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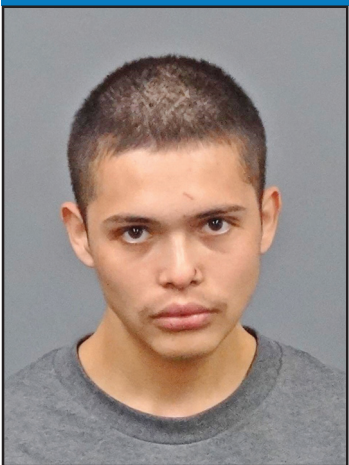
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# Citrus College Superintendent/President Announces Upcoming Retirement

**GLENDORA** – Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., will retire on July 1, 2021.

Although she first shared the news with the college community in December 2020, Superintendent/President Perri's retirement plans were made official during the Jan. 19, 2021, meeting of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

"It has been an honor to be a part of the Citrus College community for the past 13 years. Together, we have established Citrus College as a state and national leader in higher education," Superintendent/President Perri said. "As the college prepares for this next chapter, I am confident that countless more lives will be improved through the power of education."

When Superintendent/President Perri stepped into her role in July 2008, she became the first woman and the seventh superintendent/president in Citrus College history. A dedicated educator with extensive experience in community college administration, she was well-equipped for her role as the college's chief executive.

Since that time, an impressive body of work has been accomplished under Superintendent/President Perri's leadership.



Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., is the first woman and the seventh superintendent/president in Citrus College history.

From tackling the objectives established by three strategic plans to successfully navigating several accreditation cycles, the college worked to meet the evolving needs of its students and surrounding communities. One way it has done so is through the College of Completion initiative. Launched in response to a White

House mandate challenging the nation's colleges to increase graduation rates, College of Completion employs a number of strategies that support students in their pursuit of higher education and lead to degree completion and transfer.

From the beginning, relationship building was a priority for Superintendent/President Perri. During her tenure, Citrus College's ties to the community were strengthened through campus tours, special events, informative presentations and more. Outreach to elected officials, local educators, business and industry leaders, and prospective students and their parents allowed the college to engage with the community in a manner that was both meaningful and mutu-

ally beneficial.

The Citrus College Foundation played a significant role in increasing the college's community engagement. An active presence within the Foundation, Superintendent/President Perri worked with the organization's executive board members and supporters to spread the word about Citrus College and advance the goals of its students. Since Superintendent/President Perri has been at the helm of Citrus College, the Foundation's financial holdings have hit a new benchmark, increasing to over \$11 million in the fall of 2020. In addition, the Foundation spearheaded the Citrus College centennial celebration, received the largest endowment in the college's history and established the President's Circle, which funded College of Completion initiatives and secured major funding for the Citrus College Promise program.

Another major highlight of Superintendent/President Perri's tenure has been the creation and expansion of academic support programs that have increased educational opportunities for students. These include the veterans program, which has consistently earned Citrus College the national Military Friendly School designation; the STEM program, which has received multiple federal grants and has produced impressive student outcomes; and dual enrollment, which makes it possible for high school students to pursue a community college associate degree concurrently with a high school diploma. The college's success in developing and implementing new associate degrees for transfer also earned recognition, including receiving the Campaign for College Opportunity's "Champion of

Higher Education" designation on several occasions.

In addition, significant facilities improvements have been made under Superintendent/President Perri's watch. With the help of Measure G bond funds and the completion of two Educational and Facilities Master Plans, the Citrus College campus has been transformed and new facilities have been constructed. These include the stadium Field House and adjoining concession stand, Softball Field complex, Student Services Building, Technician Development and Technology Engineering facilities, Campus Safety Building, and Visual Arts Building. In addition, several buildings were renovated, including the Physical Education Building (formerly main gym), Administration Building, Hayden Hall and the Ross L. Handy Campus Center.

Last year, the college adopted a new 2020-2030 Educational and Facilities Master Plan, which provides a road map for meeting the college's educational, student support services, technology and facility needs. Completion of some of the plan's facilities goals will be made possible by Measure Y, a \$298 million bond measure that was passed by voters in November 2020. Known as the Citrus College Career Education, Repair, Affordable Education Measure, it will help the college improve the quality of education by upgrading facilities, meeting safety standards and providing resources to students.

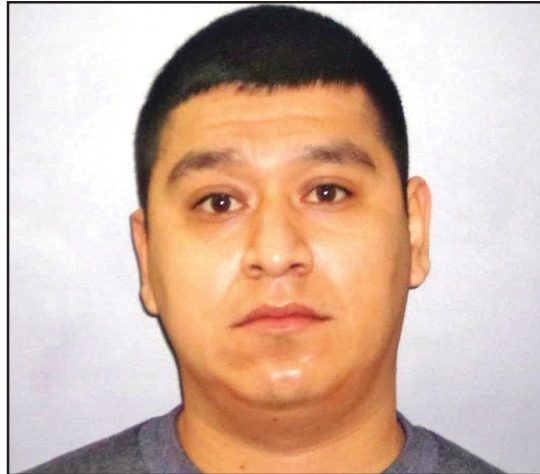
"Citrus College has benefitted greatly from Dr. Perri's unfailing dedication to fulfilling the college's mission," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "A

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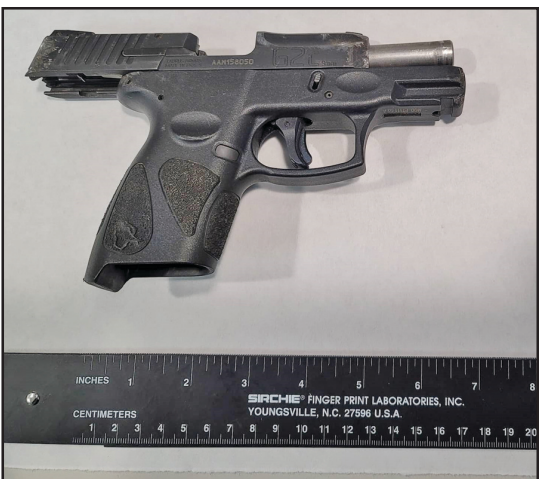
## Vehicle Stop Leads To Felony And Misdemeanor Weapon Related Charges



Louie Cruz Dominguez (37 yrs, Baldwin Park).



Leonardo Alcalá (23 yrs, La Puente).



black 9mm handgun

**AZUSA** - On January 19, 2021 at approximately 8:46 PM, an Azusa police officer saw vehicle commit a traffic violation in the area of First St. and Azusa Ave. The officer attempted to stop the

vehicle, but the driver failed to yield while both the driver and passenger threw items out of the vehicle, and continued a short distance before yielding. The vehicle eventually stopped and both



9mm "ghost" clone handgun

the driver and passenger were detained without incident.

The driver, who was on parole for murder, and a Hacienda Heights gang member, was identified as Louie Cruz Dominguez (37 yrs, Baldwin Park). The passenger was identified as Leonardo Alcalá (23 yrs, La Puente).

The discarded items were recovered and found to be a black 9mm handgun and a 9mm "ghost" clone handgun. Ammunition was also found in the vehicle.

Both men were arrested and charged with numerous felony and misdemeanor weapon related charges.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Azusa Police Department at (626) 812-3200.

## LA County to Align with State Health Officer Order Reopening Key Sectors, Including Outdoor Dining on Friday

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The State lifted the Regional Stay Home Order on Monday and moved all counties back into the Blueprint for a Safer Economy color-coded tiers. Los Angeles County, along with the majority of the State, is in the most restrictive purple tier.

With the lifting of the Regional Stay Home Order, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order that was issued on Nov. 25 is now in effect until a new Health Officer Order is issued later this week to more fully align with the sector openings permitted in the purple tier.

