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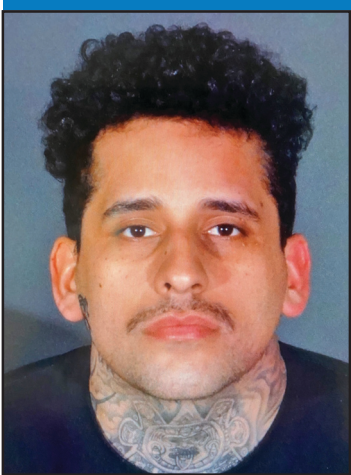
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# Citrus College Automotive Technology Program Receives \$10,000 Donation

**GLENDORA** - For the third consecutive year, the Citrus College Automotive Technology program received a \$10,000 donation from the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCD).

Founded in 1907, GLANCD is a philanthropic organization of factory-franchised dealers that provides educational assistance to communities in Los Angeles County.

"GLANCD is proud to support Citrus College's robust auto tech program," said Bob Smith, GLANCD's executive director. "We are thrilled that this donation will help the college's talented and hard-working students move one step closer to a successful career in automotive repair."

Citrus College's Automotive Technology program offers students a choice between two associate degrees and six certificates. The degrees offered include an Associate of Science in Automotive Technology and an Associate of Science in Medium and Heavy-Duty Diesel Truck Technology. Certificate options include automotive service, diagnosis and repair -



Photo courtesy Citrus College

Adhering to strict health and safety guidelines, students in the Citrus College Automotive Technology program returned to campus in the fall of 2020 to complete essential lab work.

master technician and clean energy and vehicle electrification technology, among others.

The program also allows full-time employment as an entry-level technician during a student's second year of training. Certified by the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation, automotive technology has six full-time instructors who have worked in the automotive in-

dustry and are ASE master technicians.

"I am grateful to GLANCD for their generous donation, which will have an enormous impact on the students in our automotive technology program," said Dr. Geraldine M.

Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "I also want to commend our outstanding faculty, who have worked so hard to maintain this program's outstanding reputation."

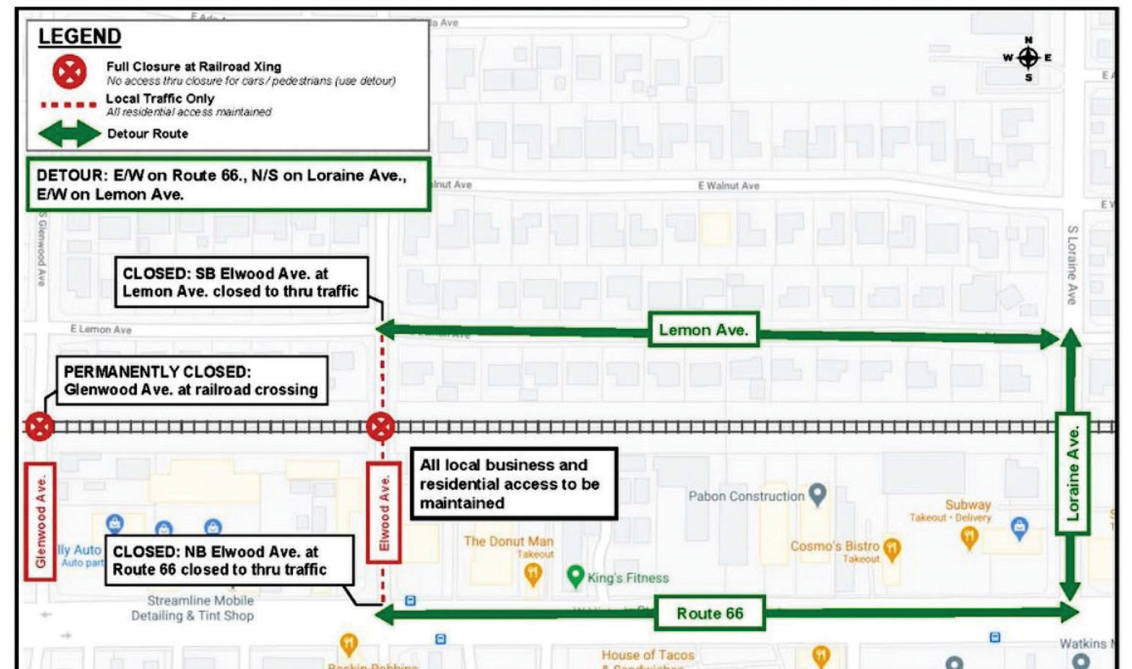
The automotive technology

program plans to use the grant funds to purchase new laptops and vehicle communication interfaces that will improve the program's ability to connect to vehicles for diagnostics and network communication validation across all lab facilities. Ultimately, the improvements will better prepare Citrus College students to work in new car service centers.

"The board of trustees wishes to thank GLANCD for this donation and its longstanding support of Citrus College's Automotive Technology program," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "A gift like this makes it possible for students to have access to affordable, high-quality education that can lead directly to job placement."

For more information about the college's automotive technology program, visit [www.citruscollege.edu/academics/programs/auto](http://www.citruscollege.edu/academics/programs/auto).

## Full Street Closure Of Elwood Ave. At Railroad Crossing in Glendora



**GLENDORA** - Crews will be fully rebuilding the railroad crossing on Elwood Ave. in the city of Glendora, as part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project. This work requires a full closure of Elwood Ave. at the railroad crossing for approximately 3 months. From Monday, February 15th and continuing daily thru May 15th, 2021, Elwood Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Route 66 (just south of the crossing) and Lemon Ave. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by

way of detour routes, see map below.

Crews plan to work daily during double shift hours of 7:00 AM - 12:00 AM (Midnight), Monday - Saturday. Occasional longer work hours and construction on Sundays may be performed during the closure period.

Access to homes and businesses on Elwood Ave. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times. A detour route (see map) will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians.

Elwood Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Route 66 and Lemon Ave. Loraine Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route. Route 66 (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic. Lemon Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

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## Two More Emanate Health Physicians Named "Top Doctors" in Los Angeles



Gurjeet Kalkat, MD

**COVINA** - Emanate Health Chief Medical Officer, Gurjeet Kalkat, MD, a pulmonologist by training, and Emergency Department physician, Kevin Hua, DO, of Emanate Health Inter-Community Hospital, have been named "Top Doctors" in the region by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

"Dr. Kalkat and Dr. Hua have both been on the front lines of Emanate Health's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and have done a remarkable job," said Rob Curry, chief executive officer of Emanate Health. "Dr. Kalkat has overseen our clinical response to the coronavirus including our pharmacy, laboratory and patient treatment. Dr. Hua faced the virus head on by treating patients in our Emergency Department



Kevin Hua, DO

during the height of the pandemic."

The two doctors were selected from a field of approximately 150 physicians in 12 disciplines of focus from throughout Southern California based on their "good standing, reputation, thought leadership and success," among other factors.

For four years, the Los Angeles Business Journal has recognized "Top Doctors" from health systems like Cedars-Sinai, UCLA Health, City of Hope, Kaiser Permanente, Keck Medicine of USC and Children's Hospital Los Angeles, to name a few, in a special edition that has approximately 20,000 subscribers in the region.

Dr. Kalkat and Dr. Hua are also members of a select group of

Emanate Health physicians that have been named "Top Doctors," including Dr. Fahed Bitar in Cardiology, Dr. Augusto Cigliano in Emergency Medicine, Dr. Claudia Muñoz in Neurology, Dr. Ankur Patel in Orthopedics and Dr. Edward Tangchitnob in Women's Health.

"The selection of the two physicians helps to reinforce our mission: Emanate Health exists to help people keep well in body mind and spirit by providing quality health care services in a safe, compassionate environment," Curry said. "I applaud Dr. Kalkat and Dr. Hua for lending their hands, minds and hearts to deliver exceptional health care to our patients during these challenging times."

