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West Covina's Finest Citizens Come Forward

WEST COVINA - Sixty years ago in 1960, West Covina began naming a "Citizen of the Year". The first was Judge William M. Martin who was a local attorney and very much involved with the Chamber of Commerce, service clubs, and making West Covina the "Headquarters City of the San Gabriel Valley". Since the initiation of the Honor, there have been about 55 "Citizens of the Year". In a few years no one received the Honor such as 2020 when Covid-19 eliminated civic events. The Honor is determined by a three-judge panel who separately and blindly score each nominee who are nominated by a community service organization. Nominees may only get credit for volunteer, not employee, activities and the longstanding scoring system gives points for past activities, recent activities, and enduring contributions to West Covina.

The 2021 nominees are to be congratulated! The nominees are Carole Mullner (West Covina Women's Club), Drexel L. Smith (West Covina Rotary), Jefferey Zhu (West Covina Kiwanis Club), Shirley Buchanan - (West Covina Improvement Association) (Posthumously)

2021 Historical Preservation Award

This award goes to an individual or organization who has made an enduring, permanent mark and contribution to the development and maintenance of West Covina's history, traditions, and culture. This award has been given yearly for the past thirteen years by The Historical Society of West Covina Board of Directors. This year's award is being given posthumously to Audrey Lynberg.

The Historic Preservation Award goes to an individual or organization who has made a lasting impact on West Covina. Audrey came to West Covina in the early 1960's and died on August 24, 2020, at the age of 91. In her sixty years of residency in West Covina, she participated in many activities that are evident today. She served on the Los Angeles Grand Jury for many years and developed a training program for new jurors. As president of the YWCA, she helped develop the Wings Shelter Program and raised funds for the San Gabriel Valley Domestic Violence Program. Audrey was incessantly involved in West Covina civic and political issues. She served her church, Chamber of Commerce, and Hospital Founda-



Carole Mullner
West Covina Women's Club



Drexel L. Smith - West Covina Rotary



Jefferey Zhu
West Covina Kiwanis Club



Shirley Buchanan
West Covina Improvement Association (Posthumously)



Audrey Lynberg (Posthumously)

tion. She was Citizen of the Year in 2004. Her picture will hang on the "Wall of Fame" in West Covina's History Hall, adjacent to the West Covina Historical Museum.

Honor And Recognition Night "Summer Fest 2021"

This year the West Covina Historical Society and its co-sponsor, the Tennant Foundation, give the "Citizen of the Year" and "Historic Preservation Award" at Summer Fest. Those wishing to attend - all West Covina citizens and supporters are invited - should immediately call for reservations.

Summer Fest will be held on August 14, 2021 at Hamilton's Steakhouse (Vanilee Hotel),

1211 E. Garvey Street, Covina. Socials at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Reservations are \$40.00 per person - business attire. Dead-

line is August 6th. Checks are payable to The Historical Society of West Covina. Questions can be directed to 626-664-3050 or 626-716-2689.

Barger Announces Completion Of Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal Restoration Project Ahead Of Schedule

Habitat improvement and ongoing maintenance program to continue

PASADENA — A planned four-year effort to remove 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment from Devil's Gate Reservoir will conclude in mid-August, more than a year ahead of schedule, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced today.

"The County's goal of restoring flood protection to communities downstream of Devil's Gate Dam has been achieved with a level of robust community engagement that makes the project a model of collaboration, safety, sustainability and innovation," Supervisor Barger said.

Devil's Gate Dam was built in 1920 by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to provide flood protection to communities in the lower Arroyo Seco watershed. The 2009 Station Fire burned more than 160,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains, and subsequent storms brought in more than a million cubic yards of sediment into Devil's Gate Reservoir.

"On behalf of the residents of Pasadena, particularly those who live in and around Hahahomgna, I'd like to thank our County partners for completing this project nearly one year ahead of schedule," said Pasadena Mayor Victor M. Gordo.

The Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project began in December 2018. Managed by Los Angeles County Public Works, the project's sediment removal operations began months later in May 2019 with the goal of removing the equivalent of three Rose Bowls full of sediment that had accumulated behind the dam. The project was designed to restore the facility's



Supervisor Barger and Public Works Director Mark Pestrella at Devil's Gate

flood control capacity while establishing a permanent maintenance area surrounded by 70 acres of native habitat and various recreational opportunities.

"First, I want to thank all the neighbors and neighborhood groups that worked to ensure the project was being done as mindfully as it possibly could to minimize impacts on the native wildlife and the nearby residents," said Pasadena District 1 Councilmember Tyron Hampton. "I'd also like to express my gratitude to Supervisor Barger who diligently worked on the concerns that were raised to get us to the point we are today. The project is not yet complete, but I'm excited that the Big Dig is behind us. The next phase of the project involves native plant restoration, and I look forward to once again working with the Supervisor and the neighbors. I am very grateful to everyone for their continued engagement," he continued.

"There was remarkable collaboration between the County, local residents, community

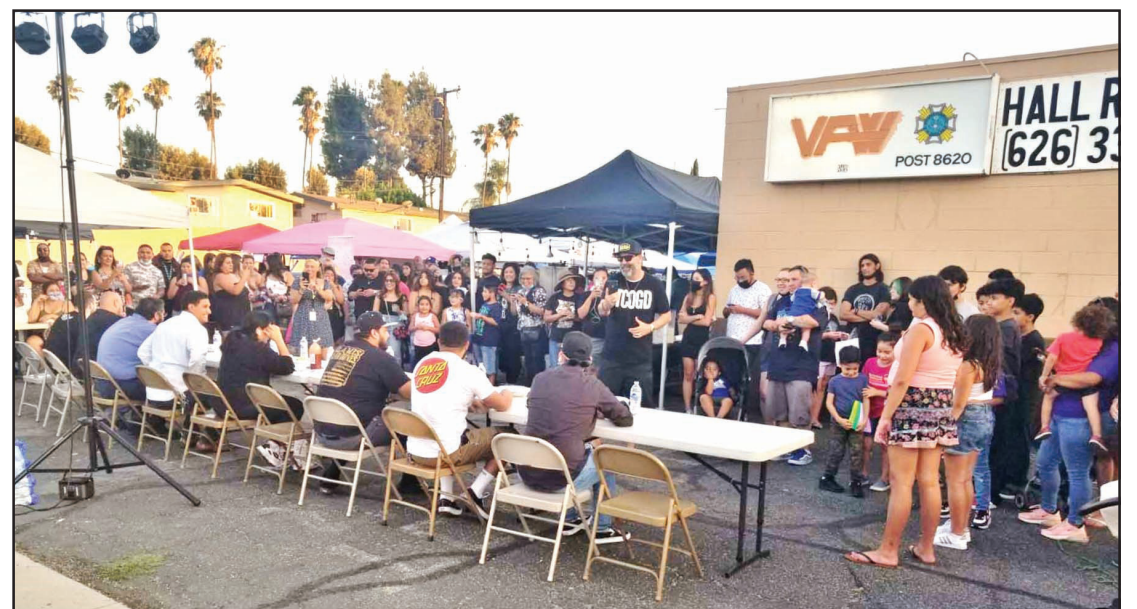
groups and regulatory agencies," said Mark Pestrella, director of Los Angeles County Public Works.

"Working with the community, we envisioned a facility that would provide multiple benefits for generations. Once sediment removal operations are completed, the County will continue its habitat restoration efforts to achieve a richly-diverse and sustainable reservoir," Pestrella said.

"Thanks are due to my Community Advisory Committee, all our stakeholders, and the residents throughout Altadena, La Cañada and Pasadena for their patience and support during this project. The fact that the sediment removal is finishing early is a testament to what can be accomplished by working together," Supervisor Barger said.

Crews will perform construction finishing activity within the reservoir through November of this year. The habitat enhancement component of the project will continue.

Taco Critic TCOGD Shows Up at West Covina Pop-Up Taco Eating Contest



TCOGD (center) shows up at the "Taco Eating Contest" as the contestants get ready.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - At the West Covina Veterans of Foreign Wars there was a "Taco Eating Contest" hosted by "@covyd_tacos" at the July 31st Vita Bonita Vendor Mart Pop-Up event. Also, special guest for the event was TCOGD (Taco God) who is a Professional Taco Critic who can be found on Facebook and @TCOGD on Instagram. He has a Pod Cast that is followed by his fans.

