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# EMUHSD Welcomes Students Back to Campus, L.A. County Superintendent Visits Arroyo High

**EL MONTE** – El Monte Union High School District students reunited with friends, classmates, teachers and staff as they returned to campuses for in-person instruction and kicked off the 2021-22 school year on Aug. 17.

This momentous day was commemorated at Arroyo High School with a visit from Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo and the Los Angeles Department of Public Health Director, Barbara Ferrer.

“The Los Angeles County Office of Education is absolutely committed to the safety and well-being of L.A. County’s 2 million students and their families as they begin a new school year,” Duardo said. “It’s great to see that Arroyo High School is putting forth such a great effort to keep the health of students, faculty and community members their top priority.”

Duardo, along with Ferrer, reiterated the importance of health and safety, and thanked EMUHSD students and staff for doing their part by wearing masks and following the protocols in place to ensure a sustainable return to school.



EMUHSD Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Larry Cecil, Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga, LACOE Superintendent of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo, Los Angeles Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer, Arroyo High School Principal Gabriel Flores, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Robin Torres and Chief Business Official Wael Elatar, conduct a walk-through Aug. 17 at Arroyo High School.

Walking the campus with Principal Gabriel Flores and Superintendent Dr. Zuniga, Duardo and Ferrer had the opportunity to visit a classroom and meet with students during passing period, and even thank El Monte Union Food Services employees for their hard work and adaptability.

“We are excited to have students back on campus, of course, and we are following all of the health and safety protocols that are in place to ensure that our school community can continue to learn and

grow in a way that is meaningful and safe,” Arroyo High School Principal Gabriel Flores said.

The return to full in-person instruction is supported by health protocols to help ensure the safety of students, teachers, staff and families. Such protocols include health screenings, the use of face masks, and continued efforts to provide COVID-19 testing and vaccines in partnership with community organizations.

El Monte Union held freshman and sophomore orienta-



Students at Rosemead High School were greeted with a balloon arch as they returned to campus for the 2021-22 year on Aug. 17.

tions across all five of their comprehensive high schools during the week of Aug. 9, preparing new and returning students for the first day of school back on campus.

Some El Monte Union students have opted into the District’s Independent Study program to continue online learning, rather than returning to campus, through the District’s Online Personal Learning (OPL) program.

OPL offers a rigorous high school curriculum with tremendous flexibility through asynchronous online or blended instruction, enrolling students in independent coursework that utilizes online resources, vid-

eos, and other supports to drive instruction. The program works best for students who are independently driven to succeed in school and/or have strong academic support at home.

“El Monte Union is dedicated to the health and safety of all students, staff and families, and we will be following all state and county protocols to ensure an environment that supports the wellness of our school community,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “Having students back on campus is certainly exciting, and we are committed to making this return meaningful and sustainable.”

## Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Receives Full Approval from FDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the license for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for those 12 through 15 years old and for a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals. The licensing approval was announced after another thorough evaluation of safety and effectiveness data by a panel of scientific and medical experts. FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency’s standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products.

Since Dec. 11, 2020, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under EUA in individuals 16 years of age and older, and the authorization was expanded to include those 12 through 15 years of age on May 10, 2021. EUAs can be used by the FDA during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that may be effective in preventing, diagnosing, or treating a disease, provided that the FDA determines that the known and potential benefits of a product, when used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the disease, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency’s standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products. For all vaccines, the FDA evaluates data and information included in the manufacturer’s submission of a biologics license application (BLA). A BLA is a comprehensive document that is submitted to the agency providing very specific requirements. For Comirnaty, the BLA builds on the



extensive data and information previously submitted that supported the EUA, such as preclinical and clinical data and information, as well as details of the manufacturing process, vaccine testing results to ensure vaccine quality, and inspections of the sites where the vaccine is made. The agency conducts its own analyses of the information in the BLA to make sure the vaccine is safe and effective and meets the FDA’s standards for approval.

Comirnaty contains messenger RNA (mRNA), a kind of genetic material. The mRNA is used by the body to make a mimic of one of the proteins in the virus that causes COVID-19. The result of a person receiving this vaccine is that their immune system will ultimately react defensively to the virus that causes COVID-19. The mRNA in Comirnaty is only present in the body for a short time and is not incorporated into - nor does it alter - an individual’s genetic material. Comirnaty has the same formulation as the EUA vaccine and is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart.

The first EUA, issued Dec. 11, for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 16 years of age and older was based on safety and effectiveness data from a randomized, controlled, blinded ongoing clinical trial of thousands of individuals.

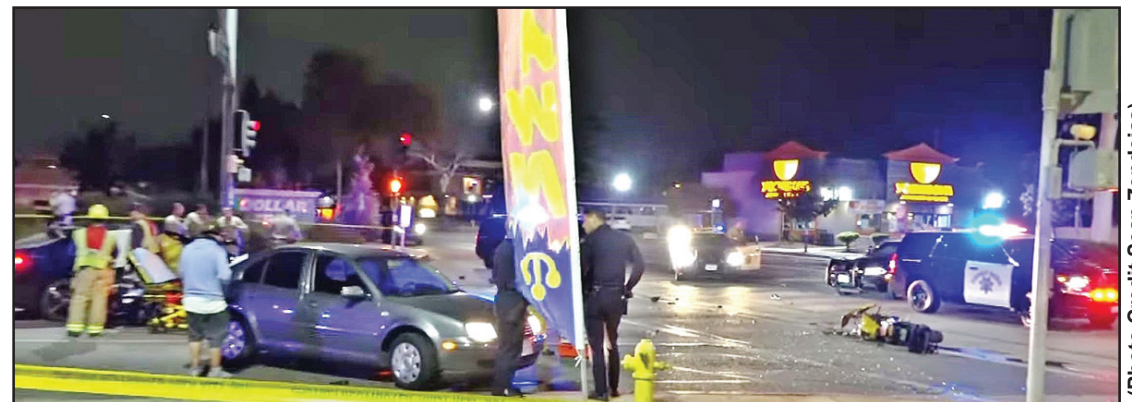
To support the FDA’s approval decision, the FDA reviewed up-

dated data from the clinical trial which supported the EUA and included a longer duration of follow-up in a larger clinical trial population.

The most commonly reported side effects by those clinical trial participants who received Comirnaty were pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, chills, and fever. The vaccine is effective in preventing COVID-19 and potentially serious outcomes including hospitalization and death.

Additionally, the FDA conducted a rigorous evaluation of the post-authorization safety surveillance data pertaining to myocarditis and pericarditis following administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and has determined that the data demonstrate increased risks, particularly within the seven days following the second dose. The observed risk is higher among males under 40 years of age compared to females and older males. The observed risk is highest in males 12 through 17 years of age. Available data from short-term follow-up suggest that most individuals have had resolution of symptoms. However, some individuals required intensive care support. Information is not yet available about potential long-term health outcomes. The Comirnaty Prescribing Information includes a warning about these risks.

## Motorcyclist Dies in West Covina after Running through I-10 Freeway Construction Zone at Over 100 mph



(Photo Credit: Sean Zendejas)

Accident scene at Merced and Glendora Aves. Intersection was closed for hours for the investigation.

**By George Ogden**  
**WEST COVINA** - On Wednesday morning around 1 a.m., August 18th, a motorcyclist going over 100 mph drove through a construction zone on the westbound I-10 freeway in West Covina. After driving through the construction site, he kept going west on the freeway. At that time, the CHP went after the biker to try and pull him over. He exited the freeway at West Covina Parkway and continued west until he got to Vincent Avenue and turned right going south. Vincent turns into Glendora Avenue and he was still continuing south at an excessively high rate of speed according to witnesses. The CHP continued to chase the man but they lost sight of him and terminated the pursuit. However, they continued south and as they approached Merced Avenue; they

came across an accident scene that involved their suspect.

The motorcycle ran a red light at such a high rate of speed he could not avoid the cross traffic and slammed into a Toyota Camry that was heading west on Merced just after 1 a.m. The suspect was thrown from the motorcycle because of the high impact. A Camry passenger, a 40-year-old West Covina man and the driver, a 35-year-old West Covina woman were injured and taken to the hospital.