The following is allowed starting today with adherence to all of the sector specific direc-

tives to ensure distancing, wearing of face coverings, and infection control:

- Private gatherings outdoors up to 3 households and up to a total of 15 people
- Museums, zoos, aquariums outdoor operations at 50% occupancy
- Cardrooms outdoor operations at 50% occupancy
- Miniature golf, go karts, batting cages outdoor operations at 50% occupancy
- Outdoor recreational activities are open
- Hotels & motels for tourism and individual travel allowed
- Fitness facilities open for outdoor operations

• Personal care services open indoors at 25% capacity

• Indoor mall, shopping center, lower-risk retail open at 25% indoor capacity; food courts and common areas closed

The following restrictions remain in effect until January 29:

- Restaurants, wineries and breweries remain open for pickup, delivery, and take-out only.
- Non-essential businesses closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Residents are advised to stay home as much as possible and always wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when they are outside their household and around others.

## Health Officer Update

### Allowable starting today, January 25, 2021

- **Private gatherings:** Limited to 3 households & total of 15 people; outdoors only
- **Family Entertainment Centers:** Open for outdoor operations (50%)
- **Museums, zoos and aquariums:** Open for outdoor operations
- **Cardrooms:** Open for outdoor operations (50%)
- **Miniature golf, go karts, batting cages:** Open for outdoor operations (50%)
- **Outdoor recreational activity:** Open
- **Hotels, motels:** Tourism and individual travel allowed
- **Fitness facilities:** Open for outdoor operations
- **Personal care:** Open at 25% indoor capacity
- **Indoor malls, shopping centers, lower-risk retail:** Open at 25% indoor capacity; food courts and common areas closed

### Allowable starting Friday, January 29, 2021

- **Restaurants:** Outdoor dining only

## Therapist Sentenced for Sexually Abusing Patients

**PASADENA** - A former marriage and family therapist in Pasadena was sentenced to four years in state prison for sexually abusing seven patients, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edgar Gustavo Villamarin of Pasadena pleaded no contest in September to seven counts of sexual battery by fraud in case

GA104966.

Deputy District Attorney Lisa Daruty said the defendant also was ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The victims were touched or fondled by Villamarin between 2014 and 2018, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Pasadena Police Department.

# Fighting Flu and Staying Healthy All Year With Medicaid and CHIP

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Each year, millions of Americans get sick from “seasonal influenza” (“the flu”). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 38 million people got sick with the flu during the 2019-2020 flu season. The flu is more dangerous than the common cold and children are at higher risk for developing serious complications. More than 12 million children under the age of 18 were diagnosed with flu last year, and of those children diagnosed, more than 52,000 were hospitalized. However, there are preventive steps parents can take to protect their children and family from the flu.

Flu viruses change each year, so the best way to keep your kids and teens healthy is to make sure they get their yearly flu shot. The flu is a serious illness, but getting the flu shot helps lower the number of hospital visits and deaths. Remember, even healthy kids can get sick from the flu and spread it to family and others.

This year, it’s more important than ever for children 6 months and older, as well as adults, to get a seasonal flu shot. The CDC recommends getting a flu shot early in the season, but getting it at any time during the flu season can help.

Medicaid offers free or low-cost health insurance for eligible kids up to age 21; the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers eligible kids up to age 19. Medicaid and CHIP covers vaccinations for children, like the flu shot, but also other services like preventive care, well-child visits, dental and vision

care, and mental and behavioral health care. Eligibility varies by state and depends on your household size and income. On average, a family of four earning up to \$50,000 a year or more may qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. Enrollment is open all year, but you have to renew your health coverage yearly.

**Catch Up on Missed Care**  
This is also a good time to catch up on other care and necessary preventive services your child may have missed because of COVID-19, like routine well-child visits and vaccinations. Routine well-child visits help health care providers ensure children are growing and developing normally, including meeting important developmental milestones and provide age-appropriate counseling and immunizations to keep children healthy. With Medicaid and CHIP coverage, parents can schedule preventive visits for their children. Your provider will tell you how to be safe and how to get important care to protect your kids’ health now and for the future.

Preventive care can keep you, your family and community healthy. Get covered with Medicaid and CHIP and catch up on care to prevent disease. Don’t forget to schedule your child’s yearly flu shot and protect your child’s health.

To learn more about Medicaid and CHIP, visit [InsureKidsNow.gov](http://InsureKidsNow.gov) or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) to speak with an enrollment specialist and get covered today. (StatePoint)

*Information provided by the*

*U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.*

# Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

**LA VERNE** - Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise in La Verne and throughout the entire State of California.

Protect yourself and your vehicle from this type of theft by

- Parking your vehicle inside a garage (if available)
- Parking your vehicle in a well-lit area
- Consider installing motion sensor activated lights around your home
- Consider having the converter welded to your vehicles frame
- Consider etching your vehicles VIN number on the converter for identification if it is stolen and
- Consider the purchase and use of a Catalytic Converter Clamp
- The LaVerne PD offers a service called “Operation ID”



in which engraving tools are loaned out to residents, free of charge, for up to one week. The service is first come, first

served. Please report all suspicious activity. Remember, if you see something, say something!

# West Covina Cty Council Approves Partnership with County Health Department for COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Centers

**WEST COVINA** - At the January 19, 2021 City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (County DPH) for Public Medical Point of Dispensing (MPOD) sites in West Covina.

The City of West Covina is committed to do its part in helping fight the pandemic and keeping our community safe. West Covina wants to ensure our residents have access to testing and the vaccines. City and Council efforts with the County have led to the executed MOU that positions West Covina ready for testing and vaccination sites in our community.

As of this morning, the City has executed the MOU with the

County DPH to facilitate a testing and vaccination center at the Cameron Community Center (1305 E. Cameron Avenue). The West Covina testing site at Cameron Community Center is anticipated to start scheduling COVID-19 testing as early as February 1, 2021 and tentatively as early as February 8, 2021 will be accepting reservations for vaccinations. The Cameron Community Center will adhere to County guides for distribution of tests and vaccinations. Reservations for testing and vaccinations will be made through the County’s website [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov)

For questions or to learn more about West Covina contact City Hall at (626) 939-8401.

# Citizen Of The Year

**IRWINDALE** - Calling all Irwindale Residents!

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond for the Irwindale Community? Now is the time to let them shine! Please complete the nomination form and return it no later than February 5, 2021.

Awards will be presented at the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Virtual Annual Installation Dinner Thursday, February 18, 2021.

For more information and a nomination form, email [Amanda@IrwindaleChamber.org](mailto:Amanda@IrwindaleChamber.org)

**ATTENTION ALL IRWINDALE RESIDENTS**

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**February 18, 2021 at 6pm**

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## Glendora Presents Its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

**GLENDORA** - On January 12, 2021, the City Council received a presentation on the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The presentation highlighted how the City of Glendora successfully navigated the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 and ended the year fiscally strong, by cutting back on many expenses without reducing services to the Community. Many creative solutions were implemented during the pandemic including business assistance loans, rental assistance grants, parklets for local restaurants, waiving of late fees, establishing a virtual City Hall, and implementing significant homeless mitigation efforts.

Ending fiscally strong started with the good news of the September 2019 issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds resulting in annual savings of over \$1 million (\$31 million over 25 years). In addition, Measure E achieved its purpose by providing revenues that maintained existing services levels, and providing the reve-

nues needed to reserve over \$2.6 million for future capital projects (e.g. roads, sidewalks, technology, facility improvements). Due to lower expenditures, CARES Act funding, and revenues performing better than expected, the City was also able to maintain 45% Emergency Reserves in the General Fund and set aside \$1.6 million for the pension stabilization fund. The efforts of the community to pass Measure E were critical in maintaining service levels. And the issuance of the Pension Obligation Bonds was a strategic step in mitigating pension costs for years to come.

"The City of Glendora continues demonstrate good stewardship of its financial resources and is following through on its promises to the community. We are proud to receive these reporting awards and will continue to maintain our transparent and progressive financial communication with residents of Glendora," said Mayor Michael Allowas.

The City of Glendora's Finance Division has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report-

ing from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"Completing the financial audit with a clean opinion from the auditors and receiving the awards from GFOA are a reflection of the quality and dedication of the Finance team," said Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer, June Overholt.

The City has received this Achievement for 19 years, representing a significant accomplishment by a government and its Finance function. In addition, the City of Glendora received its first award from GFOA for the first ever Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The PAFR report is intended to summarize key information from the CAFR in a more easily readable format. Both the CAFR and PAFR for Fiscal Year 2019-20 have been submitted to GFOA for award.