The event had a number of vendors with all kinds of food, crafts and products.

The highlight of the event was the taco eating contest. There were 8 contestants that had a chance to win \$200 simply by eating tacos. The catch is, they were given 25 tacos and they had to try and eat all 25 in only five minutes. The winner would be who ate the most tacos in that 5 minutes.

A rather large crowd was on hand to watch the contestants, 7 guys and 1 girl who would inhale the tacos. TCOGD started off the event and did a video during the eating contest.

During the contest and while they were eating, the Commander of the VFW Post announced that all bathrooms were now "out of order" which brought some laughter from the crowd,



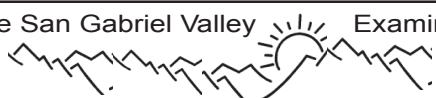
Andrew Reyes wins by eating over 15 large tacos in 5 minutes.

but that did not faze the contestants.

When all was done, the winner was Andrew Reyes who won by eating over 15 large tacos. The young lady came in a close second. Reyes won \$200 and when asked if he wanted to buy some more tacos with his win-

nings, he said "no".

This was a fun event for the community and vendors. Many of the vendors are showcasing their products and business which sadly were shut down by the government mandates. This is helping them to get their lives back together again.



Bill Patterson Named Official Artist of 46th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Prolific motorsports artist Bill Patterson has been named the Official Artist for the 46th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, Sept. 24-26.

Patterson, a resident of Bulverde, Tex. who became hooked on motorsports when he saw his first race in Argentina at the age of 13, has also been the Official Artist of WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca since 2004.

For the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, Patterson's colorful artwork illustrating an Indy car and IMSA DPi car racing on Long Beach's world-famous front straightaway will serve as the official souvenir race poster. It will also appear on the covers of the race's digital Fan Guide and Race Program, as well as official t-shirts.

"I am so delighted to be the artist for the 2021 Acura Grand Prix!" said Patterson. "To be included in the historical record of this iconic event is an honor and I love the finished image. I can't wait to be back in Long Beach this year and absorb the sights and sounds – and turn that inspiration into a series of Live Art paintings."

Drawn to downhill skiing at an early age in his native Wyoming, Patterson, who attended his first Grand Prix of Long Beach in 1988, immediately recognized in auto racing the same "edge" he knew from skiing. He describes it as the edge of precision, calculated speed and technical limits with infinite exhilaration.

Patterson is regularly commissioned by private clients for parties as well as corporate clients, such as Honda, Firestone, IBM, FedEx, Microsoft and Lamborghini, to perform "live art." The 2021 Acura Grand Prix will also feature Patterson's live art, as he will create original paintings in various locations



throughout the racetrack during the weekend, including in his booth in Vendor Row outside the Convention Center. He will also be available at select times during the weekend to sign fans' 2021 souvenir posters.

For additional information on Bill Patterson's live art and expressive work, visit BillPattersonArt.com and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @billpattart.

The 46th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach will feature the NTT INDYCAR® SERIES, IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Trucks, Super Drift Challenge, and, new for 2021, Historic Formula Atlantic Challenge and Global Time Attack.

Ticket prices range from \$34 for a Friday General Admission

ticket to \$155 for a three-day ticket that includes Saturday and Sunday reserved seating in grandstand upper levels. Pre-paid parking packages are also available, along with handicapped seating, NTT INDYCAR SERIES Paddock access passes (\$65 for three days or \$27 per individual day), Super Photo tickets and an array of VIP Club packages.

Fans can select and pay for their 2021 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach seats, parking and paddock passes online at gplb.com. Ticket orders can also be placed by calling the toll-free ticket hotline, (888) 827-7333.

Fans can also follow the Acura Grand Prix on Facebook at [GrandPrixLB](https://www.facebook.com/GrandPrixLB), Twitter @GPLongBeach and Instagram at [GPLongBeach](https://www.instagram.com/GPLongBeach).

Americans Ready To Vacation With A Vengeance To Make Up For Lost Time

One of the many long-lasting effects of the pandemic is a shift in the work-life balance. According to a survey by a world leader in travel deals, after a long year of sheltering at home, 92% of Americans plan to travel in 2021—and they don't plan to hold back.

Shoulda, Woulda, Coulda: Americans Reflect on Missed Experiences

Americans traveled less in 2020, and they have been feeling the loss in more ways than one:

- Seventy-one percent of Americans didn't travel at all or traveled less in 2020 than in a typical year.

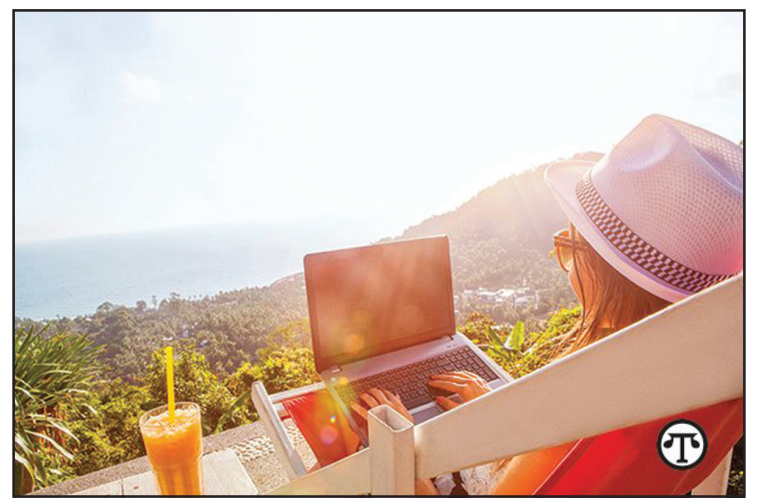
- Only 1 in 5 used all of their paid timeoff (PTO) in 2020, 19 percent because their company was too busy for them to be away and 29 percent because they wanted to save their time in case they or a loved one got sick.

- More than half regret not taking more time off in 2020. They feel they "wasted" their newfound flexibility and regret not working from different places.

"We've all felt the very real burnout that happens when we don't take the time to recharge and that's exactly why travel is so important," explains Liz Dente, @Priceline Chief People Officer. "Traveling is invigorating—it offers a respite from the daily grind, allowing us to disconnect and look at things with fresh eyes."

A Lesson Learned: The Power of PTO

Many Americans have a renewed appreciation for how beneficial PTO can be. "Taking time off is important for both employees and companies. Employees who use their PTO



If you're like most Americans, you missed taking a vacation last year—and really want to take one in 2021.

are happier, healthier, and more productive," adds Dente.

- Most associate positive feelings with taking time off from work, saying it makes them feel relaxed, happy, and excited.

- Most people, especially parents, say their mental health (78% of parents, 53% of non-parents) and physical health (73% of parents, 48% of non-parents) would have benefited from taking a break.

- Two-thirds of those with a fixed number of PTO days plan on using more vacation and personal days in 2021 than in any other year—ever.

- Meanwhile, an overwhelming majority (82%) say they're likely to use their remaining 2021 vacation days before the end of the year, and one in six (16%) plan to use all their days off for one vacation.

So how are Americans traveling and where are they going?

- Sixty-two percent of those with limited PTO will be vacationing in a place they've never been before.

- Sixty-one percent of those with limited PTO will take a trip based on a personal pas-

sion.

- One in three will embark on a road trip.

- Thirty-two percent plan to visit family or friends because the pandemic made them realize how important those moments are.

- More than half plan to tackle destinations on their bucket lists.

Money Still Matters

As they plan these trips, however, saving money is more important than ever, with 74% agreeing that travel deals are important.

For many, Priceline is the best way for travelers to book the trip they want at prices they can afford. Offering up to 60% off hotel stays as well as incredible deals on flights and car rentals, the company saves consumers over a billion dollars a year, so they never have to miss the moments that matter. To help Americans recharge and take advantage of their PTO, Priceline offers exclusive coupons and big deals on hotels, car rentals, and flights for 2021.