The coroner’s office did not immediately identify the motorcyclist but the CHP described him as a 34-year-old La Puente man. It was later confirmed that it was a man named, Ronald “Ronnie” Steven Carter that was killed and pronounced dead from massive injuries.

Carter had recent arrests, one on Feb. 1st where bail was set at \$30,000.00 but with the DA’s policy of letting suspects go, he was given a citation to appear in court and released. Then on July 26th he was arrested again and bail was set at only \$500.00 and it is believed that this arrest was a high-speed arrest on the same motorcycle, but not confirmed. Again, he was release with a citation.

The CHP is continuing to investigate the accident and are waiting for toxicology reports to see if Carter was driving drunk or under the influence of any illegal substances. They are also requesting anyone who may have any information on what may have been going on prior to Carter getting on the motorcycle that morning to contact them.

## Man Shot in Azusa Identified by Coroner's Office. Police Continue Investigation.

**By George Ogden**  
**AZUSA** - Police were called to a shooting around 9:40 p.m., Saturday August 21st to the area of Third Street and North San Gabriel Boulevard in Azusa. Both Azusa Police and the L.A. County Sheriff’s Deputies showed up at the crime scene. They found the victim and he was

pronounced dead at the scene. It was stated that he had been shot to death. The coroner’s office identified him as Ryan Serna.

San Gabriel Boulevard is a one-way southbound street and is basically a residential area. Authorities are hoping that someone may have seen or heard something and would come forward

with the information. There are homes that have security cameras and they may be of some help to the investigation.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to call the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500.

# A Celebration of Life

**Frank Ronald Douglas**, of Glendora, CA.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the end of March 1953.

Deceased at Joshua Tree National Park, Riverside County, CA. at end of June 2021 at 68 years of age.

Predeceased by parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Douglas, Sr., and sister Jane Kathleen Douglas. Survived by estranged brother Eddie Granger Douglas, of TX. Frank was reared in a military family, his father serving as an Army cook. As adults, both siblings as well as Frank enlisted.

After high school, Frank left Texas and headed for California. Frank attended Santa Barbara Junior College and was active in ROTC. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Foreign Affairs, UCLA in 1981, Master's Degree in International Affairs at Cal State University Sacramento in 1986, and his Doctorate Degree in International Relations at University of Kent, Canterbury, England in Dec. 2005.

Frank was a veteran of the Cold War, serving in both the Navy and the Air Force. Most notably, he served as a Nuclear Missile Launch Officer with top security clearance from 1985-1988.

Frank was a published author of the book ""The United States, NATO, and a New Multilateral Relationship" published in November of 2007.

Frank's career life also included being a National Park Ranger at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Mississippi; a Teacher in the U.K. University of Kent, in Bosnian hilltop Army tents, and aboard US Navy ships; a Financial Auditor at Ramstein Air Base in Germany; an Assistant and Participant in the ECPR (European Consortium of Political Researchers) conference in the UK; an OSCE Int'l Elections Supervisor in Kosovo and Kazakhstan; as Civilian Historian for the Army in the Middle East; and more... Later, Frank volunteered often for various



**Frank Ronald Douglas**

community festivals and events and served as a docent at Cannery Row while living in Monterey, CA.

Frank traveled to over 57 different countries in his lifetime and made friends all over the globe, often making banana bread or taking food from the military PX to share with neighbors. He was knowledgeable, outgoing, funny, and interesting. Frank often reached out to tourists whom he would meet during his travels and serve as a Johnny-on-the-spot tour guide, inviting them to join him on excursions or even to meet his friends in the area or stay at his home.

Frank's interests and hobbies included politics, history, meeting people, travel, hiking, biking, swimming, boating, camping, music, architecture, cooking, auto mechanics, reading non-fiction, documentaries, public relations, car camping in deserts, and writing. He particularly keen on Marilyn Monroe and James Dean and would visit their gravesites whenever he was in their vicinity. Frank was interviewed by Cal State University of Monterey Bay for his personal narratives on the Cold War [Frank R. Douglas Collection (AFC/2001/001/104918), Veterans History Project, American Folk Life Center, Library of Congress] and twice did local radio show guest interviews on how to travel on a dime.

In his retirement years, Frank resided in Glendora, CA., pursuing his hobbies. Frank was working on two novels, one based on his own life and the other based on the nuclear missile Cold War era. Sadly, Frank departed this earthly life before either could be completed.

Frank leaves behind a family of cherished friends throughout the U.S. and abroad.

# September 11, 2021 - A Day For Local Community Service And Remembrance

September 11, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of a tragic event that is forever seared into the hearts and minds of all Americans. That day, nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks. Many more died in the years to follow.

September 11 is now designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance, providing us a way to honor those in uniform and others who put themselves at risk on our behalf.

In Azusa, the Azusa Rotary will hold its annual Field of Glory on the lawn of the Azusa City Hall. From September 4 to September 11 they will create an impressive display featuring hundreds of large U.S. flags. Flags can be sponsored by individuals wishing to honor a friend or relative who served in the military or is a first responder. The theme, Honoring Courage and Sacrifice," also includes the many workers whose jobs have been "essential" to our health and well-being throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

California's community colleges play a major role in training those who serve and assist others in times of danger and extraordinary need. Pre-pandemic data show that about 80 percent



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

of California's EMTs, law enforcement officers and firefighters, as well as 70 percent of the state's nurses, are trained at a California community college.

Community colleges in the greater San Gabriel Valley have also received numerous national and state recognitions for their services to veterans. During the Obama administration, a video featuring Citrus College's Veterans Success Center and centers at several other California community colleges was shown at the White House.

This special year-the 20th anniversary of 9/11-Americans across the nation will remember the heroes who have risked their lives on our behalf through some act of service in their local communities.

In the words of President Biden, "Service-looking out for one another, is part of who we are as a nation."

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**Azusa Rotary's Field of Glory** (courtesy photo)

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## Glendora Police Department Encourages the Public to Stay Safe During Final Stretch of Summer Travel Season

**GLENDORA** – As friends and family plan vacations during the final days of summer, the Glendora Police Department is reminding everyone to stay safe by always choosing a sober way to go.

No matter how you choose to celebrate the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, make sure you do so responsibly. Take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family by buckling up, ditching the distractions, following the speed limit, and never driving impaired.

To help keep our community safe during the busy late summer and Labor Day weekend travel season, the Glendora Police will have additional officers on patrol Aug. 18 through Labor Day (Sept. 6) looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The increased efforts to address im-

paired driving are part of a national enforcement campaign, *Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

In addition to roving patrols, Glendora Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint August 27th, from 6:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the city of Glendora.

“Driving impaired is risky and puts yourself and others around you in serious danger,” Corporal Tim Crawford said. “If you are taking a road trip over the next few weeks, make good choices and drive like

your closest friends and family are in the cars around you.”

Driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana may also impair. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone driving impaired, call 9-1-1.

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

## Gascon Continues to Wreak Havoc as More Cities Pass Votes of No Confidence

*Palmdale is the latest to issue a vote of no confidence*

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon continues to wreak havoc on crime victims, their family members, and law enforcement as he fails to seek justice in even the most disturbing cases. As a result, support for Gascon has all but evaporated after less than one year in office according to a recent poll.

Last week, Palmdale became the 28th city to issue a vote of no confidence against Gascon due to his directives that violate state law and “undermine the deterrent effects of various criminal laws and penalties that were meant to protect the pub-

lic, including the residents of the City of Palmdale.”

“Los Angeles cities have no confidence in George Gascon, crime victims and their families are continuously being revictimized all over again, the cops don’t like him, the prosecutors don’t like him, and the disapproval of his job performance crosses all demographics and party lines,” said Tim Lineberger, spokesperson for Victims of Violent Crime for the Recall of District Attorney Gascon.

“Gascon is a menace to society, and he should be removed from office immediately,” Lineberger concluded.