## Bomb Thrown Into First Works Baptist Church

By George Ogden

**EL MONTE** - On Saturday morning, January 23 around 1:15 am, the El Monte police were notified along with the fire department that apparently a bomb was thrown into a storefront type church in the 2300 block of Tyler Avenue. It is known as the First Works Baptist Church.

It appears that a homemade bomb was thrown into the church which exploded and set the church on fire. The church has been the target of protests because of their discriminatory beliefs. It has been said that they are anti-gay and that the government should execute gay people.

First Works Pastor Bruce Mejia has had issues and had previously filed a report with police after receiving threats of arson. Mejia has made it clear that the church condemns same-sex relationships.

The church has been a target of protests because of its preaching and the Mejia's doctrine is to preach against the LGBTQ community.

El Monte Mayor Jessica Ancona condemned this attack. He wants the police and FBI to find out who's responsible for this.

There were no injuries reported from this incident and the investigation continues. There is apparently a number of video surveillance recordings that shows that most likely 2 people were involved in this incident. They are securing other videos surveillance recordings in the area to get more information to be able to identify those responsible.

Anyone that may have information on this incident is requested to call the El Monte police or the FBI with that information.

## Solis Signs Executive Order Making COVID-19 Vaccinations Available to Residents 65 Years of Age and Older

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, signed an Executive Order directing the County's Department of Public Health to make COVID-19 vaccinations appointments available to residents 65 years of age and older beginning on January 21, 2021.

"Over the past several weeks, the County of Los Angeles has administered the vaccine to frontline healthcare workers, so that they can stay safe while doing the important work of saving lives, and resi-

dents and staff in skilled nursing facilities, and long-term care facilities.

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout has been an enormous undertaking, especially during an unprecedented surge where cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to skyrocket.

However, if we are to ever get out of this dark winter, it is critical that we make headway vaccinating people 65 years of age and older as soon as possible - in line with Governor Gavin Newsom's recommendations.

That is why I signed an Executive Order today directing

the County's Department of Public Health to make COVID-19 vaccinations appointments available to residents 65 years of age and older, beginning on January 21, 2021 - this is to allow for public health officials to adequately prepare for the rollout of the vaccine to this population.

Pursuant to this order, I expect the Department of Public Health to release information immediately so that our vulnerable residents can get the protection they deserve."

Residents can go to [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) for more information.

## VaccinateLACounty.com Primary Way to Schedule Vaccine Appointments

Call Center for People Without Computer Access or With Disabilities Vaccine information

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County is reminding residents that the main way to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments is by logging on to [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) to check appointment availability.

Los Angeles County and its partners are operating a COVID-19 vaccination call center for residents who do not have computer access or have a disability that requires phone assistance. Residents without

computer access can call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm 7 days a week for assistance with appointments.

Every appointment is booked through the portal on [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) and calls to the hotline do not offer access to a separate pool of appointments.

The vaccination call center is experiencing a surge of thousands of callers seeking to schedule vaccination appointments, which is affecting their

ability to serve residents who do not have access to a computer.

While the County is increasing staffing at the call center, they strongly urge residents who have computer access to go to [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com). Because of the limited supply of vaccine, only a very limited number of appointments are currently available, for frontline health care workers and county residents aged 65 years and older.

## Holden Introduces Legislation to Create State School Nurse Consultant at California Department of Education

**SACRAMENTO** - Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced, AB 285, legislation that creates a State School Nurse Consultant within the Department of Education to oversee school nurses and supervisors of health, and to advise the State Superintendent on student health issues.

"How, when, and where to open schools takes a lot of expertise, communication, and coordination between different agencies at different levels of government," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "A State School Nurse Position will help keep our children healthy and safe beyond the current pandemic."

A school nurse at the Department of Education will lend strong insight into how schools operate safely during this pandemic. Outside of infectious disease events like the current Pandemic, there are additional public health issues that impact schools that would benefit from this new position. Health issues like mental health, diabetes, nutrition, vision, physical activity, safety are all issues that schools are trying to address. A School Nurse Consultant will provide guidance and insight to schools so our students can thrive in and outside of the classroom.

Currently, there is no school nurse to address health issues

in the Department of Education. New laws and mandates are placed on schools to address health issues like administering medications, vision tests, and EpiPens, but there is no position at the California Department of Education to advise school districts on the implementation of those laws. AB 285 aims to enhance a public health perspective at the Department of Education, which will better-serve California students.

"AB 285 is a solution we always needed, but is now more urgent than ever in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic," continued Holden.

## Assemblymember Holden Introduces Legislation to Establish Use of Force Training for Private Patrol Operators

**SACRAMENTO** - Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced, AB 229, legislation that establishes use of force trainings within the existing courses provided by the California Private Security Services Act. Under current laws, no use of force trainings exist for Private Patrol Operators.

"When private security are responsible for the safety of the general public, those private operators must have the proper training in order to apply the

appropriate use of force in any particular situation," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "We put a lot of attention on our State's peace officers, but private security, who sometimes are in similar circumstances, need comparable training."

In 2019, Mario Matthews was restrained face-down on the floor at Golden 1 Center by two security personnel after he ran on to the court following an NBA exhibition game. According the lawsuit filed by his parents, his hands were handcuffed behind his back and the two security personnel got on top of his back. One security guard used his right knee to apply pressure to the side of Mario's neck for approximately four and a half minutes. In addition to the initial two Universal Protection Security personnel, a third security officer placed himself on Mario's back.

After approximately ten min-

utes, several Sacramento Police Department officers arrived and used maximum restraints; they tied his legs together with one strap and another strap around his waist. For a total of 20 minutes, Mario was face-down with as many as four people on top of him. Mario became unresponsive and was taken to the hospital. He passed away two days later. The lawsuit claims that the Sacramento County Coroner acknowledged that restraint was a cause of Mario's death.

"What happened to Mario is unacceptable, and proper training will play big role in avoiding unnecessary harm or death to others," said Holden.

AB 229 requires the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to develop curriculum and training courses on the appropriate use of force for private security services employees in consultation with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.



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## Redistricting: New Boundaries, New Candidates

Once every 10 years after the U.S. Census has been completed, the California Redistricting Commission begins the process of redrawing Assembly, Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization boundary lines. There is a website - [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov) -- where the business of the Commission can be tracked to ensure the lines provide equal populations, no discrimination based on race or ethnicity and no gerrymandering.

The California Constitution requires districts to be contiguous, to preserve the geographic integrity of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest and, if possible, create assembly and senate districts that are "nested within each other". The priority, of course, is compliance with the Voting Rights Act and "constitutional rules on race."

The redistricting process has its own language to describe actions we should all be watching out for as the plan and maps move forward. Words like gerrymandering, defined as drawing lines to benefit one party or candidate over another. The term was named after Elbridge Gerry, a Governor of Massachusetts, who signed a bill that created a district in Boston that looked like a salamander.

Two more terms in this process are "cracking" meaning to dilute the power of one party over another across several districts by splitting up cities or communities; and, "packing" is concentrating one party's friendly votes in one district to win that race and place unfriendly voters in another district. With all the rules involved in creating districts, cracking and packing seem to be more possible than not.

"Hijacking" takes two districts and creates a new one forcing two



**Shade's Perspective**  
Lois M. Shade

**Former Mayor of Glendora**  
incumbents to run against each other knowing that one will lose.

"Kidnapping" is a term used when an incumbent's home address is moved into another district forcing that politician to run for office with a new voter base that don't know him/her.

There are 435 seats in the House of Representatives and those seats are awarded based on a state's population relative to population in other states. With the out-migration in California of some of our largest businesses, and the middle-class population following their jobs, or people just giving up California because of the cost of living, this state may lose one seat in the House.

Tired of the games being played by Sacramento politicians using all those terms specific to redistricting, California voters, through the initiative process in 2008, created a 14-member Redistricting Commission - five Democrats, five Republicans and four belonging to neither party. Eight are selected to serve by a pool of twenty Democrats, twenty Republicans and twenty belonging to neither party; and, then those eight select the other six - two Republicans, two Democrats and two from neither party.

