pure luck that I was a semifinalist," Medina said. "To me, this seemed too good to be true. To this day I am still in awe."

A high-achieving scholar with a 3.7 GPA, Medina is also an active member on SVHS campus. He is involved in eight clubs and holds executive board positions in seven of them, serving as ASB vice president, AVID president, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) treasurer, Women Empowerment Club vice president, School Site Council student representative, Hiking Club treasurer, as well as Move, Play and Unplug Club president and Wrestling Club president.

Medina is also on the Dons



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wrestling and track and field teams.

"This scholarship means so much to me because it opens the doors to the goals I plan to accomplish in the near future," Medina said. "I would not be here without the help of the AVID program at Sierra Vista High School, which has taught me how to be more organized in my classes and how to prepare myself for college."

Medina thanks his sister Johanna Medina for being his top supporter and helping him widen his perspectives and pur-

sue his goals.

"Jesus is a dedicated and determined leader," SVHS ASB and Activities Director Stacey Merrick said. "He has leadership roles in our most prominent campus programs and he ensures that his efforts and influence improve the high school experience for all students."

After graduation, Medina plans to attend UC Merced to study secondary education and psychology, with the long-term goal of teaching high school students in low-income communities.

Emma Celebrates Tenth Birthday



Gina, Alike, Samantha, Shon, Athena, Emma, Ash (Mom), Belle, Gracie and Jean-Louis.

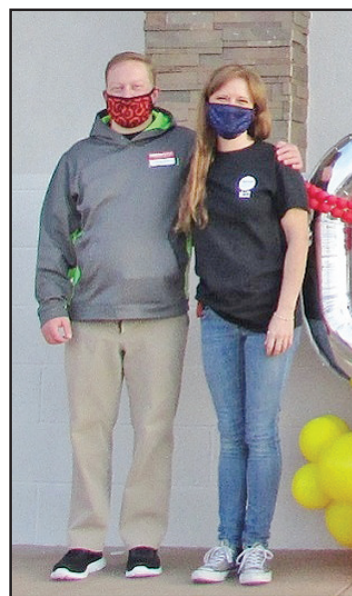
By Jayam Rutnam

SAN DIMAS - Emma of San Dimas, Ca. celebrated her tenth birthday with relatives and friends at the Tokyo Wako

Teppan Restaurant in Arcadia, Ca. Adhering to Covid 19 precautions, they had two Teppan chefs who made sure that the social distancing rule was com-

plied with. Regardless everybody had a great time, especially the birthday girl, who was beaming while she opened her presents.

Grocery Outlet Opens in Arcadia



Bryan Race and Erin Johnstone, a young married couple own and operate the Grocery Outlet.

By Joan Schmidt

ARCADIA - On Thursday, April 15, Grocery Outlet opened its newest store at 165 Foothill Boulevard, Arcadia. The well-stocked store has a great selection of fresh produce, vegetarian and gluten-free items-even diet sodas.

Bryan Race and Erin Johnstone, a young married couple own and operate the store. Bryan grew up in the grocery business, his dad ran a Red Apple Market in WA. Bryan and Erin are "overjoyed to be part of the Arcadia Foothill Community and be able to provide big savings on quality groceries."



I knew Grocery Outlet had great prices on quality food. But there's much more. Based in Emeryville, it has 375+ locations across the country. Founder, Jim Read, sold military surplus at deep discount prices at his first store. Today the third generation of the Reads continues to lead the way.

Grocery Outlet's commitment is beyond the storefront, priding themselves in giving back to the community: they hired twenty-five local employees, and Bryan and Erin recently presented a \$1000 donation to Entouch Betterment Foundation which dis-

tributes food to underserved areas in the San Gabriel Valley. The couple also want to help the local community with improvements. I learned In July, 2020, Grocery Outlet held its 10th Annual Food Drive. All 360+ stores participated and raised over 3 million nationwide for families in need!

Because of quality food at greatly reduced prices, hiring local employees and most importantly a deep commitment to the local community, you'll see me often at Arcadia's Foothill Grocery Outlet!