For further facts and to see what deals are available, visit www.priceline.com. (NAPSI)



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Vaccines Continue to Provide Powerful Protection Against the Delta Variant

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Over the last few weeks, case rates have risen precipitously among unvaccinated people. In June, 80% of all new cases were among those not vaccinated. While cases are also rising among vaccinated people, this increase is smaller and slower than it is in unvaccinated people. Between May 1 and July 17 of this year, our county had 3,167 hospitalized COVID cases: 92% were among unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals, and 8%, were among those fully vaccinated. These trends contribute the certainty that the vaccines are working as intended: although vaccinated people are seeing a rise in new COVID diagnoses, they are primarily experiencing their infections not as severe illnesses that bring them to the emergency room, but as bad colds. As the data shows, unvaccinated people simply cannot have the same level of confidence that an infection with this virus will lead to mild illness.

Specimens sequenced by several labs serving Southern Cali-

fornia, including the L.A. County Public Health lab show the Delta variant is on the rise. Sequences collected between July 18 and 24 show that the Delta variant was isolated in 96% of the 675 specimens sequenced that week. This is consistent with the rise of Delta nationwide and CDC estimates. Given nearly 4 million residents in L.A. County are not yet vaccinated, risk of increased spread of this variant within our County remains extremely high. This now-predominant strain is more efficiently transmitted between people, likely due to its faster replication, higher viral load, and greater affinity for lower respiratory tract cells compared with earlier COVID strains.

With high rates of transmission in the county, Public Health remains focused on mitigation strategies to reduce the spread of the virus. The most powerful tool we have for lowering viral transmission remains vaccinations. There is ample data and science that prove the vaccines are both safe and effective at preventing serious illness and death.

"For all of those in our County who have lost a loved one to COVID-19, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Vaccinations are critically important to reducing the impact of rising infection on our residents. The science on this variant shows that it is different from earlier variants of COVID: it replicates faster and more efficiently in respiratory tract cells, which means that infected people may now spread up to 1,000 times more virus particles with every cough, sneeze, or shout than they did a year ago. They may also spread the virus efficiently 2 days earlier in their

illness course than did people who were infected a year ago. A more infectious variant indicates infected people have more opportunities to transmit the virus and can do so more efficiently before they realize they were even exposed. And while vaccinated people are extremely unlikely to get severely ill from COVID, there is a small risk of getting infected, and transmitting the virus. This is why we are asking everyone to wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status."

Increased circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant is leading to case increases across all racial and ethnic groups. In keeping with recent trends, over the month preceding July 17, all groups saw an increase in cases, with the highest case rate observed among Black residents, whose case rate rose from 43 cases per 100,000 people to 181 cases per 100,000 people, an increase of 320%. There were also significant increases in case rates for all groups, with increases of 182% in Latinx residents, 361% in White residents, and 371% in Asian residents. The more recent case incidence rate in Black residents is more than twice that in White residents, and also important to note that now White residents, who have traditionally experienced lower case rates than Latinx and Black residents, are the group with the next highest case rate.

Over the same interval, hospitalization rates have been trending upward by 35 to 90% in Black, Latinx, and Asian residents, and we have seen deaths begin to trend upward among Black, Latinx, White and Asian residents by 71%.

COVID-19 Cases Increasing Among Persons Experiencing Homelessness

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Public Health identified 1,297,032 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,676 deaths. There are 991 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 20% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for over 7,307,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive.

In parallel with the overall trend in L.A. County, the number of COVID-19 cases among people experiencing homelessness has increased significantly over the past few weeks. This week (for the period July 19-25), there were 111 new cases reported among people experiencing homelessness, an increase of 21% compared to last week, which had 92 reported cases of COVID-19. To date, 7,588 people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County tested positive for COVID-19 and 216 people who were experiencing homelessness passed away from COVID-19. Of the people experiencing homelessness who passed away, 99 were sheltered, 71 were unsheltered, and for 46 people who passed away, their shelter status was unknown.

There are 1,066 providers administering vaccinations to people experiencing homelessness; together they have administered over 45,950 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to people experiencing homelessness across Los Ange-

les County. Of the vaccinated people experiencing homelessness, 20,188 are fully vaccinated.

The County continues to work closely with partner organizations to vaccinate and protect people experiencing homelessness from COVID-19 infection. Coordination of vaccination work continues across sectors that might have some overlap with PEH, including faith-based organizations, DPH's mobile teams targeting high morbidity areas, transportation hubs, etc. Approximately 129 events have been scheduled for this week through various partners, including Housing for Health (HFH). These events will take place at a variety of venues including food banks, shelters, public libraries, clinics, and others.

"I send my heartfelt condolences to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Given the high rate of community transmission in our county, our vaccination efforts remain critically important to reducing the impact of rising infection on our residents, including people experiencing homelessness who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. If you already had COVID-19 and recovered, you should still get vaccinated. There are severe health risks associated with COVID and reinfection is possible, particu-

larly from variants of the virus. And if you haven't received your second shot of a two-dose vaccine, you aren't getting maximum protection against COVID-19. All of the emerging data on the Delta variant indicates that the vaccines do not provide significant protection unless you have received both doses, so please go get your second dose this weekend."

As of July 25th, nearly 11 million doses have been administered to residents 12 years and older, including more than 6 million first doses and nearly 4.9 million second doses. More than 6.1 million L.A. County residents have received one dose, and nearly 5.4 million are fully vaccinated. 90% of County residents 65 years and over have been vaccinated, 71% of residents 16 years and over, and 70% of residents 12 years and over. We have vaccinated 50% of LA County teens between the ages of 12 and 17 years, and out of all 10.3 million LA County residents, including those who are not yet eligible for the vaccine, 60% have received at least one dose, and 52% are fully vaccinated.

For the second week in a row, there was an uptick in first dose recipients after weeks of steadily declining weekly vaccination numbers: between July 19 and 25, we administered 69,558 doses across the entire County network, an increase of about 7,500 from the previous week.

Mattress Recycling Council's California Program Celebrates Five Years Of Growth

SACRAMENTO - The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) continues to lead the way in product stewardship in California. The organization's 2020 Annual Report, recently submitted to state officials, shows that despite the disruptions and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, MRC continued to strengthen its California mattress recycling program known as Bye Bye Mattress, worked with local and state leaders to address illegal dumping and took steps to encourage manufacturers to reduce the environmental impact of their processes and products.

In 2020, MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program recycled more than 1.5 million mattresses and diverted over 64.8 million pounds of material from landfills. The program's recycling rate - the highest in the program's history and an improvement of more than 6 percentage points from the previous year. MRC actively invests in research projects to identify new end markets and create program efficiencies to drive incremental improvements in the recycling rate.

"MRC was created to efficiently divert mattresses from landfills by developing a comprehensive and diverse collection network that is available and accessible to all Californians," said Mike O'Donnell, MRC's Managing Director.

"This is especially important in communities that experience higher instances of illegal mattress dumping."

MRC continued to exceed program accessibility goals by adding more collection sites and bulky item collection programs to the Bye Bye Mattress network. In 2020, MRC focused on adding collection opportunities to rural counties, communities experiencing high per capita rates of illegal dumping and underserved areas. Overall, 98.6% of Californians have access to MRC's no-cost collection sites or events, up from 94.8% in 2019. Additionally, mattress retailers provide no-cost take back of an old mattress to any consumer that has a new mattress delivered anywhere in the state.

MRC continues its commitment to finding solutions that reduce illegal dumping of mattresses. In addition to dedicating over \$1 million to its statewide data collection effort known as the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative, MRC provided more than \$200,000 in funding for prevention and mitigation projects in three especially hard-hit areas.

"While yearly analysis of our Initiative and collection network data is showing that communities with collection sites and events are experiencing less illegal mattress dumping, we also know it takes an integrated ap-

proach that includes enforcement and education to mitigate and prevent this behavior," said O'Donnell. "We are active in local and state illegal dumping task forces and offer consumer education resources to change behaviors that lead to illegal dumping."

In addition to taking responsibility for keeping old mattresses out of landfills and abandoned ones from adding to the nuisance of blight, MRC is joining other mattress recycling organizations from around the world to improve mattress recycling efforts across the value chain. MRC initiatives such as the Sleep Products Sustainability Program encourage manufacturers to reduce the environmental impact of their processes and other efforts launching this year will help facilitate information sharing between the mattress industry and recyclers.

"We are proud of the success of the California mattress recycling program and our statistics prove our dedication to making California greener and cleaner," said O'Donnell.