Those Commissioners will approve the district boundaries in California, but only if nine of the

fourteen commissioners approve the plan and maps that go with that plan. And, those nine members must include three Democrats, three Republicans, and three belonging to neither party. The maps drawn and agreed to by the Commission may be overturned by the public through the referendum process, and if that is successful, the California Supreme Court must appoint a new group to draw a new map.

In 2016, SB 958 was passed requiring L.A. County to create a Citizens Redistricting Commission to review and adjust the supervisorial district boundaries. L.A. County Registrar has listed a possible 60 candidates and from that pool the L.A. County Auditor-Controller will select eight candidates, one from each Supervisorial District and three from the remaining pool of candidates. Those eight candidates will then select six candidates from the remaining applicants.

City of Los Angeles's 21-member Redistricting Commission started its process in August. It works a little differently with the Council President appointing two members and each of the fourteen council members appointing one member. The City Attorney and Controller each also get to appoint one member.

To form the 15-member L.A. Unified School District redistricting commission, each of the seven school board members will pick on person for the panel and the council president and mayor will each pick four members.

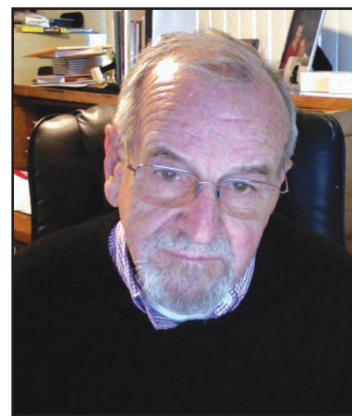
I look at this formula for creating fair elections and have my doubts given the current make up of our elected bodies. However, it is absolutely critical we all pay attention and be involved because this could have a tremendous impact on our communities and lifestyles.

## The Four Seasons

Antonio Vivaldi produced his masterful violin concerto, "The Four Seasons," three hundred years ago. It remains one of the Baroque period's most requested compositions. As I was growing up the march of the seasons did not depend on our kitchen calendar but was marked by the flow of events. Fall, the beginning of my year, meant the start of school. That season lasted through Thanksgiving and gave way to winter with the coming of Christmas. Sooner or later the ice and snow would yield to showers flowers, and the inevitable signs that spring had come. Finally the end of the school year meant that summer had at last arrived.

Another way to look at the seasons reduces them to just two—summer and winter, or spring and fall. My grandmother marked the flow of the year with Spring/Fall House cleaning. Windows were washed, inside and out. Everything that could be scrubbed was scrubbed. The highlight was the all-family transfer of rugs. The four heavy woolen ones were hauled to the back yard, thrown over clotheslines and beaten with a device created for that purpose. Everyone in the family got to share in this task. These winter rugs were then hauled to the attic and the lighter ones were hauled down and whacked until the there was no longer a show of dust. Six months later the routine was duplicated in reverse.

Here in Southern California the march of the seasons is not that clear. I have seen warm Christmas days and ninety degree weather in March. Most of the



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time temperatures are moderate, and any given day would probably be a replica of yesterday or even of any day last month. Even so, August and September can be like an oven.

What has further impacted the modest flow of the year is COVID-19. There seems to be little day to day variation in our activities. With rare exceptions my calendar is blank, and I may go a week without even looking at it in order to determine what I ought to be doing. There may be occasional ZOOM events, but I still often lose focus on what I need to do. In the last half year I have had two medical appointments, but little else. Every day seems like every other day. It occurs to me, however, that is how most people have lived, working seven days in the week, possibly in the western world taking a break to go to church. Cows needed to be milked and fed twice a day no matter what day it is. Child care could not be put aside because it happens to be Tuesday.

I have gradually been aware of how fortunate we middle-class Americans are. The great variety we usually experience has rarely

been duplicated by most of the human family that day after day, month after month season after season they must devote every available hour to keeping themselves and their families fed and sheltered.

Henry David Thoreau once observed that "the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." If we do not fit that dismal recipe, perhaps it is not because we are so good, or have been uniquely blessed, but only because we are lucky, and recognizing where life has put us should make every day uniquely precious. So I will find the season glorious because I am alive, sheltered, fed and cared for. Perhaps the next time I hear Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" I will be reminded of how the flow of the days and the seasons have landed on this Lucky Duck.

*All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go; the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow,*

*hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed,*

*and laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.*

*O thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,*

*thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose;*

*day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim*

*in ever changing words of light the wonder of thy name.*

Francis Wile

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## It May Already Be Too Late To Save America

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

How did Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini come to power and terrorize the world?

After the defeat of the Axis powers of WWII many of the Hitler faithful were put on trial in Nuremberg for crimes against humanity. One of the defendants (I believe it was Herman Gering) was asked how the German people were convinced to support Hitler. His answer was simple: by 'controlling the media and through fear'.

Here we are today in the same situation. The MSM and social media are controlling what we here and see. The fear is twofold: First, the fear of the Cancel Culture cancelling you and the fear of being physically attacked by thugs who threaten to kill conservatives and every member of their families.

If someone does not conform to the Social Media giants they cancel your accounts or in the case of Parlor they cancel access to the web. Trump has banned from Twitter for life. Thousands of conservatives are also banned. Several people on the left have called for re-indoctrination camps for Trump supporters. Some have gone as far as suggesting that the children of Conservative Republicans should be taken away by child protective services to protect them from the evils of their parents. These people, along with ANTIFA and other terrorists are NOT banned!

Chaos on the left is ignored in the MSM while any small transgressions by those supporting the conservative causes are banned, shunned and doxed. Riots, burning and looting by leftists and opportunists is called 'peaceful protests' while Trump rallies were labeled white supremacist racist gatherings. The radical Left said nothing when ANTIFA and BLM

threatened the White House (last summer) and caused the Secret Service to send President Trump to a secure bunker. Now the Democrats are once again impeaching Trump for a speech which had nothing to do with the pre-planned invasion of the Capitol Building.

Rigged elections have become a tool of the tyrannical Democrat Party.

All of the above tactics are like those employed by Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, Adolph Hitler, Chairman Mau, Hugo Chavez and so many other dictators.

Now that the new regime has taken over in Washington DC the Socialist Democrat Party sycophants are demanding that the U. S. Government become just as dictatorial and tyrannical as all the dictators of the past. Nancy Pelosi has requested that the FBI investigate the social media outlet Parlor and the people that they employ.

New executive orders Biden has signed undermines everything that was accomplished over the past four years. Stopping the Keystone Pipeline killed thousands of jobs here and in Canada. The Canadian government is threatening to sue. Biden said to the now un-employed union workers "you can find another job". The American Indian tribes that have been affected are not happy because of the loss of millions of dollars in revenue. What will the American people think when gasoline reaches \$5.00 or more a gallon? Electricity costs will skyrocket when all fossil fuel and nuclear power plants go off line. Also, those electric cars, that do not consume oil based products, will drive the consumption of electricity beyond the capacity "green" energy can produce. No problem - the Left

wants to do away with private ownership of cars - cars represent freedom.

These presidential edicts are only the tip of the iceberg and previews of what is to come, when the Democrats destroy American traditions, history and our Constitutional Republic.

What can be done to reverse these draconian trends?

We hear a lot of talk about forming a new Patriot Party but will that fix the problems within the Republican Party? Simply put, the answer is NO. The right answer is for all true patriots to stand up to the tyrannical left. We must employ the tactics of the late Dr. Martin Luther King - peaceful and persistent resistance.

The first thing that must be done is to contact your representatives - at all levels of government and let them know what you think. Next, find out who the Left leaning Republicans are. If they are elected politicians 'primary' them out of office. If the left RINO's are in the political machine, replace them. Replace all these RINO's with patriots. Support people who share your values with volunteering and money.

Get off all corporate social media outlets who support tyranny, like Facebook Twitter and the companies who have banned Trump and other conservative voices. If a company supports the socialists Left, stop buying their products and services. Cancel your credit cards to banks and other organizations who openly support ideals that you do not support.