Cheerleading Coach Arrested for Sex with a Minor

By George Ogden

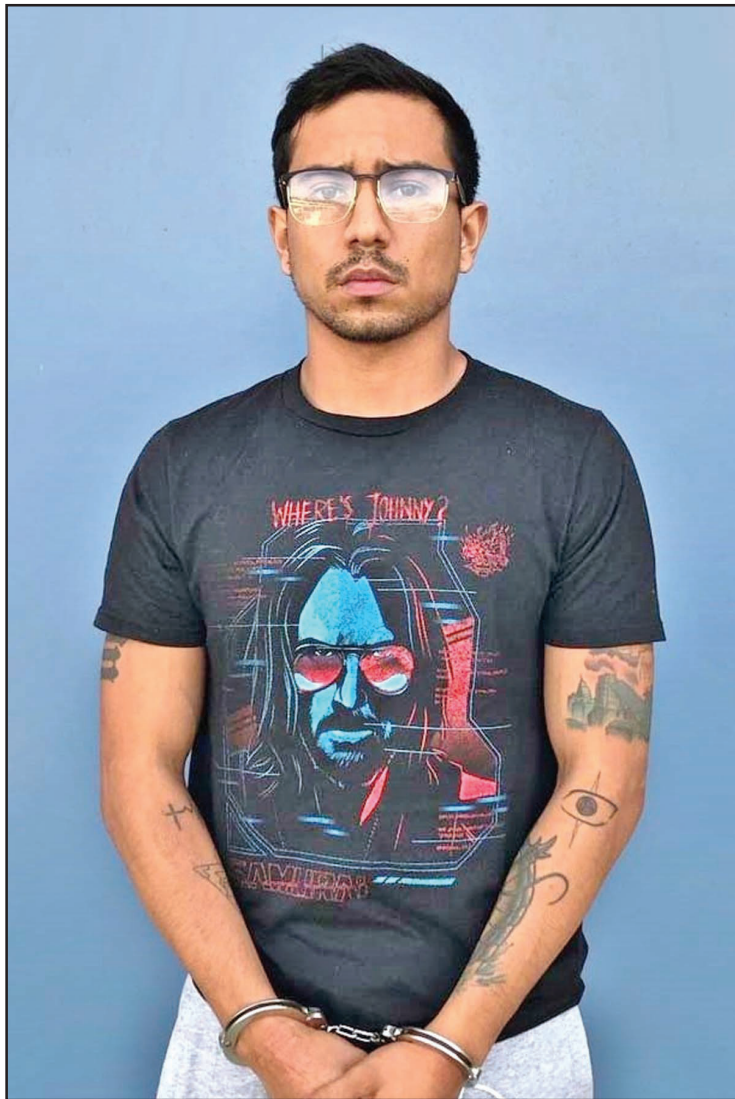
COVINA - A man identified as Gilberto "Gibby" Angulo, 27, of Montebello, has been arrested by Upland police on suspicion of sexual assault on a minor.

Angulo, who worked as a cheerleading coach was arrested Wednesday, April 14, at his home in Montebello after a girl reported that he had sexually assaulted her, the Upland Police Department said.

He was arrested after detectives searched his home. He was booked into the West Valley Detention Center on suspicion of contacting a minor to arrange sex, oral copulation on a minor, sending harmful material, possession of obscene material and having sex with a minor more than three years younger, according to the San Bernardino County jail log.

Originally, there was no bail, however, a bail amount was set and he was able to quickly bail out of jail.

Police said Angulo rented space at cheerleading training centers in Covina and South El Monte, where he had contact with other minors. It was unclear Friday at which centers Angulo worked at the time of



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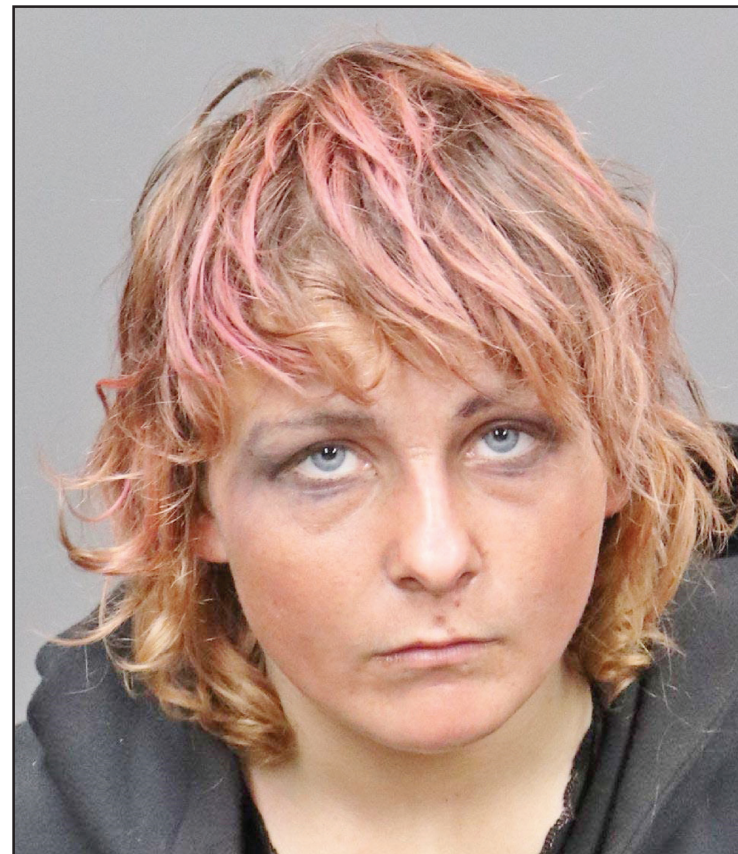
Police said they were unaware of any other victims. They ask anyone with informa-

tion on Angulo or if you are also a victim, to call Detective DiVincenzo at 909-946-7624, ext. 3235.