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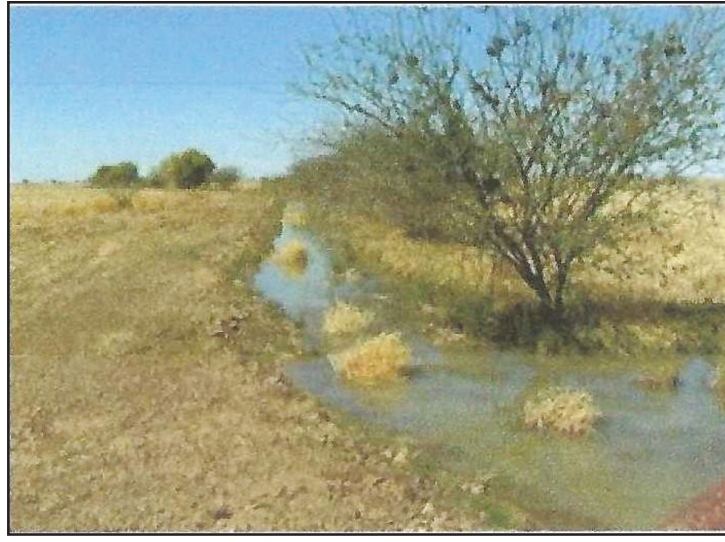
# West Covina Was Originally Called Pumpkin Center 1903-1908

## The Beginning – 1903

In 1903 West Covina (WC) was essentially a huge area of land, about 72,000 acres, with natural vegetation. Only about 50 people inhabited what is now called WC, and most were attempting wheat and barley farming near what is now Azusa and Francisquito. No names are known of the few families who were living in WC at the start of 1903. To the north and east, Covina was a thriving, progressive town as it was on relatively high ground known then as the Highlands. This situation made sense since the creek or “Wash”

that ran through low elevation WC flooded every year due to water runoff from the San Gabriel Mountains. Other than the few weeks a year that WC flooded it was hot, dry, and not suitable for much of any type of farming except cattle ranching.

All of this changed in 1903 when two brothers, Max and Robert Dancer, purchased land from E.J. “Lucky” Baldwin’s estate. The land was located at the corner of what is now Merced and Orange. Part of their land is now Edgewood School. Little did the Dancer brothers know that they were about to birth a premier ag-



ricultural community to later be followed by an upscale suburban city of over 110,000 in population.

## The Well - 1904

In 1904 the Dancer brothers succeeded in digging and establishing a water well on their newly purchased land. Almost immediately after the well’s discovery, a small group of entrepreneurial families bought land and settled near the water well. Their names were Payne, Bender, Robinson, Larsen, Maxson and Hurst. Exactly who the Dancers were and where they came from

is unknown. It is generally believed that they highly suspected they could find water at the location of their land prior to their purchase. Although there are romantic tales of finding water with a forked “water stick” called a “divining rod”, the way most water wells were found was to find green vegetation growing over a water table or spring. Water from underground will seep to the surface and spur plant growth. The Dancers saw green in the form of a pumpkin! Once the water was found the new settlers and some old ones pooled their money and

started a company called the “La Puente Cooperative Water Company”. The purpose was to buy a steam pump to bring 120 inches of water a day to the surface so 200 acres could be irrigated.

## The Trenches: 1904 – 1905

To irrigate the acreage around the well, trenches were dug to carry the water. Pumpkins were planted between the trenches and spawned the name, Pumpkin Center.

## The Priceless Pumpkin – 1908

Farmers are not a picky bunch! If it will grow and someone will

buy it, they’ll plant it. Just how the “first farmers” knew that pumpkins were so profitable is anyone’s guess. That said, thousands of pumpkins were grown and sold in WC. Some other crops like potatoes, beans, and wheat would grow in the rich, alluvial soil of WC, but the first farmers became rather wealthy on pumpkins. What happened to the pumpkin patch? The sly WC farmers later found that walnuts paid better!!

Article and photos courtesy of Forest Tennant, Historical Society of West Covina



## Looking for Love in 2021? 5 Tips for Successful Online Dating



Don't continue to tread water. Take proactive steps now to date online with confidence.

Trying out online dating for the first time or frustrated by the experience?

Below are five online dating tips from Andrea McGinty, premier dating expert and founder of 33 Thousand Dates, a coaching platform designed to help millennial and Gen X women and men navigate online dating. In her 20+ years as a matchmaker, McGinty arranged over 33,000 dates, so it’s safe to say she knows a thing or two about dating successfully!

1. Enlist help. With over 104 million singles in America and over 30 million dating online, your online dating profile needs to stand out. A dating expert can help you craft a profile you’re proud of – and one that isn’t full of clichés like “long walks on the beach.” You hire professionals to help you exercise, clean and shop, so why not hire a dating pro to help reflect your individuality? At 33 Thousand Dates, for example, they take a personalized, proactive approach and handle the heavy lifting so that clients can have all the fun.

2. Refresh your photos. Time to cull from the thousands of photos saved on your phone for five to 10 terrific shots. If they’re more than a year old or

low-resolution, consider scheduling a photoshoot with a friend or a professional. Pose in natural light, ideally outdoors, and show off your smile. Avoid selfies and sunglasses, and include at least one full body shot that conveys your interests, whether you’re hiking, doing a tree pose, or walking along the shore. For men, shirts on unless it’s a great surf shot or you’re spiking a volleyball on the beach. Lastly, most photos should be solo – pets are warm and welcoming, but limit the shots including friends or family.

3. Be proactive. Start with only one or two dating platforms. You can add more later, but you don’t want to be overwhelmed by all the “likes” you’ll receive! Once live, don’t wait for messages to bombard you. Instead, use the platform’s filters so you see the type of people you’re looking for – don’t be shy about knowing what you want!

“After coaching thousands of people and playing a part in 4,200 marriages, I’ve found that those with the highest level of dating success proactively work the system in person and online,” says McGinty.

4. Arrange video chats. Set up

short virtual dates to determine whether you’re willing to meet in person. Keep conversations to 10 minutes – this is enough time to get a feel for personality, looks and mannerisms. Ask important questions early to ensure your values align, and remember, chemistry only comes in person!

5. Have fun. Now it’s time for the good stuff! Arrange drinks, coffee or brunch al fresco – these dates are less pressure, more relaxed and don’t drag on. If you’re ready to leave, say you have errands to run or evening plans. A coach can help with this part, too – 33 Thousand Dates offers expert advice on how to communicate and follow up on dates. Keep in mind, you’re seeing if you like the person enough to go on a second date, not marry them! And if it doesn’t go well, those millions of other singles are waiting to meet you.

For more tips and to learn more about enlisting help from pros, visit [33000dates.com](http://33000dates.com). (StatePoint)

## Three Surprising Ways To Save

According to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), there are currently about 77 million people age 60 and older in the U.S. Another 61 million, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention point out, are living with disabilities. No matter how young and healthy you may be, now is a good time to think about retirement planning, long-term care insurance planning and funeral planning.

Fortunately, those things may be easier and less expensive to deal with than many realize. Here are facts and stats that can help.

1. Retirement planning: The Department of Labor suggests you make saving for retirement a priority and set aside money regularly. Also, know your needs. Maintaining your current standard of living in retirement, advises the AARP, requires about 80 percent of your preretirement income.

Take advantage of any company pension or retirement plans. Find out how much you can expect from Social Security at different retirement ages at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

2. Long-term care insurance planning: The benefits of long-term care insurance, say the experts at the American Association of Retired Persons, go beyond health insurance by reimbursing you for services needed to help you maintain your lifestyle if age, injury, illness or a cognitive impairment makes it difficult for you to care for yourself. Once a licensed health practitioner certifies a person is chronically ill and needs the care, it can pay for home improvements, physical therapists and home health aides.

3. Funeral planning: You can do yourself, your estate and your loved ones a favor by preplanning your funeral. What’s more, you



don’t have to do it alone, explains Mark Duffey, CEO of Everest, a funeral concierge service. Consider this: The national median cost for a funeral with a viewing and burial in 2019 was \$7,640, according to the National Funeral Directors Association.

“Most consumers have never bought a funeral, and most of the time they just want to get out of there,” added Duffey. A little forethought, however, can save you time, trouble and money and a funeral concierge can be your advocate throughout the process.

Everest is not affiliated with any funeral home but it knows what a funeral should cost and can negotiate the price for you and help you select just the kind of services you want. Said Duffey: “We strip away all the stuff you don’t necessarily need or want, and that right there is where you

can save thousands and thousands of dollars.”

The company can also help you prepare your will, power of attorney and other legal documents; help your family collect life insurance and store your end-of-life wishes to be shared with your heirs at the appropriate time. If you’re looking for life insurance, you should know that Transamerica Life Insurance Company offers an Everest Funeral Concierge rider on certain qualifying life insurance products. Consumers should contact a licensed life insurance agent and determine whether a life insurance policy best suits their financial plan.