Support the peaceful revolution - it may already be too late.

Bad government is what good people get when they become complacent. Aristotle

## MY TURN: Biden Cancels Our Founding Fathers

It was just a few weeks back when, then President Donald Trump, announced in his many rallies, a new program. This was how it was reported when President Donald Trump drafted an Executive Order to promote patriotic education:

He announced the plan, called The 1776 Commission, during a speech at the White House History Conference.

"It will encourage educators to teach our children about the miracle of American history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of our founding," Trump said during the speech held on Constitution Day, which marks the anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution.

The president said he will soon sign an executive order to establish the commission.

With enthusiastic anticipation, the details were starting to come out. Members of the commission included Dr. Larry Ann, Victor Davis-Hanson and Dr. Carol Swain.

The purpose was to encourage the teaching of our real birthday in opposition to the 1619 Project that teaches our children that America is a racist country born in 1619 when the first slave ships arrived in America. This is in spite of the idea that America as an independent United States wouldn't happen for 157 more years.

The 1776 Commission be-



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came one of the first casualties of President Joe Biden's Executive Orders. He cancelled the program. It felt like he cancelled Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Monroe, Madison, Payne, Franklin and all the rest. But why? It had nothing to do with Green New Deal considerations like the Keystone XL Pipeline. While that was a bad decision, costing jobs, breaking agreements and contracts, jeopardizing oil production, and forcing us back into the possibility of energy "dependence" once again, the pipeline was a whole different ball game than this Commission. Also not related was his cancellation of the wall on the Mexican Border which effects relations with Mexico, illegal immigration, coyote undesirables, covid pandemic control, more contract cancellations and any number of other factors. The covid policy reversals were also no surprise, considering their controversies.

There are probably many rea-

sons this cancellation took place in the very beginning of Biden's Executive order marathon. He has tried to convince us the reasons are in regard to what is good for America. You know, the infamous "for the greater good." Every time I hear that I want to run for safety. Maybe it is more likely pressure from the Teacher's Union, or the more radical sections of the Democrat party, such as The Squad. Or maybe he seeks some Obama street "cred." But, in the end, I think another reason is the most depressing of all. Just plain vindictiveness. I have said it before. Former President Trump lives rent free in the heads of all the Democrats and some Republicans who also don't support him out of fear of a "take-over" of the Republican party. But the GOP has been taken over. 75 million voters represent more than just Republicans. Establishment Republicans, like it or not, need the Trump supporters. And the MAGA portion of the party needs a healthy number of establishment Republicans to have a party strong enough to compete with the Democrats, who have made harvesting votes, and cultivating voters, a 24 hour, seven days a week activity.

Maybe we need an 1854 Commission. That was the year a dying party called The Whigs gave way to a more relevant exciting party, ironically built on the abolition of slavery. The Republican party.

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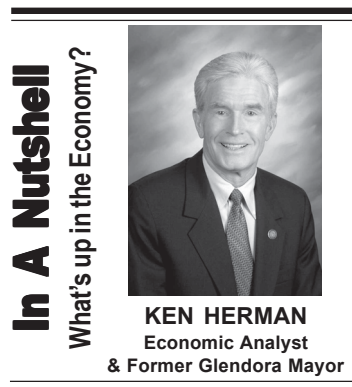
**WHITE'S FUNERAL HOME**

# More Stimulus Coming

We now have a new, much more liberal president. One of his first actions was to propose an additional \$1.9 trillion stimulus package that includes \$1,400 per-person direct payments to most households, a \$400 per week unemployment insurance supplement through September, as well as funds for COVID testing, vaccine distribution and bailouts for financially distressed state and local governments. This proposal is apparently the first phase of a two-part strategy, with a broader program to be unveiled in subsequent weeks focused on infrastructure and climate change.

This Democrat Party wish list includes ideas that Republicans have rejected, including raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Some of the new administration's proposed legislation will likely need 60 votes in the Senate to be approved. That would require some GOP Senators to support these extravagant expenditures. "Joe Biden did not propose a COVID package tonight - he proposed a liberal takeover of the American economy," said Rep. Jason Smith (R., Mo.), the top Republican on the House Budget Committee. "Americans aren't asking for trillions of dollars in new spending. They just want our government to open our economy, get their kids back to school, and create jobs."

Maybe the best news is that much of the uncertainty surrounding the stock market has been eliminated. There are now multiple Covid-19 vaccines, Brexit is completed, a second wave of stimulus checks are in the mail, and the Fed will probably keep key interest rates at or near 0% through 2023. Additionally, year-over-year quarterly financial comparisons in 2021 should be favorable; and, the Biden Administration will likely endure minimal criticism for its first 100 days (because most of the media will support him no



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

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matter what happens). Foreseeing possibly smoother markets ahead, the major market indexes all closed up in 2020, some by a little (Dow, +7.3%), some by a lot (NASDAQ, +43.6%), with the S&P 500 in the middle (+16.3%).

China (specifically the Chinese Communist Party) may be the biggest winner in the USA's Presidential election, as the globalists that are staffing the Biden Administration are expected to be friendly to Communist China as well as our past allies in Asia, Canada, Latin America, Europe, India, and the Middle East. In addition, climate change seems to be a top priority for the Biden Administration, which means that the U.S. will likely rejoin the questionable Paris Climate Accord. Another top Biden priority seems to be picking up the pace of processing "asylum seekers" on our Southern border.

While many in the far-left wing of the Democratic Party are calling for more socialism and a Green New Deal, one key to future American prosperity is to retain federalism in our Constitution, allowing all 50 states to be competitive laboratories for luring corporations to their state, effectively allowing more business-friendly states to remain massive economic "free enterprise" zones. Some states, like Florida and Texas, are very pro-business, while other states, like California and New York, continue to punish businesses. If this continues expect an ongoing exodus of businesses to more pro-

business states.

Companies like Goldman Sachs, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle, and Tesla are leading the flight to more pro-business states, with Texas being the clear winner in recent years. No matter who is president, one thing that "keeps America great" is that many of our 50 states strive to lure businesses from other states with tax incentives, more educated workforces, and other pro-business incentives. Also, during the Covid-19 disaster, several "blue" states shut down most businesses instead of working with those businesses (to allow them to remain open for business as safely as possible).

Due to the ongoing precarious nature of the U.S. economy as we recover from Covid-19, the Biden Administration is not expected to significantly increase income taxes for the first two years. I also hope that Biden's Administration will not significantly increase the favorable tax rates on qualified dividends or capital gains either.

Potentially 2021 is shaping up to be a positive year - at least early in the year. As millions of Americans get vaccinated each month, more states are expected to slowly but steadily lift their draconian coronavirus restrictions. Due to favorable year-over-year comparisons, as well as higher trading volume due to new pension funding and other seasonal factors, I expect that the stock market will have a strong first quarter, as well as likely appreciation through May. However, there could be some consolidation in mid-February as the fourth-quarter announcement season winds down. Otherwise, 2021 could be shaping up to be a very strong stock market year.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*My CPA suggests I mortgage my paid-off house so I can write off the mortgage interest. I don't want to do that! Is there another way to lower my tax bracket?*

Financing a paid-off home in order to get the mortgage-interest write-off is throwing your money away. First, it takes time to recover the costs involved in getting a mortgage. Second, if you work out the math, you would be paying roughly \$2 - \$3 in mortgage payments per \$1 of mortgage-interest deduction; that's not good. (You might want to consider changing CPA's.) Since you do not need the investment earnings at this time, you could look into repositioning your investment dollars into a Roth, or into a tax-deferred product. That way, you'll only pay taxes on the earnings when you decide to use the money. Note: RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) is not required on a Roth IRA. RMD will be required at age 72 for other tax-deferred investments.

*How can I reduce the estimated amount of my tax bill?*

You have until April 15, 2021 to take action. If you qualify, (mostly based on income limits), you might consider putting around \$5,000 (around \$6,000 if you are 50 or older) into an IRA (Individual Retirement Account). (Roth IRA's don't give you an upfront tax break.) Some lower-income taxpayers might qualify for a Retirement Savers Tax Credit. Note that a tax credit has



**Julia Yoder**

a lot more impact on your tax bill than a tax deduction.