Security Camera Alerts Owner to Vehicle Burglary; Suspect Arrested

IRWINDALE - On Saturday, April 24, 2021, at about 9:59 P.M., a caller contacted the Irwindale Police Department's Communications Center to report a break-in to his recreational vehicle (RV), which was parked at his business in the 15700 block of Ornelas Street in the city of Irwindale. The caller told the dispatcher he was remotely monitoring the break-in on the business' security camera system and he relayed the suspect's description and activity to the dispatcher.

On arrival, our officers located the RV at the location and discovered someone had forcibly entered the RV, but fled before



Crystal Herrell of Cave Junction, Oregon

the officers arrived. Other officers checked the surrounding area and located a subject at Ornelas Street and Irwindale Avenue who matched the description of the suspect as provided by the caller.

The RV's owner arrived at the scene and positively identified the subject as the one he saw on the security camera breaking into his RV. During their investigation, the officers located stolen property in the subject's possession.

The suspect, 23-year-old Crystal Herrell of Cave Junction, Oregon, was booked at the West Covina City Jail on felony bur-

Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Dept.

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Three-Day Full Street Closure of Lone Hill Ave. at Railroad Crossing in Glendora



A detour route map to be followed during the street closure. The red area in the map shows the work zones. The green arrows show the detour routes.

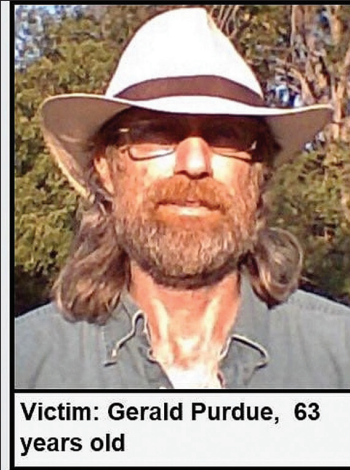
GLENDORA - Crews will be working at the Lone Hill Ave. railroad crossing to reconstruct the underground utilities, communication lines, track drainage, and repave the work zones for new freight track installation. To perform this work, Lone Hill Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic for approximately 3 days between Auto Centre Dr. and Glendora Marketplace in the City of

Glendora. Beginning Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM and reopening to thru traffic Friday, May 7th, 2021 at 7:00 AM, Lone Hill Ave. at the railroad crossing between Auto Centre Dr. and Glendora Marketplace will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) 24 hours a day. Gladstone St. (south of the crossing) and

Auto Centre Dr. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by way of detour routes, see map below.

Crews plan to work multiple shifts, covering all 24 hours a day, during the closure period to complete the crossing reconstruction within the limited closure period (beginning 7:00 PM Monday and concluding at 7:00 AM Friday).

\$10,000 Reward Offered for Information Leading to the Arrest of Hiker's Killer



Victim: Gerald Purdue, 63 years old



Victim's vehicle: 2002 silver Pontiac Bonneville SLE



On Thursday, March 25, 2021, male white victim, Gerald Purdue, was shot and killed on a hiking trail near Mt Baldy Road at mile marker 3.09. A black sedan was seen in the same turn out where the victim's vehicle was parked. Purdue was an avid hiker and frequented the Mt Baldy area.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger has authorized a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s).

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward on Friday for information leading to the arrest of whoever killed Gerald "Myles" Purdue on Mt. Baldy last month.

Sixty-three-year-old Gerald "Myles" Purdue, an avid hiker, was found shot dead at Mile Marker 3.09 Mount Baldy Road in the San Gabriel Mountains, on

Thursday, March 25, 2021, shortly before 2:00 P.M. Homicide Bureau detectives are asking for the public's assistance in obtaining information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder.

Two people who had stopped in the same turnout found the body in a culvert less than 60 yards from where Purdue's car was parked.

Investigators are particularly interested in the dark-colored 4-door sedan, which was seen parked behind Purdue's car shortly before the body was found.

Anyone with information about the vehicle or the shooting can contact sheriff's detectives O'Brien or Dimmitt at (323) 890-5500.

Azusa Rally to Stop Asian Hate



Residents gathered to show support for the Asian and Pacific Islander communities at a Stop Asian Hate rally in the city of Azusa on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Glendora Woman's Club Assembles Easter Baskets for the YMCA WINGS

GLENDORA - One of the Glendora Woman's Club's Service Projects each year at Eastertime is to do Easter Baskets for the YMCA WINGS (Woman In Need Growing Strong) Shelter for battered women and their children.

For the Woman's Club's recent Easter project, club members packaged and wrapped twenty-one Easter Baskets, one for each of the 21 children currently staying at the Shelter, said Project

Chair Rose Myers. The baskets were filled with toys and gifts, purchased and donated by club members and were based on the children's age and gender, said Mrs. Myers. As an added treat, a large decorated cake, donated by Von's, was also presented to the Shelter.

Throughout the year, the Woman's Club also sends WINGS Shelter children's toys and clothing, personal supplies, and children's Christmas gifts.

Coming up will be the Club's project for WINGS for Mother's Day.

This year marks the 33rd year that the Woman's Club has selected the WINGS Shelter as one of its ongoing Annual Service Projects, said Club President Chris Ohrmund.

For more information about the Glendora Woman's Club or the Club's Service Projects, call 909-598-0554.



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