For further facts and suggestions, visit [www.everestfuneral.com](http://www.everestfuneral.com). (NAPSI)

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## Anita May Baldwin Statue at Le Meridien Hotel Takes Form

ARCADIA - Anita May Baldwin is coming back to Arcadia. The new Le Méridien Hotel has commissioned a statue honoring Arcadia's most famous female pioneer. Anita is the daughter of the City's founder, Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin and for the past year, the developer of the Le Méridien Hotel has been working with the Arcadia Historical Society, the Baldwin family, and the City of Arcadia on the design of the statue and fundraising. Famed artist Alfred Paredes, who created the Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin statue on the corner of Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue, has been commissioned with sculpting his daughter Anita, where she will be featured on the opposite end of the Huntington Drive islands' hotel property.

"The City of Arcadia is very excited that this statue is finally coming to life," said Mayor Roger Chandler. "The addition of Anita to the hotel property will add immense historical value to the

community as well as being a beautiful addition to the Downtown. I want to thank the developer, the Arcadia Historical Society, Council Member April Verlato, Margaux Viera, and all those who collaborated, supported, and donated to this effort."

The 4.5 star Le Méridien Hotel features 233 rooms and suites, a restaurant, bar, grand ballroom, and a beautiful courtyard. The addition of a public art space was part of a negotiated agreement between the developer and the City. "We chose Arcadia as the site for this development because of the natural beauty, history, and the local amenities nearby. Adding a space for public art is part of our commitment to the Arcadia community and we are honored to memorialize Anita Baldwin on our property," said Jonathan Tseng, Construction Manager of SAICP and Château Group.

The Anita statue is being sculpted by local artist and southern California native, Alfred Paredes. "I am once again honored to be given the privilege and challenge of continuing the Baldwin family legacy through the art of public monuments," said Mr. Paredes. "Anita Baldwin was a woman of great character with a generous and charitable spirit. Capturing that in a single image or sculpture is the artist's challenge. My sincerest hope is that I am creating a work of lasting beauty that the Baldwin family, the City of Arcadia, and all who visit the monument can be proud of."

The fundraising for this project was spearheaded by the Arcadia Historical Society in partnership with the Baldwin family, and began in earnest in March 2020. "We have secured all of the

funding necessary to commission the artwork and are very excited to be bringing Anita back to Arcadia. I want to particularly thank Jeff Lee and the Dextra Baldwin McGonagle Foundation for their generous contributions," said Jim Considine, President of the Arcadia Historical Society. "The Society is always looking for opportunities to honor the rich history of Arcadian's who came before us that helped shape our beloved community. Anita really fits the mold," he added.

Margaux Viera, the great-great-granddaughter of Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin, championed the idea of honoring Anita. "On behalf of the Baldwin family, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Arcadia City Council, the Arcadia Historical Society, and the Le Méridien Hotel for this incredible opportunity to pay homage to my great-great grandmother, Anita May Baldwin," said Ms. Viera. "This project, like the Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin statue project, means so much to me and my family. The magnificent statue of Anita will showcase a strong woman who was ahead of her time. After her father's death, Anita strapped on her father's boots and never hesitated to take the reins of what he had spent his entire life building. I am proud to call Anita May Baldwin my great-great grandmother, and I am truly proud to be a part of this historic project."

The Le Méridien Hotel is scheduled to open in Spring 2021. The unveiling of the Anita Baldwin Statue is scheduled for Fall 2021. To follow the sculptures progression, follow Alfred Paredes on Instagram at @ap-sculpturestudio.

## COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Continue to Decrease; Public Health Works to Expand Vaccination Access to Address Equity Gaps

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The number of people passing away from COVID-19 remains distressingly high. As of Sunday, February 7, Los Angeles County marked another tragic milestone by surpassing 18,000 COVID-19 deaths. The County has experienced more than 1,000 new COVID-19 deaths since February 2, when the County reported 17,057 total deaths.

The average number of daily cases and current hospitalizations is, however, decreasing. The seven-day average number of daily cases peaked on January 8 with more than 15,000 cases and has now dropped by 77% to less than 5,000 a day. There are 4,186 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 29% of these people are in the ICU. As of February 5, there were 4,608 average daily hospitalizations; a decrease of 45% from the peak of 8,065 average daily hospitalizations in early-January.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is receiving demographic data from the state vaccination registry that helps the County analyze who is getting vaccinated and where gaps are occurring. This data helps us reallocate supplies, including additional outreach and education resources, to ensure there is an equitable distribution of the vaccine. Data analyzed to date includes doses administered through February 4, and includes vaccinations for healthcare workers, residents and staff at long term care facilities, and residents aged 65 and older who began getting vaccinated on January 20.

About 25% of all vaccine doses were administered to White residents, 25% to Latino/Latinx residents, 18% to Asian residents, and 17% to residents who identify as multi-racial. African American/Black residents have received only 3.5% of all administered doses highlighting a glaring inadequacy in the vaccine roll-out-to-date. Examining data on vaccinations of residents 65 and older indicates that 20% of this age group have received at least one dose of vaccine. However, we are alarmed by the disproportionality we are seeing in who is receiving the vaccine; American Indian/Native Alaskan

(9.3%), Black/African American (7.2%), and Latino/Latinx residents (14.3%) have lower vaccination rates than White (29.4%), Asian (18.2%) and Pacific Islander residents (29.4%). This early data shows us that we need to make it much easier for American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American and Latino/Latinx residents and workers to be vaccinated in their communities by providers they trust. This is a top priority for the Department of Public Health and we will continue to work with our community partners to ensure that we are not only getting everyone vaccinated quickly, but we are addressing the need to provide easier access to neighborhood sites and accurate information about the vaccines.

One of Public Health's commitments is to increase the number of vaccination sites in hard-hit communities. In total, there are 365 sites offering vaccinations this week. This includes 129 federally qualified health clinics, 208 pharmacies, 16 hospitals, and six community sites run by the City and County. Ten additional vaccination sites were added this week in East LA and South LA, bringing the total number to 49 vaccination sites in these two communities.

Public Health is also working on strategies that improve access to vaccine for people who are older with limited mobility and needing assistance securing appointments. The department is organizing mobile teams to bring vaccinations directly to seniors living in housing developments or accessing senior centers in our hardest-hit communities. Community health workers in the highly impacted communities will also go block by block to provide information to residents about how to get vaccinated while dispelling myths and misinformation about the vaccine. In addition, we are working to support our neighborhood vaccination sites, and, as of today, have placed 60 volunteers from various universities at sites to provide assistance with data entry, cold-chain support and licensed clinical vaccinators.

Scheduling an appointment right now is challenging because of the limited supply of vaccines that the County is receiving on a

weekly basis. If you are currently eligible to receive a vaccine, Public Health encourages you to pull information together before going online or calling our call center. If you have insurance, have your insurance information at hand, along with the name and contact information for your primary care physician. You do not need to have insurance to get vaccinated. If you can, visit [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) and to find the vaccination site closest to you, click on the MyTurn button where you can see how appointments are made. The MyTurn site also allows you to sign up to be notified when appointments open up, and when vaccinations begin with additional priority groups.

Additional staff have been assigned to the call center to help those without computer access make appointments. For those without access to a computer or the internet, or with disabilities, the call center is open to help schedule appointments daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 833-540-0473. The call center uses the same system as the online system and is a low-tech way for those with accessibility needs and older people who may not have a computer or a smart phone, to make an appointment.

Although new cases of COVID-19 are declining, COVID-19 widespread transmission is still having an impact on healthcare workers and first responders. This past week, 840 healthcare workers tested positive for COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, 36,162 healthcare workers and first responders tested positive for COVID-19. Slightly over half of the cases are among Latino/Latinx healthcare workers and 65% of cases are among women. There have been a total 191 deaths among healthcare workers. Fifty-six percent of these deaths occurred among men which is an overrepresentation of deaths, since the majority of cases are among women. More than 77% of deaths are among healthcare workers who are age 50 and older; 47% are among Latino/Latinx healthcare workers and 31% are among Asian healthcare workers. The vast majority, 83%, of healthcare workers who passed away had underlying health conditions.