## Los Angeles County Surpasses 25,000 COVID-19 Deaths; Public Health Monitors for School Cases and Outbreaks

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – Los Angeles County surpassed the grim milestone of losing more than 25,000 residents to COVID-19. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is one of the leading causes of death - surpassing stroke, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. To date, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) identified 1,362,848 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,002 deaths.

On August 19th, Public Health confirmed 35 new deaths and 3,239 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 35 new deaths reported, nine people who passed away were over the age of 80, 11 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, nine people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, four people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49, and two people who died were between the ages of 18 and 29.

Between July 11 and August 11, hospitalizations rose by 333% to an average of 1,622 beds filled with people testing positive for COVID-19 on any given day, and deaths rose 275% to an average of 15 deaths per day.

With many school districts countywide reopening, Public Health is monitoring school cases in outbreaks among staff and students. There are several types of Public Health teams working with schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. School technical assistance or STAT teams reach out to schools proactively to assess preventive readiness and advise on options for improvement. Exposure management teams follow up on cases reported by schools and help identify possible sources of infection as well as close contacts, while also ensuring that schools provide appropriate isolation guidance to infected staff or students and their parents. And if more than one case is identified at a given school, educational setting outbreak teams will work with the school to determine whether these cases are connect-

ed. If evidence of contagion at a school site emerges, this team will take over the investigation and help the school identify steps it can take to reduce risk to the broader school community.

In the 24 hours between 8:00 a.m. August 17 and 8:00 a.m. August 18, 118 new K-12-associated cases were reported. Public Health teams are working closely with schools to ensure that positive cases are isolated and close contacts quarantined to reduce additional transmission at schools.

To ensure transparency with school communities, Public Health will launch an online school dashboard in September. The dashboard will include a district map shaded to provide district level information on testing volume, community case rates, and community vaccination rates. The dashboard will also display school level information, including numbers of student and staff cases, details on outbreaks at the school, and the number of students at the school required to quarantine.

As of August 15, 90% of LA County residents 65 and over have received at least one dose of the vaccine, as have 74% of residents 16 and over and 73% of residents 12 and over. Sixty-three percent of residents 12 and over have been fully vaccinated. Of L.A. County teens between the ages of 12 and 17, 56% have received at least one dose and 46% are fully vaccinated. Out of the nearly 10.3 million L.A. County residents, including those who are not yet eligible for the vaccine, 63% have received at least one dose, and 55% are fully vaccinated.

Among the more than 5.1 million fully vaccinated people in L.A. County, Public Health identified 27,331 people fully vaccinated who tested positive for COVID-19 as of August 17; this is less than 1% of all those vaccinated. Of those who tested positive, 742 were hospitalized, up from 549 the week prior. This translates to 0.014% of all fully vaccinated people ending up hospitalized. Deaths in this group

over this interval increased, from 55 to 68, to 0.0013%. These small increases reflect the reality that the vaccines do not provide 100% protection, and that with high rates of community transmission, more fully vaccinated people are getting post vaccination infections. However, this very same information also makes it clear how much protection vaccinated people still have; most fully vaccinated people do not get infected, they don't end up hospitalized, and they are very unlikely to tragically lose their life to COVID-19.

Federal officials announced changes to vaccination strategies aimed at increasing the protection afforded to people by vaccines. With emerging data indicating that certain populations will need more support to be protected, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on August 13 recommended a third dose of mRNA vaccines for immunocompromised people, including transplant recipients, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, people actively receiving cancer treatment, and people taking immunosuppressive medications. Third doses have been available to eligible individuals at vaccination sites across the county since Saturday. Additionally, following yesterday's announcement by the CDC that booster doses of mRNA vaccines will be offered to all vaccinated people, Public Health is continuing to work with staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities to prioritize these most vulnerable residents for booster doses to be prepared for administering these as soon as the Food and Drug Administration gives their approval.

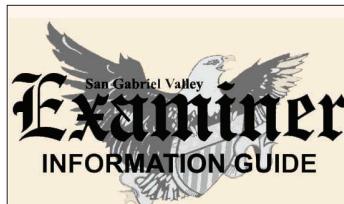
Public Health notes the difference between third doses and booster doses is more than just language. Third doses are meant to elicit an antibody response where there was an inadequate antibody response before, while booster doses are meant to increase antibody levels that have waned after a robust increase in the months after vaccination.

## County Health Officer Order Modified to Require Masking at Outdoor Mega Events

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order has been modified to require universal masking at outdoor mega events regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. Masks are required to be worn by everyone at all times except when actively eating or drinking at these events. Outdoor mega events are outdoor events with crowds greater than 10,000 attendees and include music or food festivals, car shows, large endurance events, marathons, parades, sporting events and concerts.

As the highly infectious Delta variant continues to spread, wearing masks regardless of vaccination status indoors and in crowded settings, including at outdoor mega events, reduces the risk of being infected with and transmitting COVID-19. Emerging data affirms that fully vaccinated people are well protected from severe infections with Delta variants. Although fully vaccinated people are less likely to become infected than unvaccinated people are, they can become infected and transmit infection to others.

Public Health inspectors continue to visit businesses across the county every day to ensure compliance with Health Officer Order safety protocols and masking guidelines along with providing technical assistance. Between August 7 and August 13, Public Health inspectors visited a total of 1,614 businesses, including restaurants, bars, breweries, hotels, gyms, retail stores, shopping malls, personal care businesses and food and garment manufacturers. The most common violation is face masks not provided by employers and employees not wearing a face mask. Another common violation is businesses not posting signage instructing customers to wear a face mask. Overall, the compliance inspections revealed that while the majority of businesses were in compliance, there is some room for improvement, particularly at fitness centers and food and garment manufacturing plants.



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# Water: California's Strength and Vitality

Headlines all over Northern California tell the California water story:

- California Cuts Off Water to Thousands of Farmers; Farmers face \$10,000-a-day fines if they pull water from California Rivers;
- Folsom Lake reaches 5-year low; Water-challenged city builds more homes; population to reach 30,000;
- Liquidation of Cows; How the drought creates chaos on dairy farms;
- Drought squeezes power supplies; Lake Oroville hydro plant shuts down;
- State Water Board approves emergency curtailment measures for the Delta watershed; Acute water shortages prompt urgent action affecting 6,600 water rights holders.

Another headline reads: California Voters OK'd billions for water projects. Where are the new dams, reservoirs? That was Prop 1 approved by voters in 2014, providing a \$7.12 billion general obligation bond for water supply infrastructure and to be paid off using \$360 million annually of general fund money over 40 years. Of that \$7.12 billion, only \$2.7 billion was approved for water storage and the state Water Commission began taking applications in 2017, three and a half years later.

There were twelve projects requesting money with eight finally approved, and one of those eight dropped out. Information then said the state would put up 50% of the money to build those projects but the winners must find the additional matching funds to build the projects. Sites Reservoir, largest approved, and 7th largest in the state, cost \$5 billion but providing one million-acre-feet of water to farms and nine million people a year.

Sites is still going through the environmental review process and is now faced with rising costs as we all are today in California. Project may begin construction in 2024 and begin filling up in 2030 using existing canals if it can find the other 50% to fund itself.

- Other approved projects were:
- Chino Basin Conjunctive



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

Use cost \$206.9 million funded at \$8.9 million. (Inland Empire).

- Harvest Water Program cost \$280.5 million funded at \$14.375 million. (Sacramento).
- Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Conjunctive Use cost \$67.5 million with no funding requests made. (Irvine Ranch).
- Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion cost \$459 million funded at \$2.9 million.
- Pacheco Pass Reservoir cost at \$484.5 million funded at \$24.9 million. (Santa Clarita Valley).
- Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use cost at \$95.5 million funded at \$4.7 million. (Antelope Valley).

Temperance Flats Reservoir \$171 million in Fresno area but withdrew the request.

When you add up all those numbers it comes to \$2.5 billion plus cost of the bond at \$54 million and state operations costs and you end up with \$2.7 billion. Options given the projects for additional money was to apply for grant programs and of course water rate increases by the water districts.