Since the program started in California in 2016, more than 7 million mattresses have been recycled in the state and more than 230 million pounds of materials have been kept out of landfills. Learn more at mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/programs/california.

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Democrat SB 9, SB 10 Hijacks Local Zoning Ordinance

SB 9 and SB 10 are part of the California Senate Majority Caucus Housing Package of eleven bills to "...empower homeowners who want to help solve the crisis, provide more land-use tools and flexibility to meet the needs of local governments and community partners, and streamline procedural hurdles," the Democrat Caucus writes introducing their "Building Opportunities for All."

The needs of local government are assigned to them through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) who provide a fair-share number of housing units through Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) as mandated by State Housing Law with a key component supporting regional transportation corridors. When cities don't meet their assigned housing unit numbers, they may be encouraged to take more progressive approaches or lose state-funded components of their budgets. The eleven bills address issues contributing to the lack of California housing.

SB 9, authored by Senate Democrats Toni G. Atkins (San Diego) Anna Caballero (Salinas) Scott Wiener (San Francisco) and Susan Rubio (Baldwin Park) would allow a developer to come in and buy the house next door to you and build a 6-unit housing project with no yards or garages and no public hearings.

The Senate analysis of SB 9, if passed, could result in four homes on one lot where one house currently exists and no environmental review. The transition would occur by subdividing the parcel into two lots allowing the single-family home to be converted to a duplex and allowing the second parcel to build another duplex unit. The University of California, Berkeley, Turner Center for Housing Innovation said SB 9 has the potential to create 6 million new housing units; and, if only 5% of all parcels are developed using this maneuver, the result would be 600,000 new homes.

In 2017, Zillow reported in



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora the L.A. region if one in every five single-family residential lots were allowed two homes, the housing numbers would rise to 775,000 units. Allowing four homes on 20% of those single-family parcels, would generate more than 2.3 million units or a 53.4% increase in housing stock when combined with projected housing units to be built.

A 2016 McKinsey report determined California has the capacity to build between 341,000 and 793,000 new units by adding an unidentified number of units to existing single-family homes.

Our area cities feel strongly about preserving historic districts and structures due to their architectural and cultural importance in maintaining the fabric of the communities and providing an educational forum for our youth. The SB 9 Senate staff report says, "... an historic district exemption, does not require an historic district to be on a federal or state historic registry. Instead, a city can designate a zone as historic without the typical rigorous historic designation process required for an historic district to be placed on a federal or state registry." Without that federal designation to protect that historic area or structures, prohibiting development of multi-unit projects could lead to fair housing challenges as has happened in San Francisco, L.A. and San Jose.

2020's SB 50, Wiener (San Francisco) the same author of SB 9, then plainly provided an historic district or structure should be placed on the national, state

or local historic registrar to protect those designations from fair housing challenges.

SB 10, again, Wiener (San Francisco) and same Democrat members supporting "Building Opportunities for All" allows city councils to override local zoning, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and voter-approved land protections, to erect 14-unit buildings almost everywhere.

The Senate staff analysis on SB 9 and SB 10 have changed from analyzing to providing reports to justify these two bills and support local governing and review bodies to overturn their own municipal codes and zoning ordinances and contradict existing city general plans. To achieve higher density housing, SB 10 "...authorizes local government to pass an ordinance for the construction of housing up to 10 units in "transit-rich areas" (bus routes, light rail) ... this ordinance would override any restrictive local zoning ordinances that limit the ability to adopt [those] zoning ordinances." In other words, SB 10 overrides local zoning ordinances but requires cities to:

- Declare the zoning is adopted pursuant to SB 10;
- Find the increased density is consistent with the city's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

Like legislation for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) eliminates the CEQA requirement. This is Wiener's continual effort in successive bills, all rejected, to override local zoning ordinances with high density units hoping to subsidize transit projects and Democrats green energy policies.

A disclaimer issued: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the unprecedented nature of the 2021 Legislative Session, all Senate Policy Committees are working under a compressed timeline. This timeline does not allow this bill to be referred and heard by more than two committees.

"TIME JOCKEY" - More Death Valley!

By Joe Castillo

Jayhawkers II... The ill-fated travels of the Jayhawker party through Death Valley were one of the many travails that were encountered during the Gold Rush years but with the "Dream of California Gold" spreading throughout the country all sorts of stories emerged. The "Jayhawker Papers" are a collection of diaries, records and manuals written by members of the party which have been preserved and retained since 1849 at the Huntington Library Research Center in San Marino. The papers serve as a record of one of the most challenging and difficult trips westward to the goldfields of California but they also serve as a historical record of what was happening in the state of California and those who wanted to be a part of it.

One example is the Mormon Church of Latter-Day Saints. Already established in Utah and Salt Lake, the Mormons were seeking to expand their smaller establishment in Las Vegas, a larger group in San Bernardino but also grow in San Diego and San Francisco. In order to expand into these areas, stories circulated that the Mormons may have suggested that the Jayhawkers try to locate a short-cut route to Southern California in order for quicker travel to the main Mormon establishment in Salt Lake. Another story involves Chief Walkara, the Ute chief who was also known as a horse thief. One of his celebrated raids was

a theft of 200 horses from a Spanish rancho in San Luis Obispo. Chief Walkara was the person who drew the short-cut route in the sand but Captain O.K. Smith was the person who actually added the quicker route to a Fremont map of the area. Unfortunately, Captain Smith's interpretation was not where Chief Walkara had said the short-cut should be taken and certainly it was not intended to go through the heart of Death Valley.

Traveling west brought many challenges but the most critical was trying to locate sources of water. The Old Spanish Trail had charted water locations but hostile Native Americans were protective of those water sources and the trail was not always a safe one to travel. But venturing off the trail meant one could suffer the worst fate possible. One of the notable water springs was Las Vegas, Spanish for "the meadows" where a grassy meadow surrounded a large water spring which provided westward travelers with much needed relief from the hot desert environment. Many places are named after what happened at those locations and what the location is known for. In the case of Death Valley, there are names of locations which have their own history. The location of Burnt Wagons was where the Jayhawkers abandoned their wagons as the trail became too tough for them to continue and the travelers had to continue on foot. Furnace Creek and

Stovepipe Wells were water sources which often produced above average water temperatures; at Jayhawker Canyon, is where two members of the Jayhawkers tried to find a safe way out of the valley floor; Towne Pass was named for one of the wagon captains; Horse Bones Camp, Emigrant Canyon, Emigrant Springs and Indian Springs are all names which are pretty self-explanatory.

One of the closing stories of the Death Valley tragedy, was that when the outcome looked bleakest and each traveler was barely able to walk on their own, one Jayhawker who was carrying \$2,000 in gold coin offered anyone half of it to carry it out for him. No one took him up on the offer and it was buried in the Death Valley and would be worth more than \$80,000 today. And finally, the last Jayhawker was Lorenzo Dow Stephens who died in 1921 at the age of 93. Regular reunions had been held since 1855 but Stephen's death ended one of the most daring and challenging adventures any of the argonauts had to endure. The California Gold Rush drew people from all over the world who were willing to overcome all obstacles to reach their goal of reaching the Golden State....

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Does George Gascón Have Culpability for Deaths Caused by His Policy? Should He Be Prosecuted for these Deaths?

Should George Gascón be arrested and prosecuted for the deaths of victims who were killed by those released and/or not prosecuted by the policies he initiated? Many loved ones of Los Angeles County crime victims are blasting District Attorney George Gascón's move to lessen charges filed against those accused of violent crimes or simply not moving forward with the charges filed against the dangerous criminals.

There have been many cases that these violent criminals have got out of jail because of the no jail policy. One example was a man was released after trying to kill his girlfriend only to have him go back and finish the job. Family feels George Gascón is directly responsible for her death.

When George Gascón took office, he issued a special directive that effectively ends cash bail, the death penalty and sentencing enhancements in L.A. County prosecutions. This directive was a blanket requirement that released violent offenders back onto the street where many committed more crimes.

According to prosecutors, his policy is to release criminals that are dangerous to everyone. Also, attorney Samuel Dordulian, who is representing several families of crime victims stated, "his



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

whole goal is to release all these criminals out there in the streets, and somehow they're magically going to behave. And that simply isn't going to happen."