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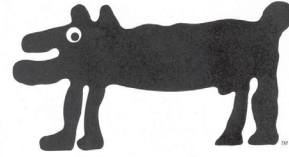
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## Duarte Businesses Awarded Grant Funding

DUARTE - The City of Duarte and Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) distributed the last of \$88,325 in small business grants (SBG) to nine Duarte businesses providing a range of services from restaurants, repair shops, fitness to personal grooming/beauty.

"As soon as the pandemic struck, it was clear just how vital Duarte businesses are to our community's culture and vitality," stated Council Member Toney Lewis of Duarte's District 7, an early proponent of the program. "When I first learned about this small business program, I wanted to make sure as many local business owners knew about it as possible. I thank them, their teams and our partners in LA County for working together to make this program a success."

Following the approval of Coronavirus Aid, Response and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds last summer, the City and LACDA launched the Duarte Small Business Grant Program. Duarte's SBG program was designed to support local busi-

nesses, and in particular, those facing declining revenue from closures and limited operations while still providing jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals. In order to qualify, these nine businesses meet required criteria, including at least two years of operation, having active business licenses in Duarte, being free of unresolved code violations and more. Their grants can be used for employee payroll, continuing operations, outstanding expenses and taking on adaptive practices to remain open.

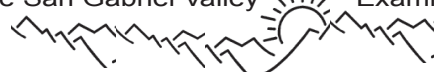
"The economic impact has been incredibly difficult for Duarte's small business community," Craig Hensley, community development director at the City, commented. "This funding will help ensure that businesses stay open, keep employees on payroll and provide services the community wants and needs."

If you're the owner of a Duarte business, resources are available. The County of Los Angeles is providing support to small businesses, micro entrepreneurs and nonprofits through the LA Regional COV-

ID-19 Recovery Fund. In addition to grants, small businesses can also apply for flexible loans and technical assistance, including one-on-one business coaching, loan application assistance and support with navigating health and safety requirements.

Most recently, the County announced the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program, an affordable and flexible business loan initiative designed to help stabilize businesses in our region. Loans range from \$50,000 to \$3 million and can be used for working capital, equipment purchases, inventory or refinancing existing loans at higher interest rates. The application period opens on LACDA's website on Thursday, January 28, and will remain open indefinitely. In order to apply, eligible businesses are required to attend the "Applying for An Affordable & Flexible LACDA Loan" webinar and complete a one-on-one counseling session.

Be sure to check the Duarte Business Support webpage for ongoing and updated solutions.





# Vote-By-Mail Urgency or Maneuver

Gov. Gavin Newsom decided, on his own, not consulting with the Legislature, we all needed to vote by mail and not go to the polls in person in November due to the COVID. The court determined Newsom exceeded his authority as Governor by using an Executive Order to implement vote by mail. Later, the state legislature passed an urgency measure to make the Governor's pronouncement legal and we all voted by mail. The outcome of that election is still questioned as fraudulent by many of us as more evidence continues to surface.



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

natures to place that recall on the ballot. Additionally, groups are already forming to recall newly elected District Attorney George Gascon and that may also require vote by mail ballots.

That vote by mail election worked out so well, at least for Democrats in November, Newsom and Sen. Tom Umberg (D-OC) decided to do it again and created SB 29. The Senate has already approved the bill as an urgency statute.

- SB 29 requires county election officials to mail a ballot to every active registered voter for any election proclaimed or conducted prior to January 1, 2022; and, would allow vote in person.

- This bill would apply to local elections and special elections held this year. Two special elections to fill vacancies in the Legislature have already been scheduled for later this year.

- Requires county elections officials to use the VBM ballot tracking system developed by the Secretary of State (SOS), or a system that meets or exceeds the level of service provided by the SOS's system.

- Contains an urgency clause, allowing this bill to take effect immediately upon enactment.

This would also mean any recall elections would require a vote by mail ballot. Currently, the Recall Gavin Newsom 2020 is very close to having enough sig-

relocated persons would be mailed ballots, and 24,000 would be mailed two or more ballots if vote by mail ballots were automatically mailed to ALL active registrants, no action was taken to prevent this from happening by researching and inactivating those registrations. The result create[s] an election integrity crisis."

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) writes that they oppose this bill unless it is amended:

- To require [bar code tracking] technology be employed to assist in the maintenance of accurate current voter registration records

- To require the Secretary of State to collect and publicly report for each county, within 30 days of the election, the number of ballots mailed out, returned as undeliverable, returned completed, counted, and the number of ballots not counted and the reason.

Interesting to note, AB 37, pending in committee, by Assemblyman Marc Berman (AD-24-Palo Alto) Chair of the Committee on Elections and Redistricting, requires election officials to mail a ballot to every active registered voter and to make ballot tracking systems available for all future elections. AB 37 does not contain an urgency clause so it would not affect elections held in 2021.

Makes me wonder if this newest SB 29 vote-by-mail effort is a precautionary measure due to the virus, or a maneuver to ensure use of Dominion or Smartmatic voting systems to ensure the "correct" end result in two special elections and two recall elections.

# Radical Obedience

Wendy and I recently received a letter from Bill Breeden who years ago was one of the ministers who worked with me at our Missouri church. Bill was raised and educated in The Church of the Nazarene. He was early on a first-rate minister to youth, but as the years went by he took on an increasingly wider vocational perspective. While shedding the fundamentalism of his family, his denomination had introduced him to a living Christ who called Bill to follow him in ministering to those society had ignored. This meant giving himself to a radical obedience.



Charles H. Bayer

in a simple rural cabin in central Indiana. Eventually Bill became the minister of a Unitarian congregation in Bloomington, Indiana.

There is so much more to Bill's story, but let me move to his recent letter. When Bill retired from his latest pastorate he became involved in a ministry to those on death row who many saw as the dregs of society. There had been no federal executions for sixteen years until the Trump administration decided to clean out death row in a series of executions Bill called "murders". Bill knew he needed to act, and he became chaplain to the condemned.

Let me quote from Bills letter.

*I volunteered to be a spiritual advisor to Corey Johnson, a black man scheduled to be executed on January 14. I will be in the execution chamber with Corey. I am visiting for long hours. I have had two days of seven-hour visits thus far, with*

*four more to go, and then the execution. I come home every time and fall apart for a few hours. I have helped prepare many people to die, this is the first time I am helping to prepare a man to be murdered, and will then watch the murder take place. I feel stuck in a Kafka novel.*

*I volunteered to do it because I believe one of life's greatest gifts is to die in the presence of someone who cares, and only a minister can be in the chamber. Members of his family will watch from an adjacent room.*

*Corey and I have gotten very close in the fourteen hours we have had, and he is very thankful that I am doing this. I am thankful that he accepted me as his minister.*

Bill was in the death chamber with Corey and was allowed to touch his body and bless him. Following the execution Bill detailed the gruesome inhuman way these murders take place. It was a shattering experience, but Bill believes that this is where Jesus called him to be. How much simpler it would be if the Christian faith could be reduced to believing a few orthodox doctrines about Jesus such as the virgin birth and the bodily resurrection. But no, Jesus had called Bill to a radical obedience that included being in the execution chamber witnessing someone die.

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# MY TURN: Biden's America Is Supposed To Be Normal?

What are the Democrats afraid of? Why are they still so obsessed with the man who lives rent free in all of the Democrats' heads? They constantly complain about him, saying in justification that he is a "has been" and unpopular, even as polls show he had a 51% popularity percentage when he left office. They justify his so-called failures with the clear results of the election that showed Trump overwhelmingly lost. But we know that is not true, as 47% of Republican voters believe, accurately, that the election was fraudulent. But of course, no one is allowed to say anything about that. The word "fraud" is a trigger on TV networks to cut someone off immediately. It got Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and Marjorie Taylor Greene in trouble. It will get you in trouble too. As Jim Jordan asked "Who is next?"



Charles Lopresto

with it, we hear the term "This is Trump's America and that is why it is all messed up." Actually, another term for "messed up" is used, but I will try and keep it clean.

This is NOT Trump's America. If it was Trump's America, President Donald Trump would enjoy a lot more widespread love and appreciation, and, at the very least, some reasonable amount of cooperation.

If it was Trump's America, he would have a media that treated him fairly, athletes that enjoyed coming to the White House, an entertainment media that liked having him as a guest, and even his own party would provide wider support.

If it was Trump's America, his First Lady would be treat-

ed like a First Lady. Her magazine cover looks would actually appear on magazine covers like other former First Ladies. And an entertainment media would like having her as a guest. And they wouldn't treat her as if she was dumb.