December 2018, President Trump, Rep. Kevin McCarthy and Sen. Dianne Feinstein agreed to support a 7-year extension of the 2016 Water Infrastructure for Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act that would provide millions of federal dollars for California water projects. The WIIN Act was enacted in December 2016 to address the needs of the nation's harbors, dams, flood protection, and infrastructure. The Act specifically authorized \$100 million for communities facing drinking water emergen-

cies and would have provided \$134 million for water storage, \$20 million for water recycling, \$12 million for desalination and \$30 million for environment and science projects. Bureau of Reclamation, under WIIN, has provided opportunities for desalination projects and now allows funding for water recycling projects. The 2016 WIIN Act expires in 2021 and the Feinstein/McCarthy proposal would have extended the Act to 2028. The extension needs to be voted on by Congress by the end of December.

Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42) and Rep. David Valadao (CA-21) both tried a couple of bills to provide additional water infrastructure money and all were blocked. Calvert's first amendment would have restored Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act funding for water recycling and reuse infrastructure to roughly 90% of the enacted level using unused funds from a legacy grant program and address 60 backlogged projects with \$650 million federal dollars.

Calvert's second amendment, supported by President Trump, would have removed the funding prohibition for the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project and included the recommended \$172 million in funding for the water storage project. Raising Shasta Dam would add roughly 650,000 acre-feet, or 207 billion gallons, of capacity to state's water supply.

A dairy farmer from Northern California, Rep. Valadao's first amendment would extend California water storage provisions of the WIIN Act for one year and extend the authorization of appropriations for water storage projects the Secretary of the Interior finds feasible.

I've not seen any comment from Gov. Newsom indicating his views or which direction he will move on WIIN, but issued an Executive Order stating ... "water is a human right and is central to California's strength and vitality ...". So, where's Newsom's priorities and where is the water for Californians?

# Ending the Forever War and Indefinite Detention

The September 11 attacks happened while I was a college student. As an Arab-American and Muslim, I feared an emerging national security state willing to flout the rule of law and rights of people in the name of combating international terrorism. The Bush Administration's ensuing "War on Terror," anchored by the bombing and US occupation of Afghanistan, has been with us ever since, virtually my entire adult life.

President Biden was right to end the war in Afghanistan and follow through on a deal that his predecessor Donald Trump had negotiated with the Taliban. As Biden stated at his August 16 White House press conference, "After 20 years, I've learned the hard way that there was never a good time to withdraw US forces."

This was clearly the case when, despite billions of dollars in aid from the US and NATO for two decades, the Afghan army shocked the world by rapidly folding to the Taliban. In a matter of weeks, the Taliban had gained control of the entire government. Many are rightly concerned about Afghanistan's future now that the Taliban are back in power. In particular, they have a history of violently suppressing the rights of Afghan women and girls.

Although the fighting in America's longest war may have ended, Biden still needs to address the war's lingering wounds to the people of Afghanistan and to our own country's ideals of justice and the rule of law. First and foremost, the US needs to provide adequate humanitarian aid and buttress refugee resettlement efforts. The Afghan people undoubtedly bore the brunt of the war's costs. Nearly 50,000 civilians have been killed and poverty is widespread, with ninety percent of the population living on



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less than \$2 a day.

Another remnant of the war lies far from Afghanistan on the southeastern end of Cuba. The prison facility located on the US military base at Guantánamo Bay (Gitmo) is a glaring reminder of the war's human rights failures and damage to the rule of law. Then-President Bush created the prison in January 2002 to house exclusively Muslim men captured in the "War on Terror." As with the Afghan war, Biden must ensure that the prison never sees its twentieth anniversary.

The indefinite detention of prisoners at Gitmo without charge or trial, and the documented acts of their torture and mistreatment, tarnish America's global standing as a beacon for liberty and justice. It is a prison that should have never existed, and keeping it open indefinitely is not an option. Omar Ashmawy, a former military prosecutor at Gitmo, concluded in his June 30 Washington Post column, "Guantánamo was designed to bypass the Constitution and the U.S. criminal justice system. It failed because that idea is contrary to American principles."

In the war's early days, the US captured around 200 Afghan civilians and held them first at the notorious Bagram prison before transferring them to Gitmo along with nearly 600 other detainees from 49 countries. Of the 39 re-

maining from roughly 780 original detainees, almost all have been imprisoned for 15 years or more, and only seven are facing active charges. The New York Times has calculated that it costs the US \$13 million a year for each Gitmo prisoner.

Ashmawy has called for closing the prison along with over 100 human rights organizations, 24 Senators, and 75 members of the House of Representatives (see CloseGuantanamo.org). Of the remaining detainees, some could be tried in federal courts and others already cleared for release should be repatriated to their home countries if possible or resettled in third countries with security guarantees.

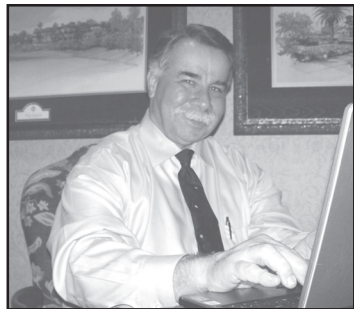
When teaching my undergraduate course on international law, my students are always stunned and horrified to learn of the countless human rights abuses at Gitmo and rightfully question why it remains open. They learn how even the Supreme Court rebuked the denial of detainees' fundamental due process rights more than once, including in the 2006 Hamdan v. Rumsfeld ruling which held that the military commissions used to try detainees violated both US law and the four Geneva Conventions.

The brutal war and subsequent barbarous treatment of Guantánamo detainees drove me to dedicate my career to promoting human rights. My hope is that both provoke others to speak out as well. As we approach the anniversaries of this "forever war" and its "forever detainees," we must remember the lessons of these past two decades and reclaim America's humanity.

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# Watch Your Bank Accounts, Instacart and Food4Less Fraud.

We need to make sure we keep an eye on our bank accounts. Those that steal or hack our credit and debit cards can disguise their illegal purchases by making purchases in similar stores or similar products that they know you have bought in the past. If they "don't" over buy, there is a good chance that people won't find out until way after this purchase have been made.



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

The VFW Post uses Instacart to order items for their facility. Everything had been going well until the last week. They ordered from Food4Less and had a problem with the delivery as they went to the wrong store to start with. The person did not go to the store where the order was placed and therefore, the inventory wasn't the same. The VFW had to use somebody else to get the products that they needed after Instacart cancelled the order.

Checking the bank statements

daily, it was noticed that there was a charge at Food4Less in Compton, however the original order had been cancelled by Food4Less and/or Instacart. They also got a notification in an email that gave a list of items that were bought. The VFW didn't buy any of this stuff whatsoever, as it is not stuff that they use. It looked like somebody from Instacart has hacked the account and bought personal items from Food4Less in Compton. Next, they had a \$69.99 charge from

Best Buy in Minnesota.

Trying to get a hold of Instacart, they talked to a "human" and they were put them on hold for over an hour, and never to be heard from again. Called the bank and they had to cancel their debit card and now they have to wait seven days before they get new cards. Guessing they have to change every single "Bill Pay" vendor that they have with new card numbers. This will take hours.

Neither I nor the VFW can no longer recommended Instacart. They were of no help to fix this and obviously they have people that they employ that do a good hack job on your debit cards and steal from the customers. The bank is trying to help them out and they will have to go online to report all of this. They tried contacting Food4Less and that's another joke. They make it so you can't contact these people if you have a fraud problem.

Now I question previous purchases from Food4Less as they may have incorporated other items in there and kept it for themselves or something. I don't know. One remedy is to challenge the last few purchases and request a refund through the bank. This may trigger Instacart and/or Food4Less to make contact and to provide the VFW exactly what was purchased.

Use extreme caution when you are using Instacart where you order from a store and then they deliver your products to you.

In my opinion, this is FRAUD no matter how you look at it.  
"That's Just the Way It Is!"

# MY TURN: Serving Man in Biden's Twilight Zone

Most who grew up in the golden age of television remember the ground breaking Rod Serling series called "The Twilight Zone." Classic half hour episodes that still rate much higher in television quality than the various and slick remakes, these original episodes are fondly remembered to this day. One such episode from 1959 was called "To Serve Man."