In one case, a baby sitter is accused of beating a 6-month-old girl with a blunt object, shattering the baby's skull and causing severe brain damage. The girl, now 3-years-old, is blind and forced to eat through a feeding tube. Dordulian says under Gascón's new directives, the baby sitter can no longer be charged with a great bodily injury enhancement which could have sent the woman to prison for up to 10 years.

"Once the great bodily injury allegation is stricken, that person qualifies for probation, and they will be getting probation," Dordulian said. "That means they get to go out and walk amongst the streets and potentially harm another child."

In another case, a man is ac-

cused of shooting his girlfriend, 20-year-old Sharlene Conde, eight times in the face. Dordulian says the deputy district attorney handling the case fears Gascon's directives will require her to reduce the charge from first degree murder to voluntary manslaughter, potentially leading to probation for the man.

Dordulian appears to be actively recruiting new clients, and his salacious application of the law leaves little doubt as to why.

Some of the roughly 800 deputy district attorneys who work for Gascón say prosecutors are being reprimanded just for noting in court records that they don't agree with some of the directives. This can be understandable as they don't want to be held liable for being an accomplice when the suspects are released and commit more violent crimes.

Many feel that without question he has become an accomplice to the crimes his release criminals have committed when they get out. Many want him prosecuted for his crimes but that is going to be impossible in this state because of the Democrats rule. Many are looking to a possible federal investigation.

According to many, "Gascón has blood on his hands and is going to get away with murder."

"That's just the way it is!"

There's More to Death Than Covid-19

By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

Breathless headlines featuring "the Virus" are beginning to fade into a chronic undercurrent of fear thy neighbor for he might be bearing the gift of Covid. What you won't see in the headlines are stories about a more pervasive and ultimately more lethal virus: a growing disregard for others and devaluation of life. Rampant homicides are disheartening enough, but more shocking is the shifting morality in medicine.

News headlines gave the impression that the newly instituted Covid rules were designed to save lives, yet we soon learned the lockdowns, masking, school closures did more harm than good. Meanwhile-in plain sight-government-sanctioned sacrifice of the elderly was taking place. In 5 "progressive" states, Covid-positive patients were discharged from hospital isolation units and returned to their nursing homes where they comingled with uninfected residents. Of course, many more residents became ill. It didn't make the headlines that half of Covid deaths were in nursing homes and 80 percent of deaths were in those over 65. This might have encouraged more policies that protected our elders and allowed the younger folks to carry on with their lives.

To date, the news has not reported any apologies to the families of the victims of government and medical incompetence. In 2020, many hospitals in the United States considered guidelines that would allow doctors to withhold CPR from Covid patients, ignoring the patient's wishes. Our neighbor to the north, Quebec had actually issued such an order lasting from April to September 2020. Bless the paramedics on the front lines who complained and had the order lifted. Age-related rationing is alive and well. The ethics advisor to 78-year-old President Biden, Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, author of the utilitarian "Complete Lives System" of medical care, chose age 75 as his personal benchmark for ending life. This is so wrong. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." Whether mentally sharp or in declining health, older people give texture and context to our lives. Reflecting on older folks reminds us that

in their lifetime innovations have gone from puttering around in a car to rocketing to the moon. And Dick Tracy's comic book two-way wrist radio is now a commonly worn Apple watch.

The behavior of bureaucrats and the medical establishment during the Covid "crisis" laid bare the dismissive treatment of elders. And an uncomfortable question hangs in the air: was the nursing home debacle a conscious attempt to cull the herd? After all, Medicare chews up 15 percent of the federal budget and 25 percent of Medicare dollars are spent in the last year of the patient's life. According to the 2019 Medicare Trustees report, the Medicare Hospital Insurance trust fund will be depleted in 2026-a short 5 years away.

If this form of population control sounds un-American, remember that our country seriously engaged in eugenics, marked by 75 years of Supreme Court-approved forced sterilization. The abortion industry has devolved from a time when a woman was mortified to have an abortion to where clinics are advertised on highway billboards. The quest for clean air has gone from encouraging recycling and renewable energy to suggesting that human depopulation is the only way to save the planet.

Human concern in medicine has taken a back seat to marginal scientific ethics and perhaps, secret agendas. We have become numb to the experiments using fresh aborted fetal tissue to create "humanized mice" that sprout various human organs. This slow walk to the edge of medical ethics has allowed science to go in grotesquely anti-human directions. Jointly with Chinese government funding, United States researchers created viable embryos that are a mix of human and monkey cells (a "chimera"). With funding from the Chan Zuckerberg [Mr. Facebook] Initiative, researchers tinkered with male rats so they could deliver live babies via Caesarian section.

Sadly, physicians have become willing participants in the government's borderline coer-

cion by not informing themselves about early treatments for Covid or the side effects of the experimental vaccine. Federal and state governments are bribing, cajoling, and subjecting us to door-to-door pressure to take an injection of a product that could be killing us in numbers not seen before. Serious reactions include miscarriages, Bell's palsy, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, blood clotting disorders (including brain clots), and anaphylaxis. Bizarrely, the White House is challenging colleges to vaccinate its entire campus, despite sometimes fatal heart inflammation after vaccinations in young adults (who have infinitesimal risk of significant Covid illness).

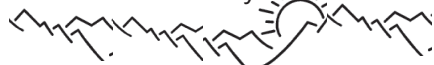
It appears we are guinea pigs in a grand experiment. The elderly were the casualties of Phase I. As the post-vaccine bodies pile up, the Nuremberg Code's principle is being ignored: The experiment must be stopped if continuation would result in injury and death.

It's not too late. Physicians must remember their Oath of Hippocrates and speak up and act for the benefit of their patients even in the face of conflicting government dictates.

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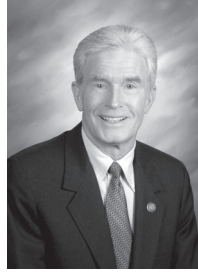
Fundamentals Still Point to Higher Stock Prices

There is currently a phenomenon building in the Capital Markets. Why are Treasury bond yields continuing to decline as inflation heats up? My Wall Street colleagues offer several theories. One is that strong demand for corporate bonds is pushing Treasury bond yields lower. Another theory says that the negative interest rate environment in Europe is boosting demand for U.S. debt, since the U.S. at least offers positive returns. The third (and most outlandish) theory is that the Fed has embraced Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) and is engineering negative or minimal yields so that the cost of servicing the huge and rising U.S. Treasury debt might actually shrink!

In a recent article I mentioned MMT - or, Modern Monetary Theory (seen in Europe and the US) which supports the uncontrolled printing of money. The European Central Bank (ECB) recently announced that it would tolerate up to 2% annual inflation over the "medium term," in an attempt to rekindle growth there. Essentially the ECB signaled that easy money policies will continue.

However, excessive printing of money has effectively caused currency to become almost worthless in places like Venezuela and Zimbabwe. There should be a real fear that endless money printing will cause currency devaluation. Germany still remem-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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bers its hyperinflation from 1923, when some money was hauled in wheelbarrows, just to buy normal food items.

If or when the Fed decides to raise key short-term interest rates, I doubt they will be able to raise rates by much because the federal debt has risen to \$30 trillion. Even now, with low rates, the cost of paying interest on the federal government's huge debt already exceeds the Defense Department's annual budget!

Fortunately, our economy is booming. GDP is tracking at an 8.4% growth rate in Q2, on top of 6.4% in Q1. Business investment is picking up, and while consumption lost some steam in June, second half growth is likely to average 7.3% (resulting in a 7.5% growth rate for the year, the fastest since 1950). This unusually truncated economic recovery is important for both markets and policy makers. The economy usually takes years to recover from the depths of recession to the height of the prior

cycle. This time, almost every aspect of economic activity is setting records. The most notable exception is employment.

Consider that we have been realizing the fastest US GDP growth in 50 years. The US leads the global recovery, with consumer demand in particular strong enough to send disruptive ripples around the globe. Chinese manufacturers cannot keep up with orders, and European retailers cannot restock goods. Inflation is also showing signs of raging. The CPI is above 5% and will likely remain above 5% until the second quarter of next year. (Hopefully inflation might get back in the neighborhood of 2% when this unusual brisk recovery dust settles.)

For now, it looks certain that neither Fed Chairman Jerome Powell nor Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will try to constrain the money supply with significantly higher interest rates that might impede economic growth. It seems like Secretary Yellen, the Fed, and the Biden Administration all embrace the "free lunch" promises of MMT, so, just like the late 1990s, we seem to be in a perfect environment for growth stocks!