*Is there anything that would help to reduce my health insurance out-of-pocket expense?*

It's wise to have a policy in place so that you are covered, just in case. Check with a licensed health insurance agent who will shop the different plans for you, explain the differences, and give you options to choose from in your state. California is among a few states that have the penalty for not having health insurance, even after the Fed's did away with that penalty. President Biden wants to reinstate the Federal penalty and the Affordable Care Act healthcare plan (aka ObamaCare).

*We can't afford life insurance, long-term care insurance, AND investing in retirement. What do you recommend?*

There are life insurance policies that can also cover your long-term care needs in the future. Often these policies not only leave your heirs an inheritance upon your death, but can

also give you access to some of the money while you are alive. There are annuities which have living benefits for expenses such as health, emergencies, retirement income, education, entertainment, and more.

*What are the different retirement accounts, and which one is best?*

There are traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, 401(k)s, Simple IRAs, SEP IRAs, Solo 401(k)s, and Roth 401(k)s. With some, you contribute as a deduction from your wages through a financial company your employer has selected. With others, you contribute directly through an institution, usually a bank or insurance company. There are advantages and disadvantages with each type of account, so determining which one(s) you qualify to utilize, and which of those are best for you, comes down to an individual, educated choice. Learn what you can online, and consult with a good financial professional.

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## County To Launch Loan Program To Help Stabilize Small Businesses

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will launch the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program on January 28, 2021. The loan program is made possible through a \$10 million business recovery assistance fund issued by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The funds were made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Recovery Assistance, and are intended to prevent job loss and business closure. The Program will provide flexible and affordable capital to small businesses Countywide.

The Small Business Stabilization Loan Program will provide eligible businesses with a competitive interest rate for loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$3 million. Businesses interested in applying for the Program must have been in operation for at least two years and are seeking working capital, equipment purchases, real estate acquisition, or refinancing of existing loans at higher interest rates.

The Small Business Stabilization Loan Program will start accepting applications on Jan-

uary 28, 2021, and will remain open indefinitely. To apply for the Small Business Stabilization Loan, the applicant is required to attend an online "Applying for An Affordable & Flexible LACDA Loan" webinar to learn more about requirements of the application process and documentation needed. Webinars are currently available for registration. Upon completion of the webinar, the LACDA will then connect interested applicants with a Technical Assistance provider to assist with the business loan application. Further details are available at [BizStabilization.LACDA.org](http://BizStabilization.LACDA.org).

"The recent surge in COVID-19 cases is once again harming the vitality of small businesses in the County of Los Angeles," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District. "The launch of LACDA's Small Business Stabilization Loan Program will help guide our local small businesses to recovery and set them on the path to long term prosperity. Our economic healing depends on the wellbeing of this sector and

their employees. I urge our small business community to take advantage of this new program."

"Earlier this month, the LACDA launched the BizHelp webinar series to help business owners navigate these difficult economic times, and today we offer yet another life-line in the form of financial support - the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program," said Emilio Salas, LACDA Executive Director. "We will continue prioritizing the needs of Los Angeles County businesses and doing what we can to keep their doors open."

The Program has been augmented with technical assistance partners that offer complementary one-on-one financial consultations, application assistance, and evaluating how ready a business is to commit to a loan with the LACDA. Technical assistance is available in various languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin), and Korean.

For more information on the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program, please contact Edgar Mejia at (626) 586-1550.

## Second Round of CA COVID-19 Relief Grants for Small Businesses Starts Feb 2

*Grants up to \$25,000 support small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 pandemic*

The second round of applications for the California COVID-19 Relief Grants for Small Businesses will open at 8:00 a.m., February 2, 2021 and will run through 6:00 p.m., February 8, 2021. Applicants who submitted all necessary documents in the first round and met eligibility requirements, but did not receive a grant, do not need to reapply; their applications will be rolled over for consideration in the second round.

The CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program provides grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to micro and small businesses and

nonprofits that have been impacted by the pandemic. It is not a first-come, first-served program, nor a rolling approval process. All applications will be reviewed following the application deadline. Approval notifications will be on a rolling basis February 11-18, 2021.

Mission-based lenders and small business advisory and technical assistance providers will continue to assist small

businesses with the application process in multiple languages and formats in the second round. Many of the State-supported small business centers, which prioritize the expansion of technical assistance to underserved business groups, will also be available to help.

For more information on grant requirements and eligibility, please visit [www.CAreliefgrant.com](http://www.CAreliefgrant.com).



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## Check Engine Light - Ignore It or Fix It?

When Glendora drivers' years ago first saw their check engine light illuminate they not only paid attention to it, they panicked. Many immediately pulled their car over to the side of the road and called for help. Now many drivers simply ignore it. It may be annoying to see it illuminated all the time but they get by. Some drivers have even chosen to cover it up with a piece of duct or electrical tape (yeah...I've seen that!).

When your check engine light illuminates it shouldn't be ignored. No...you don't need to panic and call for a tow truck but you do need to get it checked out. It is telling you that one of your vehicle's sys-

tems needs attention! Here are the possible systems:

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- Fuel Injector
- Emission Control
- Faulty Oxygen Sensor
- Mass Air Flow Sensor
- Spark Plugs and Wires

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- Engine Temperature
- Fuel System Pressure
- Manifold Vacuum
- Exhaust Emission Levels
- Other Key Indicators

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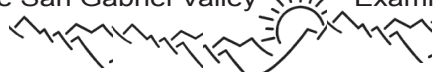
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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## "TIME JOCKEY" - First Honor

By Joe Castillo

**Fort Rosecrans...** In 1860, after the War with Mexico, the U.S. Army began to establish defensive positions around San Diego Bay and the peninsula which provides a vantage point at the mouth of the bay known as Point Loma. A temporary army fort was setup to house a couple of hundred men to provide any protection in case Mexico decided to attack. Construction of a new fort was initiated and in 1903 the main base buildings were completed. The new Army fort was named Fort Rosecrans after General Williams S. Rosecrans, a former Civil War general. Rosecrans had been rapidly promoted through the ranks of the Army, and was well liked by his men even though he tended to over manage his subordinates, even micro-managing them. He also had a habit of getting over excited in battles and would nervously stutter when trying to give orders.

After a couple of defeats on the battlefield, Rosecrans retired from the military after General Ulysses S. Grant requested his resignation. He settled in San Diego, and would eventually speculate in real estate buying

acreage in downtown San Diego. Rosecrans eventually ran for U.S. Congress and was the first representative of the 1st District of California. Rosecrans got some level of revenge against Grant when he voted against his pension award in Congress. He died in Redondo Beach and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His legacy continued at Fort Rosecrans in Point Loma and as the military encampments increased around San Diego, Fort Rosecrans was eventually replaced. But in its place, the old base cemetery was renamed to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery where many of the U.S. Army soldiers who died in the Battle of San Pasqual were interned. Many others who served our country were buried there including Mason Carter who received the Medal of Honor and was the first recipient of the prestigious award to be buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Carter had entered the Navy at the age of 14 under the false name of Cary Carter and over the next year years would split time between active duty and trying to get through the Naval Academy.

On three occasions, he failed to pass the final examination and in disgust he resigned and enlisted in the Army under the name of Hunter Carter. He was stationed in Texas but when the Civil War started, he was sent to Kansas where he stayed for the duration of the war and then fought against the Indians in the Indian Wars. In 1877, Carter was assigned to a unit which was directed to stop the retreat of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce to Canada. With a minimal number of soldiers under his command, he directed his unit to attack a large number of Indians in the Battle of Bear Paw. The attack failed but his aggressive efforts to slow down the retreat of the Nez Perce against insurmountable efforts resulted in their surrender four days later. His commanding officer recommended Carter for the Medal of Honor and he eventually was buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery....

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## Do You Need Financial Help With Paying Utility Bills?

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

them quickly into housing. Union Station will determine the client's eligibility for the program. This program is targeted towards individuals at risk of becoming homeless or those who are recently homeless.