If it was Trump's America, college students would not be penalized with lower grades and ridiculed for supporting him.

If it was Trump's America, actors would not threaten him, snub him from their events, show outrage when he wanted to use their music, as folks in high office on the other side would enjoy and benefit from, without question.

If it was Trump's America, his family would not be ridiculed and restaurants would not throw his cabinet members out. His minority cabinet members and any minority person that supported him would not be insulted as "sell outs" or propped up "tokens."

Yes, if it was Trump's America, there would be a lot more things that were different. Or, in other words, more favorable to him.

If anyone is referred to as having their America being called THEIR America, that would imply that the America that person would have would be on their side. It is only logical.

Sorry folks, it is not Trump's America, it is the Democrat's America. Because, simply, if it wasn't the Democrat's America, people who are not Democrats, don't politically agree with Democrats, and choose to call themselves something else besides Democrats, would not be treated as badly as Trump is also treated.

No folks, this IS the Democrat's America and THAT is why it is all messed up.

# Here We Go Again - Impeach Trump

**My opinion: By D. B. Shimmel**

In November of 2019 the House of Representatives voted to start a process to impeach President Donald Trump because of a telephone call between him and the newly elected President on Ukraine. This impeachment was sent to the Senate where it was rejected along partisan lines. I wrote about this farce back then, But and here we go again. This time the goal is not to remove Donald Trump from power. The real purpose is to prevent Donald Trump from running for President again in the future.

I am sure that you are all watching the current debacle unfolding in the Senate so I will not bore you with reiterating the details of this hit job impeachment. The Impeachment that is being foisted on the American people by the Socialist Democrats today is totally different than the 2019 trial. Let me explain.

One simple fact is that Donald Trump left office and was replaced on January 20th of this year. I will not go into the validity of the argument that the election was rigged and that Joseph Biden is not a duly elected President. That argument is still unfolding. What is relevant is that, today, Donald Trump is a private citizen of the United States. Further, the Impeachment in the House had no witnesses, no due process and only took seven hours from start to conclusion. Is this justice? Lastly, the corrupt House of Representatives waited until after Trump left office to forward the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. These articles are based on a speech Trump was making at the time the Capitol Building was being entered by mob. This speech is pro-

TECTED by the First Amendment - freedom of speech. Nowhere in that speech did Trump tell anyone to invade the Capitol Building.

The Constitution is clear on Impeachment. Article I (1) the Constitution states that "The House of Representatives...shall have the sole Power of Impeachment". Impeachment is not an automatic removal from office but more like a Grand Jury indictment. Pursuant to the Constitution, Impeachments are then tried in the Senate. The Constitution also states that for trials of the President or Vice-president the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside as the adjudicating judge. Chief Justice Roberts has refused to preside.

That being said, The Constitution does not allow for congress to try a private citizen who is no longer an elected official. I do not call myself an expert in Constitutional law. For that argument I turn to a person who is a recognized Constitutional expert and a Constitutional lawyer - Harvard Law School professor emeritus Alan Dershowitz. Dershowitz recently stated that because Trump is a private citizen and cannot be removed from office therefore, the Senate no longer has jurisdiction in the case.

Even if the Senate did have jurisdiction to try Donald Trump it takes a 'two thirds vote of all the Senators gathered' to convict. That means that sixty-seven Senators have vote to convict not a simple majority.

Finally, if Donald Trump was convicted by the Senate that would not automatically prevent him from running again - that requires a separate vote by congress. And, you can be assured

that if Trump decided to run again in 2024 he would just ignore these actions on the grounds that they are unconstitutional. I truly believe that the Supreme Court would uphold this argument. All bets are off however, if the Socialists Democrats are successful in turning the Supreme Court into an extension of the Legislative Branch by packing the court.

Additionally, Dershowitz stated, that a vote to prevent Trump from running again, by the Senate, would deprive Trump of due process and would amount to a Bill of Attainder. For those of us who are not familiar with this document let me explain what it is. A Bill of Attainder is a bill that allows a private citizen to be tried and convicted by the government legislature not a court of law. This Bill of Attainder was a tool used by the British Government to try people for any crime, real or not, and confiscate their property. The Constitution explicitly prohibits this action.

This trial is a colossal waste of time and our money. Rather, it is a diversion away from the unconstitutional acts of a corrupt executive branch of government. You can be assured that many of the over forty (40) Executive Orders and Proclamation's signed by Biden in his first days in office will be overturned in the courts.

Oh by the way; has anyone besides me noticed that since Biden took office gas prices have skyrocketed? When gas hits \$5.00 a gallon, later this year, I wonder how many people who voted for Biden will have second thoughts.

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# Potential Treasury Secretary Impact

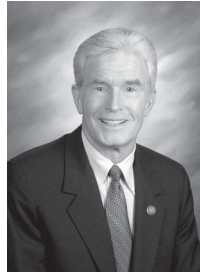
As a labor economist Janet Yellen is going to have her hands full, especially since the Biden Administration's new \$15 per hour minimum wage is likely going to slow new job creation, especially for many struggling restaurants and service industries. I should add that the U.S. federal budget deficit has now risen to over 100% of GDP, which is an ominous threshold that is only shared by Greece, Italy, and Japan, among developed nations.

At Janet Yellen's recent confirmation hearing much time was spent on the subject of how much is too much, in terms of spending. She apparently believes too much is better! "To avoid doing what we need to do now to address the pandemic, and the economic damage that it is causing, would likely leave us in a worse place economically, and with respect to our debt situation, than doing what's necessary."

Yellen laid out a vision of a more proactive Treasury that would act aggressively to reduce economic inequality, fight climate change, and counter China's unfair trade and subsidy practices. Taxes on corporations and the wealthy will eventually need to rise to help finance President Biden's ambitious plans for investing in infrastructure, research and development, and worker training to improve the U.S. economy's competitiveness (she told members of the Senate Finance Committee).

Investors know this. The market knows this, and this knowledge is likely priced into the market already. What isn't priced in is the cost of introducing new progressive tax policies. She raised the eyebrows of some Senators and some on Wall Street when she said that the Treasury would consider the possibility of taxing unrealized cap-

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What's up in the Economy?



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ital gains - through a "mark-to-market" mechanism - as well as other approaches to boost revenues.

Wow, that radical approach would create new tax questions. Would the government provide an offset for unrealized losses? I doubt it. This line of thinking is "so far off the reservation" that it's hard to imagine it even getting through Congressional committees. But desperate governments, in dire financial conditions, could do desperate or stupid things to make the numbers work.

Such "other approaches" to revenue generation are what investors need to be on high alert for before they become law. Another looming biggie would be the elimination of "step up in basis" for inherited assets. With estimates of close to \$9 trillion in assets being passed on by 2030, and a projected \$68 trillion being transferred in the next 30 years, taxing the gain on those transferred assets based upon original cost basis would generate trillions in tax revenue! It also would force heirs to sell family businesses and family farms for lack of liquidity to pay much higher inheritance (especially new value gain) taxes.

How about the elimination of mortgage interest deductions? Could that reduce the price of homes by about 15% to 20% overnight, while generating hundreds of billions of dollars in new

tax revenues. Don't think it can't happen. It's exactly what Canada enacted in the mid-1990's.

Or how about taxing IRAs and other retirement plans above a certain valuation? That sacred cow might not be so sacred - not if it can be sold as "for the good of the nation." In 2012 the Irish government passed a law which placed a 0.6% levy on assets held in private pensions for four years. The Irish tax on private pensions was made in response to its larger financial crisis and the need to increase government revenues. Ireland isn't the only country in recent history to seize portions of private investments.

Hungary, Argentina, and France have all overhauled their private and public pension plans in recent years, in some cases seizing them in their entirety, and in others, taxing them into oblivion. These extremes of what could well be our future tax policies are not just hearsay, but are actively being researched to provide huge future sources of revenue in the event the country doesn't produce the needed level of prosperity to service our spiraling debt load being run up during this China originated COVID emergency.