A group of space aliens called Kanamits land on planet earth and naturally the earthlings fear an invasion is taking place. But the aliens tell them they are here to bring peace and encourage humanitarian goals. As time goes on the aliens become involved in the United Nations and encourage some folks from earth to take trips to the alien planet with promises of the planet being a paradise. Many want to go out of sheer curiosity. One of the key scientists that meets with the aliens is given a book which is entitled "To Serve Man." The book is written in their alien language so the book is handed over to some scientists and cryptologists to try and decipher what the book means. It will be a source of finding out what the aliens really have in mind, because their quest for intergalactic harmony seems too good to be true.

Just as the key scientist is about to depart on a trip to the planet, one of the cryptographers, a woman scientist, comes running to warn the man not to go. She said we deciphered the book. The scientist is forced on to the craft anyway, and it takes off. The translation of the book that the woman was fretting over was simple. "To Serve Man" was a cookbook.

We seem to have in our present Biden administration a



Charles Lopresto

number of people that believe they can negotiate with the Taliban and other radical Islamic groups. But it is as though these people are from another planet. While they embrace modern technology and modern weaponry when it comes to violence and submission, their brains and cultural sensitivities are stuck back in 700 A.D. Their archaic treatment of women and other groups and their persecution of anyone who would refuse to submit to their radical Islamic law is seemingly contrary to the beliefs that those Liberals apparently defending them, possess. It doesn't make a lot of sense. President Biden thinks he can negotiate with these people and ridiculed the blunt, honest and pragmatic manner in which former President Trump dealt with them. Like the Kanamits, they preach harmony and getting along. But with the Taliban, what really stands out are their actions. Clearly, their motives are not consistent with our society. So when President Biden and Jen Psaki, speaking for the White House, say the Taliban have to decide for themselves if they want to be a part of the International community, it is laughable. The Taliban could care less about our beliefs, our reli-

gions or our "feelings."

Like the folks in the "Twilight Zone" episode, the Biden administration has made themselves vulnerable to the whims of the radical insurgents. We have radicals within our own Congress and in our state department that are pushing for accommodations to the Islamists. We have an open border that further creates a vulnerable passage way to questionable people entering our country. And any question or criticism is met with accusations of Xenophobia and racism.

We have seen places in the Western world like England and Germany, try to embrace Muslim immigration only to regret it when their sovereignty and their culture are challenged and compromised. Germany has felt a certain amount of guilt over their past history with the Holocaust and tried to overcompensate with an open border policy, until they realized it doesn't work. And Democrats in our country are putting no limits on how many Afghan refugees should enter our country, resources be damned.

Encouraging American citizens to be ashamed of our Judea-Christian heritage and our Constitutionally based society is a recipe for disaster. And speaking of recipes, the radical Islamic insurgents would like nothing more than replacing those Western values with Sharia Law. But why worry? A book of Sharia Law is just another cookbook.



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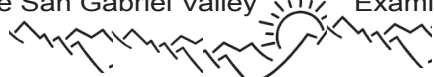
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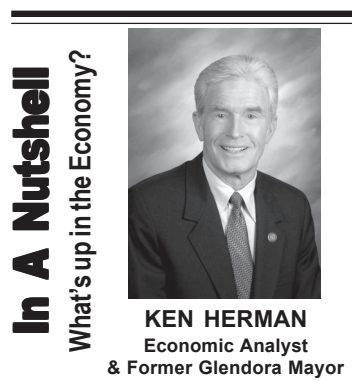
# Here We Go Again!

The Delta variant's rapid rise in new cases and hospitalizations is stoking concerns about ever getting back to normal. How is this new surge in cases possible, considering that so many people have been vaccinated? Over 70% of US adults have received at least one dose of a vaccine, and vaccinations had been shown to significantly reduce the intensity of infections among those vaccinated. Initially the vaccination process was enough to slow a COVID wave this spring. But the benefits of vaccines decline over time, and booster shots are not yet available to most Americans. The Delta variant also spreads faster, increasing risks for the unvaccinated as well as for many older people vaccinated early in 2021.

Overconfidence in vaccinations may have led to a less urgent response to the Delta variant (versus last year's COVID-19 spread in the US). While the US has avoided 2021 lockdowns, that is not true for the rest of the world. New lockdowns are widespread in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, especially in countries that were slow to vaccinate. International supply chain disruptions could further prolong the pandemic's negative economic impact here and abroad.

Although low-vaccination regions are susceptible to the Delta spread, they also tended to be the most averse to restricting activity during earlier waves. Areas that exercised the most caution early in the pandemic tend to be those now with the highest vaccination rates, which so far has protected many vaccinated people from the most severe symptoms from infection. However, those vaccinated who just get a mild case of the Delta variant are still contagious.

There is very little public appetite for lockdowns. No one in government seems to want them. But, keeping hospitals from being stretched past capacity has again become a priority! So, where are the needed COVID booster shots? Are all hospitals



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

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using Regeneron antibody rapid response teams like Florida? Supposedly more vaccines are available, so our government should be making them more available again. Making vaccines and masks mandatory in critical places could help, especially if vaccine booster shots become available for those of us whose immunity continues declining over time.

Some experts estimate the Delta variant has pushed the vaccination rate needed for herd immunity well past 70%. But, as important as reaching that level of initial vaccination may be, providing booster shots should become an equal priority. It is difficult to imagine companies putting up with another year of capacity limits and sick workers when solutions (updated vaccinations and timely use of therapeutics) are already possible.

The Delta variant is showing no sign of cresting in any US region, but cases in the UK brought on by the spread of Delta mysteriously fell off a cliff after peaking July 21, followed by new UK cases which plateaued in the last week. Experts do not expect the US to show a similar drop-off in cases. While some people hope there could be something about Delta that causes it to burn itself out, later timing of second vaccinations in Britain also apparently benefited immunity. Second shots were apparently given too quickly in the USA (to extend the benefits of being vaccinated as long as they have in the UK). Quick booster shots in the USA could fix that, if our government would make those vaccine boost-

ers available to everyone (and not just for the most vulnerable).

While we can cross our fingers for all favorable outcomes, there's also the possibility a new variant could emerge that is even more contagious or lethal. As we saw last year, there were countless examples (when it comes to COVID) that what happens in one country often has no bearing on what happens in another. The presence and timing of more vaccines could also impact the economic impact of our 2nd wave of COVID.

People are also suddenly worried about business conditions, income, and inflation. Consumer confidence plunged to a 10-year low. Inflation fears are easy to understand, with over 5% consumer inflation and producer prices up 7.8% this year, the biggest 12 month jump ever! Even if inflation fades in the next few months the damage to consumer purchasing power, to consumer sentiment (including people's belief they can comfortably retire), and to state, local, and federal budgets will be substantial and lasting. Americans have not experienced real inflation for decades, long enough that many old enough to remember the 1970's may have forgotten how damaging it can be. This year everyone will be learning about inflation's negative impact firsthand.

Driven by excessive government spending and liquidity creation there has been no evidence that Americans have dramatically changed their economic behavior since the Delta variant spread throughout the country. China's COVID disease is still highly unpredictable, even after 18 months of unprecedented attention by "experts". Health as well as inflationary problems are not going away soon.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

**A few words about disasters:**

"Disaster" is a relative term, usually considered worse when it affects you personally. There are wildfires, the pandemic, the economy, tropical storms, Afghanistan, China, refugees and immigrants, sex-trafficking, and more. Just when we think it couldn't get worse, something else comes along. Living in southern California (the "shake and bake" state of earthquakes and fires), it is critical that you be prepared! Are you ready to evacuate, or to hunker in and live without electricity or running water? (FEMA gov has articles, checklists, and guidelines.) Learn to garden, preserve food, store water, utilize small units of solar power, and protect your home and family. Being prepared does not make you a "prepper" or "survivalist." It does give you more peace of mind.