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Nation's Top 10 Consumer Complaints

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Pandemic-related problems were among the top ten complaints made to state and local consumer agencies in 2020, according to an annual survey by Consumer Federation of America (CFA). They also topped the lists of worst, fastest-growing, and new complaints. "COVID-19 generated complaints about everything from appliance repairs to childcare, trash pick-up to towing," said Susan Grant, CFA's Director of Consumer Protection and Privacy. "Business closings, job layoffs, supply chain disruptions, social-distancing requirements and travel restrictions put huge strains on consumers and businesses, as the survey shows." State and local consumer agencies also dealt with a deluge of complaints last year about price-gouging and pandemic-related scams.

Thirty-four city, county and state consumer agencies from 18 states participated in the survey, which asked about the complaints they received last year, their biggest achievements, and new consumer protection laws enacted in their jurisdictions.

Top Ten Complaints in 2020

- 1. Auto:** Misrepresentations in advertising or sales of new and used cars, deceptive financing practices, defective vehicles, faulty repairs, car leasing and rentals, towing disputes.
- 2. Home Improvement/Construction:** Shoddy work, failure to start or complete the job, failure to have required licensing or registration.
- 3. Landlord/Tenant:** Unhealthy or unsafe conditions, failure to make repairs or provide promised amenities, deposit and rent disputes, illegal eviction tactics.
- 4. Credit/Debt:** Billing and fee disputes, mortgage problems, credit repair and debt relief services, predatory lending, illegal or abusive debt collection tactics.
- 5. Services:** Misrepresentations, shoddy work, failure to have required licensing or registration, nonperformance.
- 6. Utilities:** Complaints about gas, electric, water and cable billing and service.
- 7. Retail Sales:** False adver-

tising and other deceptive practices, defective merchandise, problems with rebates, coupons, gift cards and gift certificates, failure to deliver.

8. Travel: Misrepresentations about cost, amenities or other aspects of travel packages, failure to provide promised services, disputes about refunds.

9. (Tie) Health Products/Services: Misleading claims, unlicensed practitioners, failure to deliver, billing issues; Internet Sales: Misrepresentations or other deceptive practices, failure to deliver online purchases.

10. (Tie) Pandemic: price gouging, refunds for canceled events and travel, financial issues, problems getting repairs and other services, "self-help" evictions, scams, and other complaints stemming from the pandemic; Fraud: Bogus sweepstakes and lotteries, work-at-home schemes, grant offers, fake check scams, imposter scams and other common frauds; Household Goods: Misrepresentations, failure to deliver, repair issues in connection with furniture and major appliances.

This ranking is based on the categories that appeared most frequently in the consumer agencies' "top ten" complaint lists. Collectively, the 34 agencies that participated in the survey handled 280,413 complaints and recovered or saved more than \$262,973,073 for consumers in 2020 through informal mediation, administrative action, and lawsuits.

Examples of Pandemic Complaints

- **Pasty COVID Cure.** Investigative work by the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs in California helped the Los Angeles City Attorney resolve a case against a local company, Insan Healing, and its CEO, Angela Oh, for allegedly advertising and selling radish paste as "a must-have product for the protection and prevention of the COVID-19." The settlement provided for full restitution to consumers, a broad injunction, and a \$20,000 civil penalty.
- **The Price Wasn't Right.** A consumer complained to the New York State Division of Con-

sumer Protection that a local restaurant was adding a surcharge when customers paid by credit card. The restaurant insisted it was following the law and said its credit card processor had assured it that the practice was acceptable. However, the agency explained that under New York law, businesses that charge differently for credit cards must publish their prices to reflect the higher credit card amount. A business can offer a discount to cash-payers but cannot add an extra charge for paying with a credit card. The restaurant provided that information to the credit card processing company, which quickly adjusted its software to eliminate the surcharge and notified all of its clients of the change.

- **Gym Member Gets Exercised.** When a gym closed in March 2020 due to the pandemic, a customer was told he could freeze his membership so he wouldn't be charged. However, he was charged \$43.14 for the month of June. When he took it up with the gym, he was offered a 50 percent credit instead of a full refund. In disgust, he canceled his membership and was charged a fee for doing so. The New Mexico Attorney General's Office got his money back.

One thing that became clear in reviewing the complaint stories is that the usual terms of service and cancellation policies don't take into account the unusual circumstances consumers experienced last year. Often consumer agencies were able to persuade businesses to make exceptions to their regular cancellation and refund policies, but not always. They generally had a stronger basis to argue that consumers should be able to cancel with no penalty and get their money back when the pandemic prevented businesses such as party venues and sports promoters from being able to provide the promised services. Even then, however, consumer agencies sometimes found it difficult to resolve the problems. For instance, some childcare providers that were forced to temporarily close insisted that parents continue to pay their fees in order to "save" their children's slots when the facilities reopened.

Your Money - Ask Julia

Is there, or is there NOT a California death tax? How can funeral expenses be trimmed? What are the state laws regarding "disposal" of body/ashes?

After some research online, it looks like California follows the Federal guidelines, which exempts up to \$11.7 million (\$23.4 million per married couple) from estate tax. Although some states do have their own death tax, what I found is that California does not. There are some ways to reduce funeral expenses. Talk to a planner at a cemetery for more complete details. There are strict laws regarding disposal of a human body. Utilize the services of licensed professionals who will inform you of legally-approved processes and cemeteries. You can legally keep, bury, or scatter the ashes on your own privately-owned property. Technically, you need a permit to dispose of the ashes of a cremated person, whether keeping the urn at home, or scattering the ashes at sea or on land. There are other legal guidelines regarding disposal of ashes from a cremation. Ask a funeral planner.

Does my husband have any rights to the house I inherited when my first husband died?

California is a community property state, giving your spouse half of all your property. However, the one exception is property acquired by gift or bequest. As long as your current husband is not on title, he does not have any rights to the house you inherited.

What's your advice on selling our home without a Realtor?

It is possible, but be aware that



Julia Yoder

those who seek out "For Sale by Owners" are typically looking for a big bargain. Statistics show that homes sold by using a Realtor sell for more net profit (even after paying Realtors fees). Ask yourself how you will know if the people looking at your home are actually financially qualified to purchase? Do you know the laws about disclosures? Attend some open houses in your neighborhood to compare your home to theirs, and also to get some ideas on improving yours. Ask a couple of Realtors from different companies, for a free CMA (Comparative Market Analysis) to help you price your home competitively. Keep in mind that when the price is right, you have a better chance that more buyers will be interested. In this market, that could bring you multiple offers, some of which could be over the asking price. If you overprice your home for the market, buyers are more inclined to place their offer on a different home.

I've decided to take an early retirement after having sold my business. Is there anywhere I can put the sales proceeds so that they are safe and very long-

lasting?

There are a couple of different strategic options available so that your money lasts at least through your lifetime, and possibly longer. You could use one or the other, or a combination of both. These options involve life insurance and fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. If your first reaction is, "No way," you owe it to yourself to take another look at these products which have evolved into incredible financial planning tools with lifetime living benefits as well as the possibility of leaving a legacy.

The surrender fee period is ending on my annuity soon. I've heard that annuity contracts nowadays are a lot better than the one I've had. Can I get the money out of this annuity and put it into another? Will I have to pay all the taxes first?

A close look at your current annuity policy for its rules and benefits would be instrumental in determining if a newer annuity is actually better. If suitable, and in your best interest, you might be able to do a 1035 exchange, which, when done properly, avoids creating a taxable event.

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What You "AUTO" Know

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Do I Have To Use A Dealer To Keep My Warranty In Effect?

When a customer buys a new car, they are always concerned that if they keep coming to my shop for routine maintenance and repair it will void the warranty! I always tell them to relax because the FTC (Federal Trade Commission), the nation's consumer protection agency, says NO! It is illegal for a dealership to even suggest that they might deny your warranty coverage because your routine maintenance and repair is done by an independent repair shop!

Oil changes, fluid exchanges, tire rotations, brake pads, belt and hose replacements and other services are considered "routine" maintenance and are essential to keep your car running well for years to come. A complete list of

these services can be found in your owner's manual.