For now, the stock market sends a clear message that investors aren't worried about anything as long as the collective spending spigot is wide open. But, when or if Janet Yellen's suggestion for taxing unrealized market gains makes its way through Congressional committee, the market just might take exception to that idea - as well as to other new approaches to resolving the USA's looming debt crisis.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

**If I file for Standard Deductions (2020), what is deductible and what receipts are needed? If I am able to pay my mortgage payments in advance, can I deduct the interest, which is included, for those months/year?**

As you may know, I am not a CPA. After some research, here's what I found. The IRS states that you can either take the Standard Deduction (no receipts needed), OR take Itemized Deductions (need receipts). You cannot do both. With a little planning, you can legally work their system. Start by doing the math to see which is better for you. Take the Standard Deduction if it is more than you'd get if you itemized. The next year, you could make extra house payments, and donations to charities, etc., to make it advantageous for you to Itemize rather than taking the Standard Deduction. Keep in mind that the IRS limits the amount of mortgage interest you are allowed to take. I suggest that if you have extra funds, pay your normal mortgage payment (including interest) PLUS an extra amount allotted specifically to be applied to the principal. This will pay off your mortgage quicker.

**My medical expenses didn't quite add up to the allowable percentage of my adjusted gross income, so I did not get the medical deduction on my tax return. Is there anything else that counts as medical expenses?**

Yes, the IRS allows you to count under medical expenses: round-trip travel expenses for medical treatments, purchase of



**Julia Yoder**

things that you needed, but insurance didn't cover, the expense of some quit-smoking and weight-loss programs, insurance premium payments paid with after-tax money, special-needs expenses (adding ramps, widening doors, etc.), and long-term care insurance premiums.

**When we retire, we will sell our first home and move into our second home. Have capital gains taxes changed, or are we okay?**

On your primary residence, the capital gains tax exemption amount is still \$250,000 (single), or \$500,000 (married). If more than that, you'll have to pay capital gains, but only on the amount above the exemption limit. This could change by the time you retire.

**We bought a home and now we're getting a lot of mail saying we should buy mortgage protection insurance. How's that different from life insurance?**

Mortgage protection insurance often times has a decreasing benefit to supposedly coincide with a decreasing mortgage

balance. Some mortgage insurance is really an accident policy. I would recommend enough life insurance to give the beneficiary(-ies) the option of paying off the mortgage if that is determined to be the best use of the funds. On the other hand, if you have a strong family history of critical illnesses (heart attack, cancer, etc.) then you might want to consider a Critical Illness insurance policy or an annuity which accelerates benefits for critical illnesses.

**My retirement savings is in the 401k at work, and I have little to no control over it. Is there anything I can do?**

Ask H.R. for contact information on the financial professionals with the company that actually holds your 401k. Give them a call to discuss your concerns. If your employer does not match any percentage of your investment contributions, you might want to consider diversifying some of your retirement savings into different investment products, like a Roth IRA, a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy, or a modern-day annuity.

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# Good Vibrations

We've all heard it before "It's all about the Vibrations, Man!" Have you ever walked into a business and immediately you just didn't fill right? Many of us had and it wasn't always just the way it looked or the various aromas in the air.

Everything in this world as well as out of this world has a specific vibration or frequency at various levels, we humans can pick up on these vibrations and react accordingly. "Everything in Life is a Vibration" - Albert Einstein

Researchers have found that the human body fundamentally resonates at a frequency to be around 4-6 Hz in a sitting position and 7.5 Hz in an active mode. However, in recent years, some studies have shown that the human body's resident frequency may actually be as high as approximately 10 Hz.

There is agreement among science, medicine and metaphysics that certain frequencies can repel disease, and certain frequencies can destroy disease. Herein lies the link between frequency (vibration) and health. Everything in nature vibrates at different frequencies. So, when you feel uncomfortable when visiting a place of business, it may go beyond just not liking the place but an impact to your health on various levels.

There are many thoughts from various cultures on the layout and content of a business and or home to invite luck or to "bring the good vibrations in". There are also some commonsense directions a business can take to help ensure "the good vibrations" and they are as follows:

- Use custom artwork on your walls that relate to your business
- Add a conversational piece of furniture
- Use various types of flooring
- Make your conference room interactive
- Use accent colors to brighten up the space
- Add decorative lighting as long as your space is well lit
- Add color through chairs



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- Organize office and remove clutter
- Greet your customers as they enter
- Be informative and always be truthful
- Always, always offer a smile
- And most important be kind and nice no matter how difficult it may be

**How does music affect your business?**

The speed, rhythm and volume of in-store business music can influence the pace of customer(s) flow through a business. Research has shown that fast music increases arousal and interest which increases customers' pace of movement. Conversely, relaxing music causes people to slow down and look at their surroundings. Choosing the wrong music for your business can result in your customers dissatisfaction. It can cause people to leave your place of business with no desire to come back, which would result in fewer sales. Also, the highs and lows of the music frequency / vibration may result in the alienation of a segment of

your customer base depending on the type and feel of the business that you are trying to promote.

81% of consumers say that background music lifts their mood, while 71% say it creates a better atmosphere overall. From the moment a customer walks through the door, to the moment they leave - each step of the customers journey should add value.

So good vibrations really matter in many ways, the key is to accomplish the right combination to maximize the customer experience and your bottom line. Allawos & Company has helped countless individuals and companies alike reach their goals and discover new potential.

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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# Don't Forget Your Car This Valentine's Day!

Just think of all your car does for you! They get driven in all kinds of weather. They sit out waiting for you in less than ideal conditions. They get splashed with grime, sit in the sun and rain, and even goo and dust from road construction. This Valentine's Day show your car you care!

- Give your car a pick-me-up. Make sure all the fluids are topped off. If it is overdue for an oil change, this is the time to make sure it is pampered with a lube, oil and fresh new

filter!

- Nothing says you really care like a complete bumper to bumper inspection. It doesn't take much time and your technician can determine the state of your car's health.
- After your car has been serviced, head to the spa (a.k.a. car wash) and give it the works! It will feel better and look better!
- Depending on your habits, sometimes cars are filled with drink cups and drive thru

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- Vacuum its carpets and make sure the floor mats are cleaned too!

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"Helping our members achieve their financial goals is part of our mission, and educational goals are a big part of that," said Aaron Caid, Christian Community Credit Union Chief Marketing Officer. "All of us at the Credit Union feel blessed to help empower these members as they live out their calling and make a positive difference for God's Kingdom."

Christian Community Credit Union offers Student Advantage Banking—a money saving pro-

gram exclusively for students age 16-24. The Credit Union also offers Student Choice—a private loan solution to help fill educational funding gaps. Contact the Credit Union for details.

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COVID-19 Assistance Line at 1-833-422-4255 for more information.



# Around the Valley & Senior News

## Bonita Unified Recognized for Second Time as Inland Empire Top Workplace

**LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS** – For the second year in a row, the Inland Valley News Group has named Bonita Unified one of 2020's Top Workplaces in the Inland Empire.

"To receive such an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from our 1,100 employees means so much to our District, especially during a time when every single one of us had to adapt to a new way of doing things. It speaks volumes about the grit and determination of our community," Superintendent Carl J. Coles said. "Bonita Unified is grateful for the hard work of our educators, classified members and staff who continue to go above and beyond every single day for our students. They are all incredible, and they are all truly deserving of this recognition."

The Inland News Group's list is based on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage. The surveys were distributed to all 13 Bonita Uni-

fied schools and the District office, asking employees about workplace culture, if their jobs exceeded expectations, if they would recommend their workplace to potential employees, why they love their jobs and how their employer could improve the workplace environment.

District employees responded, generating thousands of comments that speak to the positive culture at Bonita Unified. Some of the recurring themes in the survey appeared in the form of words many used to describe the District – "family," "supportive," "collaborative" and "community."

"Bonita Unified is an incredible District full of highly driven, motivated and caring people who work hard every single day to make this organization a truly great place to learn and work," Board of Education President Chuck Coyne said. "Being recognized as a 2020 Top Workplace is humbling and encouraging, and we hope to continue this trend in the coming years."

"With all of the challenges that 2020 presented to school districts, Bonita Unified truly came together as a community of professionals dedicated to the education of students, and it's wonderful to see the District be recognized as a Top Workplace for a second consecutive year," Bonita Unified Teachers Association President Nicole Grant said. "On behalf of our members, thank you to BUSD for always supporting us in ways that allow us to do our part to promote success for all students."

"We are excited to see Bonita Unified recognized as a Top Workplace in 2020," California School Employees Association Bonita Chapter President Don Roberts said. "It is a testimony to the commitment of the District's classified employees and the energy, commitment and care that they bring every single day to their workplace – thank you to all of our colleagues, to our PTA and the support of our community."