**Have I missed the opportunity to refinance to get a really low rate?**

No. Rates are incredibly low still. Although the rates are a bit lower on a 15-year mortgage, I recommend getting a 30-year mortgage because it gives you more options. Have your loan professional calculate the payment as though it was a 15-year mortgage. Pay that amount, and have a hassle-free way to lower your payment to the 30-year payment amount if necessary. Some borrowers pay the 15-year payment for 10 months, paying the 30-year amount in April (tax time) and December (Christmas



**Julia Yoder**

time). To find an independent mortgage broker, go to: FindAMortgageBroker.com

**I have group life insurance at work, but the rest of my family has almost no life insurance. I know we cannot afford the expenses if one of us passes on, but I don't think we can afford the premiums. What do you suggest?**

First of all, if you lose your job, what happens to your life insurance coverage? (Call your Human Resources department and find out!) Now, ask yourself if you can maintain your lifestyle, either without that second income, or when you're faced with hiring help to fill the vacancy left by the passing of a family member. Life insurance is an essential part of a sound financial plan that can help provide much-needed security in the event of an untimely death. Mourning family members should not have to beg for donations and do fundraisers to help with funeral costs. Don't forget the children; a child's policy is very inexpensive, and when you

are already grieving such a loss, you really don't want to have the additional financial strain of the funeral costs at the same time. Getting a free quote will let you know whether or not life insurance is affordable for you and your family.

**As a single mom, should I get term life insurance or whole-life life insurance? Besides the cost, how do I figure how much life insurance to get?**

Term life insurance expires at the end of the term selected. Whole-life insurance costs more, but does not expire as long as you continue to pay your premiums. Whole-life insurance, and Indexed-Universal Life insurance, can build up a cash value that you can use during your lifetime. To calculate how much insurance you'll need, estimate how much your heirs will need, over and above other sources of income, to maintain their lifestyle without you. Include childcare, higher education, inflation, etc. Your child(-ren) can be insured by adding a "rider" to your policy.

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# Looking to Retire Early? Ask Yourself These 4 Questions First

The pandemic has changed our lives in numerous ways. As a result of all the upheaval, many people are reassessing their priorities and thinking about early retirement. According to Pew Research, 28 million baby boomers retired in 2020 and a recent study found 39% plan to retire by 65, while 18% said they plan to retire by age 59. Before taking that step, here are four questions to ask yourself.



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1. Can I afford to stop working? Look at your retirement savings, your life expectancy, your projected income and annual expenditures in retirement. You'll want to consider unforeseen circumstances down the line that could be costly, such as the need to reside in a nursing home. Use the free retirement calculator and resources available at fidelity.com to help you make a realistic determination as to whether you can afford to retire now, or whether you need to keep earning your full-time salary for a few more years.

2. Do I need life insurance after retirement? There is no one-size-fits-all answer here. However, those carrying debt into retirement, such as mortgages and personal loans, should consider a life insurance plan. Today, many baby boomers are financially supporting children and grandchildren and have significant debt. According to the National Council on Aging, the median consumer debt for households headed by someone aged 65 or

older is 4.5 times higher now than in 1989. Paying off a mortgage is one of the most common reasons to purchase a life insurance policy. Doing so can help ensure your family is able to enjoy the home they love without the burden of outstanding payments.

"You would do anything to ensure your family has a bright future and having insurance is a simple and affordable way to protect them," says Louis Colazzo, senior vice president of Erie Family Life. "Life insurance can help loved ones maintain the standard of living they are accustomed to."

So, how much would you need to leave behind? Calculate your needs with the life insurance calculator available at erieinsurance.com/life-insurance or contact an independent Erie Insurance agent to discuss options.

3. How will I get health insurance? The current Medicare eligibility age for most people is 65, so if you plan retire be-

fore then, you'll need to find another way to get health insurance. Even after you're covered by Medicare, health care expenses can add up, especially if you're on a fixed retirement income. Some insurance companies, including Erie Insurance, offer Medicare supplemental insurance to help pay the portion of expenses not covered by Medicare.

4. How will I spend my time? Retirement can come with ample newfound free time you may not be accustomed to. While that can sound amazing to those working full-time, the transition can be jarring. Whether it's volunteering, taking up new creative hobbies or traveling, planning now for how you will spend your time is a good idea to stave off boredom.

As you consider when to stop working, first ask yourself these four questions so you can take the appropriate steps to help ensure your retirement reality matches your retirement dreams. (StatePoint)

# Unnecessary Service

I hear the phrase unnecessary service and wonder what that means. We visit the doctor for physicals, we visit the dentist for cleanings, we have our home air-conditioning unit cleaned and checked, a yearly eye exam and of course, the car needs a check-up too.

All of these professionals recommend some kind of service or checks to keep everything working properly. Most shops recommend services on cars that come in to their bays using the guidelines set out by the manufacturers or from the shops' experience of early component failures. Sometimes there are a few recommendations and sometimes there are many service recommendations.

We recommend service to keep your car safe and reliable, just like the dentist tells you

about issues developing with your teeth and gums. We know no one likes to spend hard earned dollars on maintenance services, especially when after these services are performed the car seems to run as usual with no noticeable differences.

I have found there is basically two types of philosophy on maintenance. The people who believe in maintaining and those who believe it's better to wait until it breaks, then fix it. There are at least 30,000 parts on the average new car and over 5,000 of them are moveable parts. All moving parts require a clean source of lubricating oils, coolant or greases along with filters set in place to catch harmful materials. In addition, we have electronic parts that can be affected by poor maintenance habits. The simplest of new cars have more computing

power than the Apollo Moon Lander. In fact, you could get to the moon with just 1/10th the computing power found on the modern car! Today's electronics are so sophisticated that cars may run well even when there are serious failures in progress. The systems have enough authority to mask developing problems. By the time you have a detectable malfunction, one that you can feel or sense, you may have damaged expensive parts. The only outward indication the driver may get is a warning light on the dash.

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# Do You Need Financial Help With Paying Utility Bills?

**ARCADIA** - Do you, or someone you know need financial assistance to stay afloat? Now, more than ever, many are struggling to pay their bills and stay in their homes. The City of Arcadia received a grant for Homeless Prevention and Diversion. The City of Arcadia is partnering with Union Station Homeless Services to initiate and facilitate problem solving conversations with clients in order to identify actions needed to either ensure they

remain in housing or move them quickly into housing.

Union Station will determine the client's eligibility for the program. This program is targeted towards individuals at-risk of becoming homeless or those who are recently homeless. Potential outcomes based on problem solving conversations would include resolving conflicts with roommates, providing short-term rental assistance to prevent eviction, and helping a client reunite with

family members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, and housing application fees, in order to prevent homelessness.

This program is only available for Arcadia residents. For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at Union Station Homeless Services at 626.734.3971, eueurmeier@unionstationhs.org or Sara Somogyi, at the City of Arcadia at 626.821.4369 or ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov.

Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Forgiveness

Rivals... August 22 marked the 56th anniversary of one of sports ugliest events, an event that would change a competitive rivalry into a heated battle that would forever point to the brink of an all-out bar room brawl. It was the summer of 1965, and the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants were in the midst of another pennant race to determine the best in the National League.



Joe Castillo

Each team had some of the greatest players to ever play the game: Willie Mays, Sandy Koufax, Willie McCovey, Don Drysdale, Juan Marichal, Maury Wills. Both teams first started playing against each other in 1890 so 75 years later a competitive rivalry had resulted. But 1965 was different.

In Los Angeles, just 10 days earlier, the Watts Riots had escalated into social unrest which began a series of cultural and political protests. The summer season had brought a heat wave to L.A. which just made matters worst and people more impatient than usual.

In a key match-up, the Dodgers sent Sandy Koufax up against Juan Marichal. The first two games were split but this would be the marquee contest.

set the tone early and pitched inside to the first two batters knocking Maury Wills and Ron Fairly to the ground. In the home half, Koufax sailed a fastball over the head of one of the greatest players of all-time, Willie Mays. These were both subtle signs that something was about to happen.

Control was finally gained by cooler heads and when the dust had settled Willie Mays escorted Roseboro into the Dodger

dugout, Marichal was ejected and after a lengthy delay the Giants defeated the Dodgers 4-3. Marichal was suspended for 9 games and fined \$1,750. Roseboro received 14 stitches and missed the next two games.