Potential outcomes based on problem solving conversations would include resolving conflicts with roommates, providing short-term rental assistance to prevent eviction, and helping a client reunite with family

members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, housing application fees, and like in order to prevent homelessness. This program is only available for Arcadia residents only.

For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at Union Station Homeless Services at 626.734.3971, edeurmeier@unionstationhs.org or Sara Somogyi, at the City of Arcadia at 626.821.4369 or ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov.

## The Inauguration, Now We Have the Answer

Well there you have it folks. No riots, no looting, no attacking the police, no burning of police cars, no burning of buildings and basically nothing. In fact, there was hardly any protest that I heard of that was worth mentioning.

The anticipation that there were going to be problems during the inauguration was basically quelled when Trump had basically made it known that he would not be attending the inauguration. He already knew days before or even weeks before that if he did attend there would be issues. It was more of a professional courtesy that he did not attend and that being a facetious decision.

I would also guess another deterrent would be the troops ordered in to maintain order during the inauguration played a big factor. However, the additional troops that were brought in by the local agencies was a little bit of an overkill. The sad part, with all these additional troops that were brought in, after everything was over with, there were no accommodations made for these troops and they basically had to sleep in the streets. I guess the local authorities forgot all about that part. That was one of the negatives that was incorporated into the inauguration. Personally, I want to thank the troops for being there and for some of them they had the opportunity to actually be present during the inau-



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

guration process.

Because of the situation and the animosity because of the election process, along with the flu virus issues, many of the traditional activities did not occur. However, one did occur. The outgoing Pres. Trump, left a personal letter to the incoming President Biden. It consisted of 5 words with his signature. "See you in 4 years." Okay, I'm just kidding, that did not happen. We all know Trump no matter what he will not run in 4 years. He's done and he doesn't have that interest in my opinion. Biden did comment that there was a very positive personal letter left for him by then Pres. Trump. He did state he would not disclose that letter until he talks with Trump however there are no scheduled plans for this to happen in the real near future as far as I know.

I'm glad that this process went well but disappointed in the failure to consider our troops and to have accommodations for them. So, what appears to be the best

thing to come out of this inauguration ceremony, and the most popular person is Bernie Sanders. Along with his mittens we now have the Bernie Sanders memes. With him sitting there and those mittens during the ceremony, that picture is been all over the Internet and around the world. I watched the interview with Bernie Sanders and he was asked about this. He started laughing and it appears as though he really likes what's going on. There are thousands of memes currently all over the place with him inserted into pictures with him sitting there with his mittens. In fact, he said they are going to manufacture shirts and sweatshirts with that picture on it and sell them with the profits going to the needy such as Meals on Wheels. He loved the notoriety and is having fun with it himself.

Biden, as the new President, has already raised eyebrows on both sides of the aisle. The Democrats already had some predetermined decisions for the President to act on and already the consensus is many people were not happy.

This administration needs to have their time. With the way things ended up I will wish President Biden the best of luck during the next 4 years. He is going to need it.

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

## Citrus Superintendent/President Announces Upcoming Retirement

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gifted and creative leader, she performed her duties with excellence and always expected the same from those who work with her. From the moment Dr. Perri stepped into the role of superintendent/president, she was committed to creating a campus culture where student success thrives."

This commitment to student success has had a remarkable outcome. Over the past 13 years, Citrus College students have earned associate degrees, career technical certificates and have transferred to four-year institutions in record numbers. As a result, the college has received consistent recognition as a "Top 100" producer of associate degrees by Community College Week magazine and a "Top 50" producer of associate degrees by the Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine. In addition, the college was nominated for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence four consecutive times, received the 2015 California Community College Chancellor's Student Success Award and was presented with the American Association of Community Colleges 2019 Award of Excellence in the Student Success category.

During Dr. Perri's watch, Citrus College was also presented with several awards for its marketing and communication efforts. Most recently, the college received first and third place honors from the Community College Public Relations Organization, a statewide professional development and service organization, and it was recognized by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for having the second-best community college Instagram account in the entire United States. Citrus College has also been consistently voted the region's "Best Community College" by the readers of Beacon Media News and the Southern California News Group.

One of the college's most recent recognitions was the result of its sustainability efforts. In January 2021, Citrus College was one of five institutions that were selected to receive a California Community Colleges Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Award. However, this wasn't the first time the college has been lauded for its sustainability efforts. The Green California Community College Summit presented Citrus College with its Green Campus Award during the 2010-2011 academic year.

"I will be forever grateful for the hard work and passion the faculty, staff, students and supporters have invested into Citrus College," Superintendent/President Perri said. "Together, we have reached numerous impressive milestones and have achieved many outstanding accomplishments for which we can be very proud. Serving as superintendent/president of Citrus College will always be remembered as a career highlight for me."

Superintendent/President Perri's professional career spans close to 40 years and includes time as both a college administrator and faculty member. Prior to joining the Citrus College community, she served as president of Cuyamaca College in San Diego County, California. She also held the position of vice president of instruction at San Diego Mesa College and dean of instruction/career education at Mt. San Jacinto College in Riverside County, California. Superintendent/President Perri began her career as a dental hygiene faculty member and later served as an associate dean of academic affairs at her alma mater, Hostos

Community College, which is part of the City University of New York system.

Superintendent/President Perri holds an associate degree in dental hygiene from Hostos Community College, and a bachelor's degree in dental health education and a master's degree in health education, both from New York University. In addition, she earned a master's degree in organizational development and a doctorate in human and organizational development from the Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California. Superintendent/President Perri's many professional honors include receiving the 2010 Hostos Community College outstanding alumni award; the 2011 YWCA San Gabriel Valley Woman of Achievement Award; U.S. Rep. Judy Chu's 2013 "Educator of the Year" award for the 27th congressional district; California State Senator Anthony Portantino's 2017 "Woman of the Year" designation; and the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction by the national Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

"We have been very fortunate to have someone with Dr. Perri's talent and insight serve as our superintendent/president during a time in which community colleges have undergone immense change and unprecedented challenges," continued Board President Rasmussen. "She has created a rich legacy of student success and college completion at Citrus College. Looking forward, I am certain the number of students achieving their academic goals will increase in the years ahead and Citrus College will continue the good work that began with Dr. Perri."

## Be Mine Drive-In Bingo!

**ARCADIA** - Feeling cooped up in the house? Come out and join us as we safely play Drive-In Bingo at the Community Center in the parking lot - 365 Campus Drive. The cost is \$5 to play, and each participant will be given five (5) game cards for a chance to win gift card prizes. All participants must register prior to the event, be in the same household if they are sharing a

vehicle, and must wear face coverings. The 50+ Drive-In Bingo Event will be held on Friday, **February 5** from 10-11:30am, and you can register now! Spring into Bingo will take place on Friday, April 2 from 10-11:30am and you can register beginning February 4. Please register online at ArcadiaCA.gov/Recreation or contact the Community Center at 626.574.5130.

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# Suspected Car Thief Released in Covina, Steals Another Car, Then Commits Armed Robbery in Glendora

By George Ogden

**COVINA/GLENDORA** - On Tuesday, January 19, Glendora officers responded to 2 separate calls of armed robberies that occurred in the northern portion of Glendora. Detectives followed up throughout the day and were able to identify and locate the suspect, Jesus Avina, 18-year-old from Azusa.

At approximately 6:30 AM, Avina drove up to a female who was out riding a bicycle near Yucca Place and Glendora Avenue. He pulled out a large knife and demanded money and a cell phone from her. He then drove away. About 10 minutes later he approached a male who was out for a walk near Palm Avenue and Entrada Way. Avina again pulled out a large knife and demanded money and a cell phone from the victim before driving away. The Glendora Police Department was able to get a license plate number from the vehicle Avina was driving and through the investigation, the detectives were able to confirm the vehicle was stolen from Covina in the early morning hours.

Throughout the day, Glendora detectives conducted follow-up investigations and were able to positively identify Avina as the suspect in the cases. At about 1:30 PM Avina was located in Azusa while driving the stolen vehicle. He was arrested and transported to the Glendora Police Department's jail. The weapon used in the robberies was located in Avina's possession at the time of his arrest.