## Super Bowl Game and That Half Time Show

Well let's get right into the Super Bowl game. The game between Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs had a surprising outcome. In the stats, Kansas City did well but their turnovers and penalties killed them or at least help kill them. The only thing the Kansas City Chiefs won was that coin toss.

The quarterback matchup with Patrick Mahomes with Kansas City and Tom Brady with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Young against the old.

Before the game they showed Mahomes several times walking with his "swagger". However, with Brady, he acted like a commoner.

The first series of plays, it didn't look good for Brady and the Buccaneers, but they ended up coming alive. For the most part, I would say it was more of an interesting game than all that exciting. Everybody was waiting for the Chiefs to really do something. We all know what the end was, the Buccaneers stomped on the Chiefs 31 to 9. For many of us that was unexpected. I was pulling for the Buccaneers only because of the attitude of Mahomes.

My hats off to the players of both of these teams, they stood and respected the National Anthem. The National Anthem was played unconventionally, how-



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

ever I actually liked it. I'm usually pretty critical about this. I will say, job well done.

Time to speak about that Halftime Show. This Pepsi Halftime show was rather confusing to me. First off, you could hardly understand any words that were being sung by that entertainer from Canada, Abel Tesfaye. I have actually never heard of him before. I guess I don't listen to that type of music. I understand he put in over \$7 million of his own money into this show so it would be remembered.

I had trouble trying to figure out the theme for this show, let alone figuring out any of the words that was being sung for these songs. I was not even sure what I was looking at most of the time. Part of the show had what looked like they should've been the Angels but they were all black face Angels which I am not un-

derstanding. Some said the setting was tombstones and other said they thought it was cities. Later on, they had a bunch of other backup entertainers that looked like they were wearing something similar to jockstraps on their heads. I must really be missing something here. I'm not the only one that felt that way because other people were tossing comments out there to be funny about what they were looking at. Not only comments by the people surrounding me, but over the various Social Medias. I don't know what that show meant.

What is sad is you have all of these backup entertainers there who were in a halftime show where they can't be identified by their family or friends let alone themselves trying to identify where they were at in the show. If I was in a halftime show and I have a recording of it, I would brag and want people to know that it's me. For some reason I feel this was taken away from these backup entertainers and it could've been something they could've cherished. So be what it was, I'm not the one that choreographed the show.

Well I want to thank that Canadian entertainer for trying to do something that was going to be very special and putting \$7 million of his own money into that Pepsi halftime show. But I don't think it worked the way he wanted it to. Seems like there's a lot of thumbs down on that one. Mainly because we could hear the music properly. The other part, would be the wardrobes of all those other entertainers that were working with him.

One response that popped out with the crowd I was with for Super Bowl Sunday, when all those people were running around with the jockstraps on their head, somebody said, "that is one hell of a wardrobe failure."

*"That's just the way it is!"*

## Share the Love this National Donor Day

National Donor Day, aptly recognized every Valentine's Day on February 14, is an annual opportunity to share you love and compassion with friends, family and your community. Here are a few ways you can take part:

1. Register to be an organ donor. Registration is quick and

simple and could save lives. To learn more, visit [donatelife.net](http://donatelife.net).

2. Contact a blood center. Communities are in constant need of whole blood, platelets and plasma to keep patients healthy. If you're eligible to donate, consider making an appointment, particularly if you've recovered from COV-

ID-19. Your donation could help those with the virus fight it.

3. Spread the word. Talk to friends and family about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and your decision to become an organ donor, as well as the importance of donating blood. (SPM Wire)

## Fun Ways to Celebrate President's Day With Your Family

President's Day, which will be celebrated on Monday February 15 this year, observes the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Here are a few fun ways to mark the occasion with your family:

1. Stream the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton" online.

Telling the story of Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton through hip hop, pop and other modern musical styles, this is a fun way to learn about early American history.

2. Tour a historical site from the comfort and safety of home

by taking advantage of the wide range of virtual programming now available.

3. Ask each member of your family to learn five fun facts about their favorite president. Take turns sharing your newfound knowledge. (SPM Wire)

## San Dimas Older American Nominations

**SAN DIMAS** - Every year the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the City of San Dimas proclaim May as Older American Recognition Month. Nominations for the San Dimas Older American Honoree are reviewed by the Senior Citizen Commission and the selected Honoree is recommended to the San Dimas City Council for final appointment.

The San Dimas Older American Honoree represents the City of San Dimas at the Los Angeles County Older American Recognition Day celebration.

The San Dimas Older American Honoree must meet the basic criteria with emphasis placed on service to the community of San Dimas Senior Citizen Programs. See the

nomination form for a sample description.

Nominations must be submitted to the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center, 201 East Bonita Avenue, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021.

Please contact us at (909) 394-6290 if you have questions or need additional information.

## La Verne Senior Lunch Program



**LA VERNE** - Calling all La Verne seniors 60 years or older! Sign up now for the City's curbside Senior Lunch Program by calling the YWCA at (626) 214-9465. Since the beginning of

COVID19, the City has provided a variety of frozen meals, boxed lunches, fruits, bread and milk at the La Verne Community Center every Thursday from 10 AM to 12 PM.

## City of Duarte Facilities Presidents' Day Closures

**DUARTE** - The City of Duarte offices and services will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day. City Hall will re-open on Tuesday, February 16.

City facilities include Duarte City Hall and the Public Safety sub-station located next to Target. The Duarte Fitness Center, Teen Center, Senior Center have

been closed to the public since March due to the COVID-19 State and County Health Orders.

The following agencies may be contacted during closures:

Public Safety - Temple Sheriff Station, (626) 285-7171 or 911

Animal Control - SGV Humane Society (626) 286-1159

### THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

- ACROSS**
- "You're the \_\_\_!"
  - Horse color
  - Interesting person, acr.
  - \*Feeling of the heart
  - Nevada city
  - City in Belgium
  - Use a whisk
  - Greek H's
  - \*Popular Valentine's Day delivery, pl.
  - \*"Love means never having to say you're sorry" movie
  - Ballpark calls
  - Strong adhesive
  - Greek letter N, pl.
  - Lord's subordinate
  - Given to drinking
  - Ovine mom
  - Old storage medium
  - Fairy-tale beginning
  - Politician Pelosi
  - Tokyo, once
  - Bone hollows
  - Sky bear
  - Fitted with a name tag, e.g.
  - "Ever" to a poet
  - With more seeds
  - Attic
  - Summer sandwich?
  - Fraternity letter
  - Medieval headdress
  - \*Only day more popular than Valentine's for card giving
  - Like blue sky
  - Walk the Pacific Crest Trail, e.g.
  - Samoan money
  - \*Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
  - Affirm
  - Give off
  - Plays for pay
  - \*Color of Valentine's Day
  - \*Lovers' reunion

- DOWN**
- Cry like a baby
  - Canyon sound
  - Convict's weapon
  - Conical dwellings
  - Get on juice diet, e.g.
  - Opposite of binary
  - Like a gossipmonger
  - Exterminator's target
  - Change for a five
  - Part of T.G.I.F.
  - Like an abridged classic
  - Tiler's paste
  - \*"I Will Always Love You" singer
  - Stupefied
  - Us, in Mexico
  - \*Cupid's mother
  - In the know
  - Common thing?
  - Smoke plus fog
  - Lay to rest
  - Rocks at mountain base
  - \*Symbol of Valentine's Day
  - Infantry's last row
  - Roulette bet
  - \*Chocolatier, pioneer of the heart-shaped box
  - \_\_\_ apple
  - Risk something
  41. Between egg and eggist
  - Feeling worse than before
  - Gave away
  - Thin piece
  - Annoyed
  - Russia's alternative to caesar
  - Aries or Taurus, e.g.
  - Burn to a crisp
  - MADD member, colloquially
  - Climbed down, as from a carriage
  - Fill beyond full
  - Pharaoh's cobra