Customers also are concerned that the use of aftermarket parts may void their warranty. This will not void your warranty and you can even use recycled parts and your warranty will still be good! The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act states emphatically that it is illegal for a manufacturer or dealership to void your warranty because you chose to use an aftermarket or recycled part.

The only time a dealership or manufacturer can deny you coverage is if the following occurs:

- A part was improperly installed and caused damage
- If the aftermarket or recycled part was defective and caused other parts to be damaged

Keep in mind that if these two things should occur the dealership or manufacturer must demonstrate or prove that this did, in fact, cause damage.

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10 Refreshed Etiquette Tips for Today's Wedding Attendees

Even before the pandemic, wedding etiquette was tricky. After a year like no other, the dos and don'ts around "I do's" and being a good guest have become even more complicated.

Some protocols remain true. Do RSVP quickly. Don't be late to the main event. Others are less clear. Should you send a gift for virtual ceremonies? What's the best way to greet others at in-person events?

Hilton, a global hospitality company that hosts thousands of weddings annually, encourages travelers to make new memories and reconnect this summer. And to help you maintain perfect wedding guest status, they've partnered with international etiquette expert Diane Gottsman to provide these tips:

1. Put a stamp on it: Even if the invite says you have months to respond, it's best to reply

within one week. Waiting too long is a sign you are hesitant.

2. Dress to impress: Let the suggested attire on the invitation or couple's website be your guide. Still unclear? Reach out to the hosts. As a general rule, dress up rather than down to show you put thought into the event. Finally, don't wear white. It's reserved for the bride.

3. Honor air hugs: "Everyone has a different comfort level with closeness right now," says Gottsman. "Pay attention to non-verbal cues. If someone reaches out for a handshake, hug or fist-bump, reciprocate if you feel comfortable. If you're not ready for physical contact, offer another friendly gesture, such as a heartfelt nod. It's okay to pull back, smile and say cheerfully: 'I can't wait until I feel comfortable with hugs; I'm just not there yet.'"

4. Know posting protocol:

Unless the couple guides you otherwise, "They get the right to post the first photos on social media," says Gottsman. If they encourage you to post at will, it's A-OK to share your snaps. Use provided hashtags and remember that the official wedding photographer and videographer get first dibs on great shots.

5. Stash your smartphone: Use your phone to take photos, but once you're done, tuck it away. It's potentially distracting for you and off-putting for others.

6. Get accustomed with other customs: Before attending a wedding incorporating cultural customs unfamiliar to you, do some pre-nuptial prep. "Every culture has different customs," says Gottsman. "Knowing how to dress, how to gift and what to expect is the responsibility of a good guest."

7. Connect with courtesy. If staying at a hotel with friends and family, keep courtesy top-of-mind. For instance, if you booked connecting rooms through Hilton's new Confirmed Connecting Rooms by Hilton option, "Think about how often you'll spend time together and when you'll keep the connecting doors shut and open," says Gottsman. While you and your roomies may embrace the up-all-night slumber

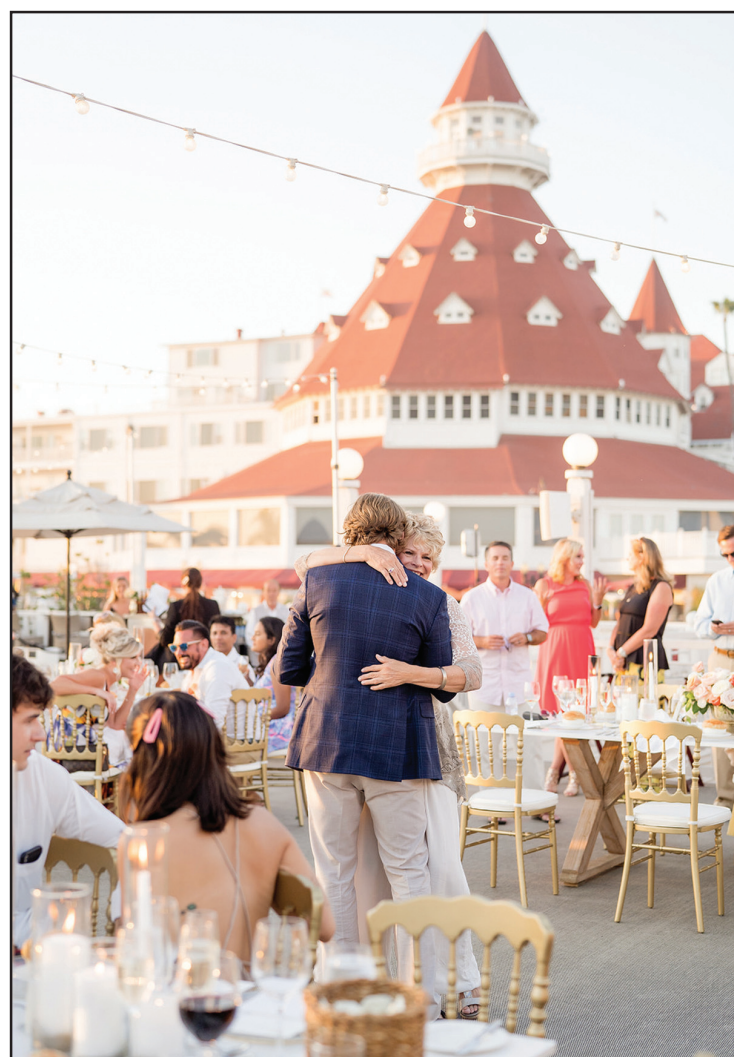
party vibe, nearby guests may not. Keep the volume down and the fun contained to your cozy cove of connecting rooms.

To book two or more connecting guest rooms ahead of a wedding or summer reunion trip, visit [Hilton.com/ConnectingRooms](https://www.hilton.com/ConnectingRooms).

8. Duck debate: "Conversation will no doubt turn to hot topics, like politics, religion and vaccines. A gracious guest will make every effort to steer clear of volatile debate," says Gottsman.

9. Give comfortably: The first etiquette rule: send a gift, even if you can't make the event. The second: don't feel pressured to give more than is comfortable. Gone are the days when guests are expected to cover their per-head cost. Not sure what's appropriate? Follow the registry. Cash and checks are great alternatives as well.

10. Get glam for the cam: Attending virtually? Grab the suit instead of sweats. "The same courtesies apply," says Gottsman. "RSVP swiftly, dress for the occasion, arrive on time, show your smiling face and send a gift. Even if it's virtual, a wedding is a celebration and time to reconnect."



Before attending a wedding, brush up on these 10 refreshed etiquette tips. (Photo courtesy of Hotel del Coronado, Curio Collection by Hilton) (StatePoint)

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- ___'s razor
- Credit card-related acronym
- Goes with rave
- Garlic mayo
- "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
- Echo sounder
- Beauty shop
- European Economic Community
- Falstaffian in body
- *"Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work ___"
- *"So no one told you life was gonna be ___"
- Pocket watch chain
- Uncouth one
- Place to get a massage
- Boozer
- Pie nuts
- Sharpen
- Orange powder drink mix
- Tennis-affected joint
- Bright thought
- Reputation-damaging gossip
- Symphony member
- Famous Beethoven symphony
- Microsoft browser
- "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
- Dines at home
- Telephoned
- Up to present time
- Neat
- Diamond stat
- *"Gee, our old ___ ran great, those were the days"
- *"Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's ___"
- Loosen laces
- Opposite of vend
- Kind of artery
- One Beatle
- Recipe amt.
- Opposite of atonal
- *"Where the kisses are hers and ___ and his, Three's company too"
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Rosetta Stone, e.g.

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- *"Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to ___"
 - Podium, pl.
 - Concerning, archaic
 - *"Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your ___"
 - Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
 - The Beatles' "___ Road"
 - Not a soul (2 words)
 - *"Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is ___"
 - "Good ___" cooking show
 - Lady née Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
 - Extend subscription
 - Infamous German leader
 - Naught
 - Barley kernels
 - Financial woes
 - Where there's trouble?
 - Verdant
 - Initial stake
 - Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
 - A snob puts them on
 - Use a keyboard
 - Marine eagle
 - Bibliographical abbr.
 - *"Just sit right back and you'll hear a ___"
 - *"Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning ___!"