When Marichal was eligible for election to the Hall of Fame, the specter of his attack on Roseboro was on the minds of the electors. He failed on his first two attempts to be elected. Roseboro reached out to Marichal who invited him to come down to the Dominican Republic and talk with him.

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Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed Torres

1. For the fiasco of how he led the planning and the execution of the plan for America to "withdraw" from Afghanistan in an organized manner, President Biden ought to resign, immediately...

2. The military generals, beginning with General Milley, should follow the president out-the-door for their utter failures - the nation deserves better than "politicized generals".

3. Then, after President Biden has retired to the dust heap of history, Vice President Kamala Harris, noted military thinker and laugh machine, can assume top leadership and be the first woman president of the United States of America -- hooray, hooray for gender equity.

4. American military men and women who died and were wounded & maimed in the Afghan military excursion-into-futility were led by INCOMPETENT generals who were less military leaders and more politicians in uniform.

5. Cities such as Covina, Baldwin Park, Claremont and La Ver-

ne continually have street improvement projects in progress. Would be nice to revitalize such an eye sore as Amelia Street on the eastern part of Glendora (bisecting the Country Club Golf Course) -- surprising that hardly anyone notices?

6. Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas reportedly has been telling President Biden and the president's advisers that it is extremely detrimental for any country, including America, to maintain an "Open Borders" policy, but has been ignored...

7. Reportedly, as many as 40% of the illegal immigrants entering the country at the southern border are afflicted with the Corona Virus, but nonetheless are disbursed at government expense to cities across the coun-

try, thus, continuing the spread of the virus.

8. In Glendora, at the entrance to the 210 Freeway heading west, just east of Grand Avenue, a homeless encampment has been present for weeks... Few have noticed, apparently -- but Governor Newsom has finally noticed the overall scourge of homeless encampments, but only because there is a recall election under-way to have him removed?

9. It seems many parents in the City of Pasadena and in various other school districts find it easier to pay extra to send their children to private schools, than to insist that those responsible for maintaining safe and effective public educational systems do their jobs.

10. In the recall election to remove or to keep Governor Newsome, remember that as in any election, the most important thing in the voting is not just "to vote", but to study the issues at stake and then vote intelligently...

(for comments email: honnod1@yahoo.com)

Citrus College Trustee Mary Ann Lutz Provides Update to Duarte Groups

DUARTE - The Duarte Kiwanis Club was honored to have Citrus College Trustee, Mary Ann Lutz, provide an update for the community. In addition to the Kiwanis members, there were members from the Duarte Rotary Club as well as folks from Santa Teresita in the Zoom Call.

Citrus has a very successful Dual Enrollment program with both the Duarte Unified School District and the Monrovia Unified School District which allows High School students to earn credits toward their AA simultaneously - so they received college credits as a part of their classes.

Community colleges throughout the state lost an average of 23% of their enrollment during the pandemic -

Citrus' loss was only 12%! Citrus recently completed their first Electric Vehicle Tech class - with 22 graduates - 21 of the students were hired into full time positions by the time they received their certification! If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.

Flock Safety Cameras Installed in West Covina to Fight Crime



These cameras are strategically place around the city.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - In a written statement, the West Covina Police Department announced they will be partnering up with tech-startup Flock Safety to install license plate reading cameras throughout the city.

The cameras will help officers investigate crime by providing objective evidence. This will include license plate numbers and vehicle characteristics. Cameras will not be used to monitor faces or people, according to the written statement.

Other features the cameras will offer include real-time alerts to West Covina Police notifying officers of stolen vehicles or wanted felony suspect vehicles from a state or national crime database that have entered the ju-

isdiction.

The cameras will be used to solve and reduce property and violent crime. They will not be intended for minor traffic or parking violation.

An added note to the statement by the PD... the cameras have been given a lot of support and approval by the community. They are strategically placed around the city to help the community and law enforcement to fight crime and to prevent crime as well. Anyone who attempts to tamper with the cameras will be arrested and charged with a number of charges.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: EMMY AWARDS

- ACROSS
1. \*Emmy Awards attendees or celestial bodies
6. "He \_\_\_ and drank the precious words..."
9. Skier's transport
13. Move like ivy
14. What Alex and Lexington have in common
15. Power glitch
16. White condiment
17. Schiller's "\_\_\_ to Joy"
18. Movie "The \_\_\_ of the Chicago 7"
19. \*"Last Week \_\_\_ with John Oliver"
21. \*"Lovecraft \_\_\_"
23. Excessively
24. Invitation request
25. Part of graduate's ensemble
28. South American indigenous

- DOWN
1. Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
2. Jack, Janet and Chrissy from "Three's Company," e.g.
3. Long time
4. Rekindled
5. Faucet
6. Loads (2 words)
7. \*Jason Sudeikis' role
8. Golden parachute recipients
9. U, on the road
10. One from Great Britain
11. Culture-growing turf
12. Bank on
15. Like an ignoramus
20. \*Hugh Laurie's medical drama, nominated 25 times, that ended in 2012
22. Egg cells
24. Great Britain's anti-mob law
people
30. Lung pouch (2 words)
35. Giannis Antetokounmpo's target
37. Stain on Santa
39. Take exception to
40. Highland tongue
41. Bar, legally
43. Tropical tuber
44. Time on the job
46. Grey tea
47. Make a picture
48. Satellite Navigation System, for short
50. Mr. Eugene Krabs, e.g.
52. X
53. \*Compilation of nominees, e.g.
55. Uh-huh
57. \*"Swingers" actor turned "The Mandalorian" director
(2 words)
25. \*"The Queen's Gambit" game
26. Blood carrier
27. Suggest
29. \*Drag ball culture drama
31. Retired, shortened
32. \*"Get \_\_\_," Outstanding Comedy Series winner in 1968 and 69
33. Saintly glows
34. \*Royalty chronicles, with The
36. Philadelphia's Ivy
38. Millimeter of mercury
42. "Vamos a la \_\_\_"
45. \*What one needs to be nominated
49. Itinerary word
51. Old crone
54. Like Elvis's famous shoes
56. Digression
57. Much ado
58. Against, prefix
59. Violin's Renaissance predecessor
60. One less traveled
61. Os in XOXO
62. \*The Handmaid's "story"
63. \_\_\_ top of \_\_\_
64. Captures
67. \*Allison Janney's show

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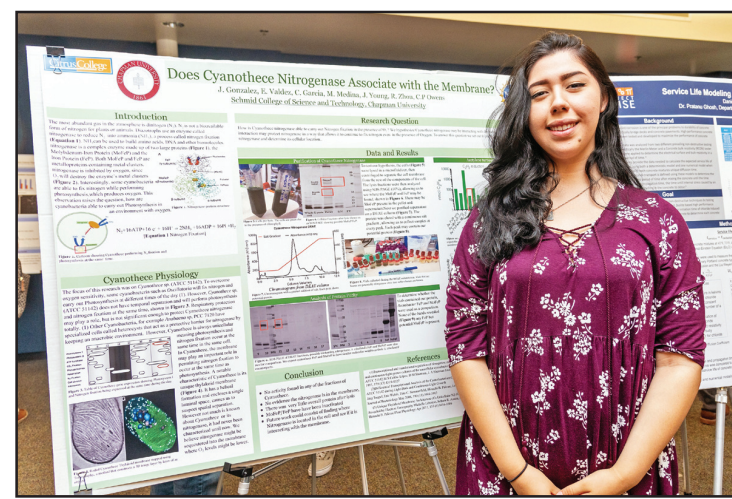
# Shape Your Future at Citrus College with Unique, Challenging Opportunities

By Laura Bollinger  
Citrus College Governing Board Member

One never knows when an opportunity will change their life. Jocelyn Gonzalez, who discovered her career path at Citrus College, can surely attest to this.

Ms. Gonzalez, a Southern California native, received an Associate of Science degree in Biological Sciences last year. She grew up in Pomona and transferred to the Claremont Unified School District before graduating from Claremont High School in 2017. She decided to enroll at Citrus College after her brother encouraged her to pursue her passion for animals and study to become a veterinarian.