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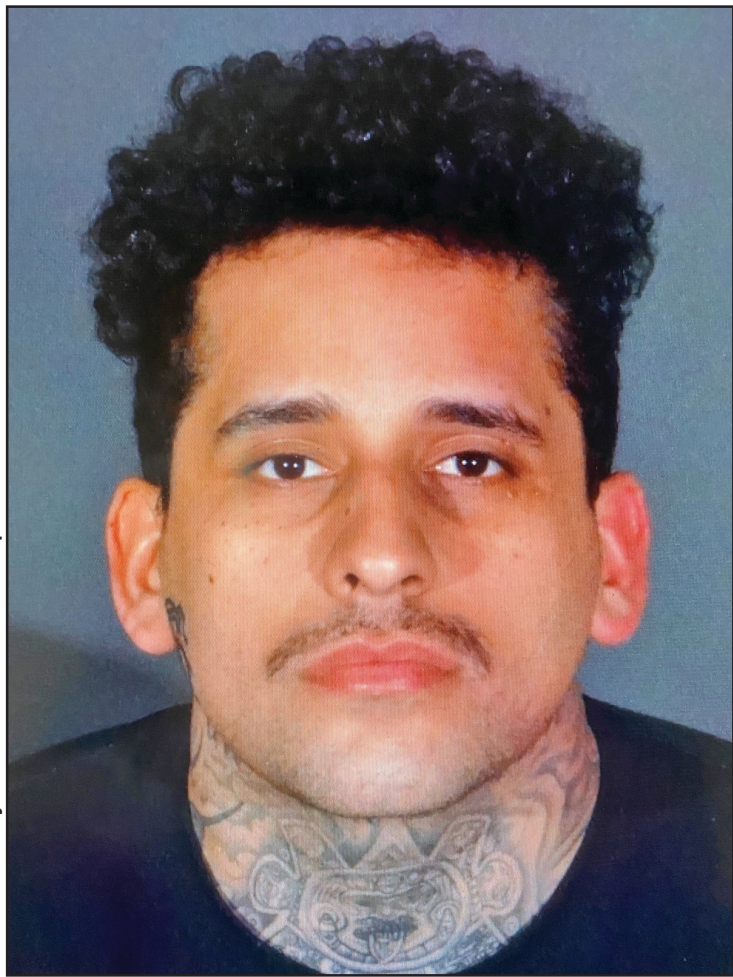
# Glendora Police Arrest Suspect For Attempted Murder

**GLENDORA** – On Friday morning, February 5, 2021, at about 02:19 a.m., Glendora Officers responded to several calls of shots heard in the area of 1000 E. Route 66. Upon our arrival we contacted one victim in the parking lot of Tuesday Morning, who reported that an unknown male had fired several shots at him. The victim was not injured.

Glendora Detectives continued the investigation throughout the day and learned the victim and suspect did not know each other before the shooting. They had a short verbal exchange in the parking lot. The suspect initially walked away from the victim but came back moments later and fired several shots at the victim. The suspect fled the area on foot prior to officer's arrival.

Through investigative resources detectives were able to identify the suspect, along with an additional witness to the crime. Eddy Velarde, from Long Beach, was in Glendora visiting a friend at the time of the incident and was located and arrested, on suspicion of attempted murder, without incident at about 8:50 p.m. Detectives recovered a handgun in Velarde's possession at the time of his arrest.

This case will be presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for filing considerations at the beginning of the week, and detectives are seeking one count of 664/187 PC, Attempt Murder, and one count of 11377 HS, Possession of a Controlled Substance, against Velarde. He is currently in custody at the Glendora City Jail and is being held in lieu of two million dollars bail.



Eddy Velarde was arrested by Glendora Police Detectives.



Handgun recovered by Glendora Police detectives from the suspect at the time of his arrest.

Photos courtesy of the Glendora Police Dept.

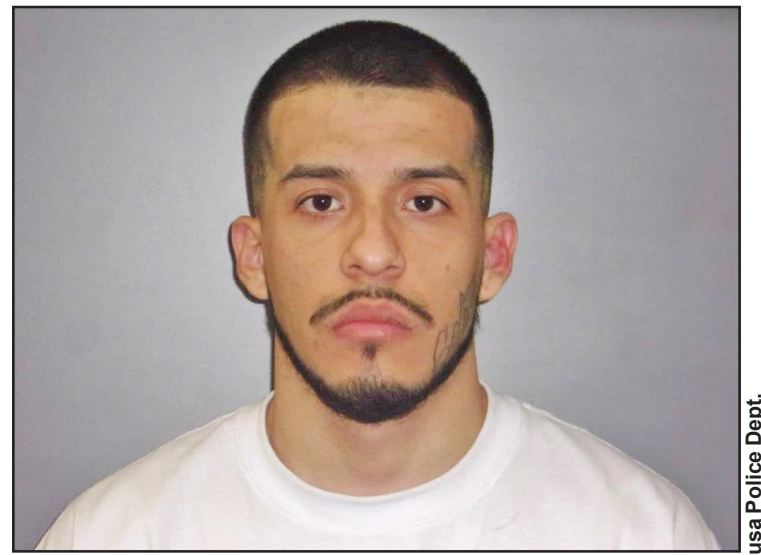
# Azusa Police Arrest Felon In Possession Of A Firearm and Narcotics

**AZUSA** - On February 06, 2021 at 8:01 PM, an Azusa Police Department officer was patrolling the area of Foothill Blvd and Soldano Ave in the City of Azusa. The officer saw a male subject he recognized as a gang member walking through the intersection against a red light, causing a traffic safety hazard for vehicular traffic.

The alert officer attempted to conduct a pedestrian check on the subject, however the male subject immediately led the officer on a foot pursuit. During the foot pursuit, the male suspect discarded a loaded firearm from his person, as well as illegal narcotics prior to being detained. The male suspect was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of narcotics and resisting, delaying and obstructing a peace officer. Lastly, it was learned the suspect had an active arrest warrant for a parole violation.

The suspect was identified as Alvaro Ruben Gomez (21 yrs, Rancho Cucamonga), gang member. Gomez was booked for his listed charges.

On December 26, 2020, suspect Alvaro Gomez was arrested by Azusa Police Department Officers for illegal possession of a firearm. Approximately two weeks later on January 9, 2021, suspect Alvaro Gomez was again arrested by Azusa Officers for illegally possessing a firearm. During that investigation, suspect Gomez told officers, any time he is in the City of Azusa, he will be armed.



Alvaro Ruben Gomez



Firearm and narcotics recovered from the suspect

The Azusa Police Department takes a "Zero tolerance" stance toward criminal gang activity and is continuously seeking information regarding gang related crimes. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Azusa Police Department Detective Bureau at (626) 812-3200.

Photos courtesy of the Azusa Police Dept.

# Pedestrian Killed on Vincent Freeway Onramp in West Covina

By **George Ogden**

**WEST COVINA** - On Sunday at 7:25 p.m., the CHP was notified of a person down and possibly hit by a vehicle. This was on the southbound on-ramp from Vincent Avenue to the 10 Freeway.

When the first responders arrived, they saw an individual that was down on the on-ramp. The CHP closed down the

on-ramp and issued a sig alert for that area. There is speculation that the victim was crossing the on-ramp and was struck by at least one vehicle.

At this time there is limited information as to whether or not a driver involved with this accident had remained at the scene that was. It appears that the vehicle struck the individual and knocked him further down

the on-ramp towards the freeway itself. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. An accident investigation continued.

The identification of the individual is being withheld until the next of kin has been contacted.

The Baldwin Park CHP would like to hear from anybody that may have seen what happens or could add some information that would help them with their investigation.

# Stolen Catalytic Converter Recovered from Suspects

**BALDWIN PARK** - On Monday, February 1, 2021, at approximately 5:44 AM, Baldwin Park police officers responded to the 14100 Block of Chilcot Avenue, Baldwin Park regarding an in-progress theft of a catalytic converter.

During the investigation led by Baldwin Park Patrol Officers, two male suspects and a female suspect were arrested. They also located burglary tools on the suspects person and their vehicle. A search of the suspect's vehicle resulted in the recovery of a catalytic converter and with the assis-

tance of the Baldwin Park Detective Bureau, they were able to locate the owner in San Dimas.

The suspects, Ramon Ibarra (38 years old) of Santa Ana, Luis Partida (29 years old) of Baldwin Park, and Estephannie Zamarripa (25 years of age) of Victorville

were arrested and Baldwin Park police will seek charges of grand theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, and possession of burglary tools.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to call the Baldwin Park Police Department Watch Commander at 626-960-1955.

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Effective January 1, 2021, all CalFresh household benefits have been temporarily increased by 15% until June 2021!

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