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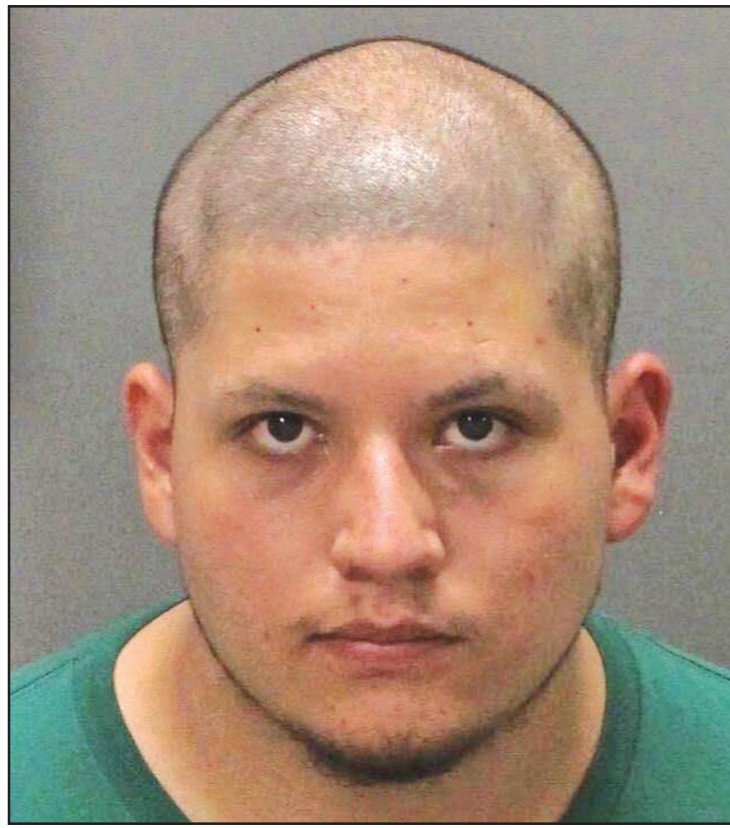
Charges Filed in the Case of Two Teens Shot Inside Corona Movie Theater

By George Ogden

Riverside Co. - On July 30, Riverside DA Mike Hestrin announced the filing of charges against a man accused of shooting two people in a Corona movie theater earlier last week, instantly killing one of the victims with the second dying in the hospital days later.

The suspect, Joseph Jimenez, a 20-year-old male from Corona, has been charged with two counts of murder with a sentencing enhancement of personal use of a firearm causing death. Originally, he was also charged with one count of attempted murder with a sentencing enhancement of personally inflicting great bodily injury and a sentencing enhancement of personal use of a firearm causing great bodily injury with special circumstance allegation of lying in wait. Now that the victim has died, there are two murder charges.

On July 26, the victims, Rylee Goodrich and Anthony Barajas both of Corona, attended the 9:35 p.m. showing of a movie at the Regal Edwards Theatre in at the Crossings Shopping Center in Corona. After the movie ended, theater employees went to clean the auditorium and made the horrific discovery that the two victims had been shot in the head. Goodrich was pronounced dead at the scene and Barajas was taken to a nearby hospital where



Shooting suspect Joseph Jimenez

he remained on life support until he died.

No motive for the shootings is being released at this time and there was no known connection between the victims and Jimenez. Based on the evidence provided, it appears to be a random and unprovoked attack or possibly a robbery.

During the subsequent murder investigation, Corona police detectives were able to identify Jimenez as a potential suspect in

the shootings. The Riverside County Gang Impact Team (GIT), which is led by the DA's Bureau of Investigation, was asked to assist in locating Jimenez. GIT is often utilized in finding and arresting suspects in major violent crimes.

In the evening of July 27, 2021, Corona police detectives served a search warrant in the 19000 block of Envoy Avenue in El Cerrito, outside the Corona city limits. The Corona Police

Department and GIT worked in coordination with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department at the location and Jimenez was taken into custody by GIT members. Jimenez was booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility where he is being held without the possibility of bail. Originally bail was set at \$2 Million, but that has been removed.

During the service of the search warrant, detectives found and seized a handgun of the same caliber as the weapon believed used in the murder. They also found items that belonged to the victims as well.

Gov. Newsom Signs Into Law First-in-the-Nation Expansion of Medi-Cal to Undocumented Californians Age 50 and Over



At Fresno health clinic, Governor Newsom signs health care trailer bill expanding Medi-Cal to undocumented Californians age 50 and over.

FRESNO - At a health clinic in Fresno County on July 27, Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation making California the first state in the nation to expand full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to low-income adults 50 years of age or older, regardless of immigration status - a major milestone in the state's progress toward universal health coverage.

The health care trailer bill, AB 133, makes bold changes toward a more equitable and prevention-focused approach to health care through expanded behavioral health initiatives supporting California youth and people with severe behavioral health challenges, including those experiencing homelessness; extending Medi-Cal eligibility for postpartum individuals; supporting continued telehealth flexibilities; and advancing the state's innovative CalAIM initiative.

"We're investing California's historic surplus to accomplish transformative changes we've long dreamed of - including this historic Medi-Cal expansion to ensure thousands of older undocumented Californians, many of whom have been serving on the front lines of the pandemic, can access critical health care services," said Governor Newsom. "I thank the Legislature for its steadfast partnership to bring California closer to universal health care coverage and advance comprehensive initiatives

to ensure California's communities come back from the pandemic stronger and healthier than before."

Under AB 133, approximately 235,000 Californians aged 50 years and older are newly eligible for Medi-Cal, including preventive services, long-term care and In-Home Supportive Services. In 2019, California became the first state to extend Medi-Cal coverage to all eligible undocumented young adults up to the age of 26 and with the expansion, the state has the most inclusive health coverage for low-income persons in the country. AB 133 also extends the Medi-Cal postpartum care period from 60 days to 12 months without requiring a mental health diagnosis, including for eligible undocumented Californians.

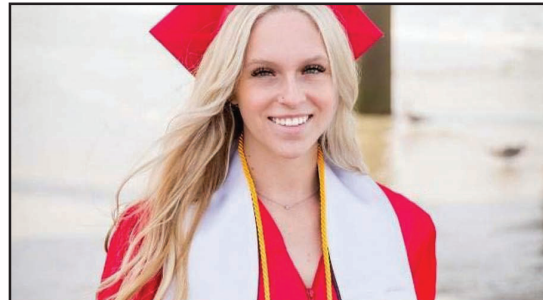
During his visit, the Governor highlighted the state's multi-pronged strategy to reach communities with low vaccination rates and the first-in-the-nation measures announced yesterday to require all state workers and workers in health care and high-risk congregate settings to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week. Local governments and businesses are encouraged to adopt similar measures amid the growing threat of the Delta variant.

Changing the life trajectory of children and youth in California, the health care trailer bill creates a prevention-focused behavioral health system in which all Californians age 25 and younger are

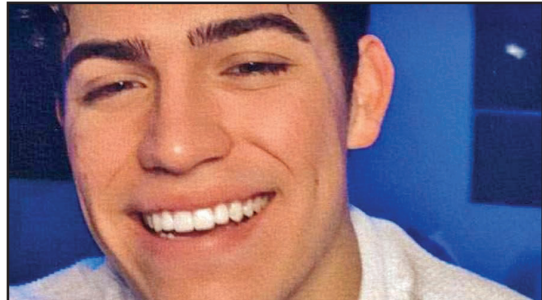
supported and routinely screened for emerging and existing behavioral health needs - enabling them to grow up healthier, both physically and mentally. The initiative includes the creation of a state-wide portal to connect young people with telehealth visits.

AB 133 implements an important component of the California Comeback Plan's \$12 billion homelessness package, creating the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to expand treatment and housing options for all Californians, including people experiencing homelessness who struggle with the most acute behavioral health needs. AB 133 implements the Plan's \$2.2 billion investment for DHCS to provide competitive grants to local governments to construct, acquire and rehabilitate real estate assets or to invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to expand the community continuum of behavioral health treatment resources.


In addition, AB 133 advances the state's CalAIM initiative, a major transformation of the delivery of Medi-Cal to better manage risk and improve outcomes through whole person care approaches and addressing social determinants of health, and extends telehealth flexibilities allowed during the pandemic through December 2022, including payment parity for services delivered through audio-only modalities.



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