As a promising STEM student, Ms. Gonzalez received an opportunity to participate in Bridge to the Geosciences, a three-year



Citrus College alumna Jocelyn Gonzalez presented her research poster in September 2019 when she was still a STEM student in the college's Bridge to the Geosciences program.

project funded by the National Science Foundation. The program was designed for Citrus College STEM students to explore career opportunities and participate in a collaborative project with classmates and col-

leagues. "Being part of Bridge to the Geosciences shows you parts of the science world you might never even consider, almost like a 'behind-the-scenes' look at many different fields of research," Ms. Gonzalez said.

As part of the program, Ms. Gonzalez was able to visit a handful of cutting-edge research and geoscience facilities: the Oak Crest Institute of Science in Monrovia, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, the Center for Dark Energy Biosphere Investigations on Catalina Island and the Colorado-based University Corporation for Atmospheric Research.

"Bridge to the Geosciences helped me not feel so alone, and

it was a great way to start off my first year at Citrus College," she added. The experience prompted her to pick a major, biological sciences, and switch her career aspirations from veterinary medicine to environmental biology.

With a new degree focus, Ms. Gonzalez also worked at the college's STEM Tutoring Center, where she said she had some of her favorite memories.

After graduating in 2020, Ms. Gonzalez transferred to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology with an emphasis in ecology and restoration.

"I found my love for teaching people when I was a Citrus College STEM tutor, and I hope to one day return to Citrus College and become a faculty member," Ms. Gonzalez noted. "I would love to give back to the college that really got me on track to become the person I am today."

As Claremont's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am incredibly proud that this institution provides students with unique life-changing opportunities. I look forward to sharing even more success stories as students continue to pursue the academic and professional goals at Citrus College.

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# Grand Opening of The Terraces at Via Verde, A Memory Care Community

SAN DIMAS - Advocacy Development Partners and Frontier Management celebrated the Grand Opening of The Terraces at Via Verde - A Memory Care Community by hosting a Grand Opening event on August 12th. The new development, located at 1155 Via Verde in San Dimas, is now accepting residents and is licensed as a residential care facility for the elderly.

The event was well attended by members of community as well as medical professionals who came to view the new facility in person while enjoying food, drinks and entertainment. Senior management of Frontier Management and it's local staff enjoyed touring and meeting with prospective resident families and professional referral sources.

The Terraces at Via Verde is specifically designed and staffed to assist those with Alzheimer's and various forms of Dementia. The two neighborhoods within the building provide an adoring home like environment with individualized care and activities. Offering the highest of quality service and hospitality in San Dimas, The Terraces is the first and only memory care focused building not only in San Dimas but also in the surrounding cities.

The community was built on 1.2 scenic acres near Via Verde Park and across the street from retail amenities at the Via Verde Plaza, a Von's anchored neighborhood shopping center. The community features two secure 15,000 square foot neighborhoods with 16 suites. The site includes an internal courtyard, a walking path and a second floor balcony, all affording resident ample outdoor space and activities. There will be a range of living options from private suites, to private rooms with shared restrooms and companion rooms - the aim being to accommodate a range of budgets and various



The Terraces at Via Verde built on 1.2 scenic acres near Via Verde Park.

resident needs. All suites will have walk in showers, nurse call/emergency alarm systems, individual thermostat controls, large windows and 10 foot-high ceilings.

The Community will be operated by Frontier Management, a best in class regional operator with a focus on free standing memory care buildings similar to the Terraces.

"Selecting Frontier Management to operate the building was an easy choice for us... over the past seven years they have successfully opened and operated our free-standing memory care facility in Northern California, and, in the industry, they are widely considered a best in class operator, particularly when it comes to free standing memory care facilities." Said Nick Kavayiotidis, a partner with Advocacy Development Partners.

The ample common areas and amenities coupled with Montessori programs and activities will provide a welcoming and socially interactive setting for residents and their visitors.

Greg Roderick, Frontier Management's President and CEO, stated, "high staff to resident ratios, our SPARK life enrichment programming based upon the Montessori-Inspired methods and exceptional restaurant dining will be among the Frontier signature features at the

Terraces. We'll be offering all the comforts of a home in a secure, memory care focused environment." As for the location in San Dimas, Mr. Roderick added, "We know there is a lot of unmet demand for memory care services in this Community - so we anticipate a lot of interest, but we also want to provide a higher level of quality care and accommodations than currently exists."

To meet the diverse demands of seniors with cognitive impairment, the community provides:

- Gourmet meals served in a restaurant-style dining room
- On and off-site recreational and social activities
- Activity rooms with scheduled social events, games and Montessori based programs including arts and crafts
- An onsite salon and day spa
- A secure sensory garden, walking path, interior courtyard and a second floor terrace overlooking the courtyard
- Transportation to activities and medical appointments with a



Nick Kavayiotidis, Advocacy Development Partners, Vicky Torres, Executive Director, The Terraces at Via Verde, Deborah Higgins, Assistant Executive Director, The Terraces at Via Verde

community van and car. In addition, care options will be customized to the needs of each resident and will include medication management, house-keeping, health monitoring and assessments, grooming assistance, dietary guidance, and coordination of onsite medical ap-

pointments. For more information about The Terraces at Via Verde please visit their website at [www.terracesviaverde.com](http://www.terracesviaverde.com) or (909) 293-6466. Follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheTerracesatViaVerde](https://www.facebook.com/TheTerracesatViaVerde).

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AZUSA - Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise in Southern California. The Azusa Police Department has partnered with Jiffy Lube to combat these thefts by providing FREE catalytic converter etching to Azusa residents. The license plate of your vehicle will be permanently etched on your catalytic converter to deter thefts and help investigators to recover your catalytic converter in the event that a theft occurs.

Space in this event is limited, sign up early to reserve your spot. Registration is required. This event is limited to Azusa residents. Multiple vehicles per family are welcome, however each vehicle must be registered to participate.

The event will take place on September 11th, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Jiffy Lube 808 E Alosta Ave, Azusa, CA 91702.

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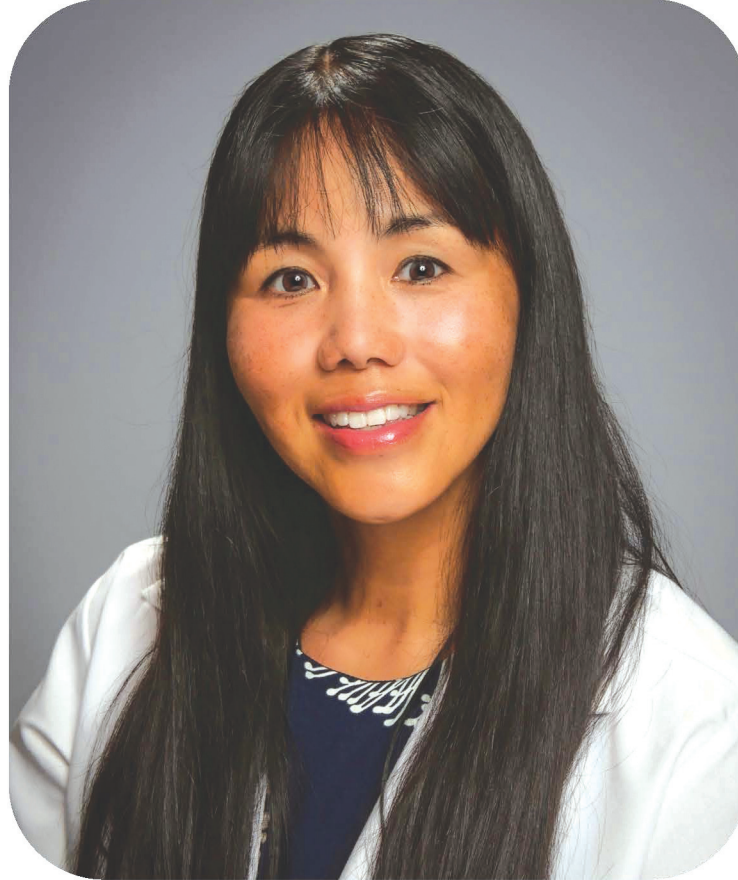
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