This is Avina's 4th arrest for grand theft auto since November 2020, he is currently on probation for robbery and is a self-admitted Azusa 13 gang member.

Avina was released from the Covina police station that morning of January 19 at 4:15 AM

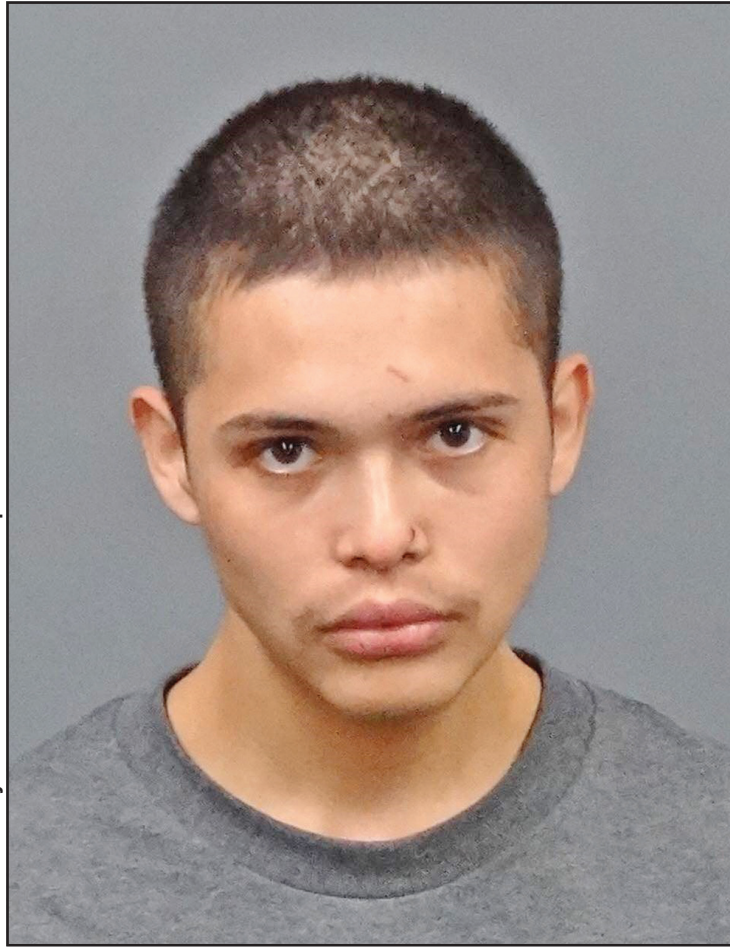


Photo courtesy of the Glendora Police Dept.

**Jesus Avina, 18-year-old suspect from Azusa.**

where he had been issued a citation under the zero-bail policy for grand theft auto, and shortly thereafter he stole another vehicle that he was used in the other crimes.

Glendora police detective served a search warrant at Avina's residence in Azusa and recovered the property stolen in the robberies. Detectives are asking the public if you have additional information or if you may have had contact with the suspect or if you are one of his possible victims to contact Detective Jake Swan with the Glendora Police Department.

Avina is in custody and they plan to present the case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Recommendation for the following charges to be considered will be 2 counts of

211 PC which is armed robbery and one count of 10851 of the California vehicle code of a stolen vehicle, 21610 of the Penal Code possession metal knuckles, and 21310 PC possession of a concealed dagger.

Bail has been set at \$250,000. Avina's arrest in Covina that day had bail set at \$25,000, however because of the new policy he was released with a citation and within hours he was already committing violent crimes.

The same thing happened in West Covina on January 9. He was arrested and bail was at \$25,000 but again with the new policy, he was simply released was a citation. West Covina also arrested him on November 29 with the \$25,000 bail, again released with a citation.

# COVID-19 And "Sandwich Generation" Caregivers

The Sandwich Generation, named for the population of Americans caring for both their school-aged children and an aging parent or other relative, has been uniquely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a recent survey and white paper from New York Life, "Caregiving and COVID-19: How the pandemic is expanding the sandwich generation." This is largely due to an enhanced demand on the typical type of care the generation provides as a result of the coronavirus' effect on schooling, healthcare, and everyday work and life. The survey found it was largely millennials and particularly women shouldering the burden.

How COVID-19 has Affected the Sandwich Generation

The coronavirus is stretching both time and money thin for the Sandwich Generation, sometimes at the expense of their financial, physical and emotional well-being.

This demographic has spent thousands of dollars in total care for their dependents over time—and the coronavirus pandemic is intensifying this budget crunch. On average, 69 percent say they're paying for this care out of their own daily budgets, with 27 percent working more hours to get the extra funds, 27 percent drawing from their emergency savings, 20 percent sharing costs with a sibling and 18 percent ultimately delaying paying bills.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the data found, more than half of those in the Sandwich Generation spend more each month caring for others, as



**Taking care of their kids and their parents can keep many in the Sandwich Generation from saving for their own future—but help is available.**

nearly one-quarter of people report spending extra each month on top of the average \$1,000. As a result, about four in 10 put less each month toward their savings and about one-third have less for their retirement, debt, or their personal well-being. Over time, these can make a big difference for a financial portfolio and create additional concerns for financial health.

"As COVID-19 exacerbates the stress on the Sandwich Generation and the economic outlook remains uncertain, preparing for the unexpected becomes critical to achieving long-term financial security," advised Dylan Huang, Head of Retail Annuities, Investment Solutions and Wealth Planning, New York Life. "While our data suggests a troubling trend of Sandwich Generation families sacrificing long-term savings for shorter term needs, the outlook is not all dark skies. This report shows that those

working with financial professionals are able to improve their financial well-being and feel more confident about their financial solutions, their family's future, and their own retirement."

**What's Next**  
As the evolving Sandwich Generation navigates its family responsibilities and day-to-day routine, it's important to keep the financial basics in mind and prioritize time to set their family up for more success and less stress in the future. Thinking about life insurance, their emergency fund, and ensuring that their investment portfolio is diversified and within a comfortable risk tolerance, are all areas that can provide security over time and let the Sandwich Generation focus on their loved ones instead of worrying about their finances.

For further facts, stats, as well as to see the entire report and survey methodology, visit [www.newyorklife.com](http://www.newyorklife.com). (NAPSI)

## 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.

## Citrus College Receives Award For Sustainability

**GLENDORA** - In recognition of its sustainability efforts, Citrus College recently received a California Community Colleges Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Award.

Lauded for its retro-commissioning projects, which reduced energy usage and costs, Citrus College was one of five award recipients announced during the Jan. 19, 2021, Board of Governors meeting. The college won Best Overall Innovative Project for a medium-sized community college district.

"Sustainability has always been a priority of Citrus College, and this honor validates the incredible strides we have made in recent years," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "I am grateful to Director of Facilities and Construction Fred Diamond and his staff for their vision and efforts in guiding these projects to completion."

The retro-commissioning projects took place in the college's central plant and 12 largest buildings on campus. As a result of these efforts, Citrus College is saving nearly 1.5 million kilowatt-hours and 40,000 therms each year, leading to an annual cost savings of approxi-

mately \$225,000.

"Being recognized for excellence in energy and sustainability is an incredible accomplishment," said Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services. "In addition to a more comfortable environment, the energy and cost savings created as a result of these projects will be felt for many Citrus College generations to come."

Citrus College worked with Climatec, Southern California Edison and kW Engineering on the improvements. The total project cost was \$1.2 million, with nearly \$400,000 of funding coming from incentives.

Some of the central plant projects included implementing an automated controls sequence for the energy storage system that saved energy, minimized peak demand charges and saved on maintenance time. Others enhancements included repairing broken chilled water valves and properly scheduling the air handlers for efficiency.

Established in 2012, the Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Awards are split into three categories: Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Innovative Project; Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Faculty/Student Initiatives; and Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Sustainability Champion.

Citrus College has been committed to sustainability efforts for decades. Some recent sustainability activities include the installation of solar panels in the E2 and S2 parking lots, as well as new electric vehicle charging stations.

"On behalf of the board, I want to congratulate Citrus College and its staff on this incredible accolade," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "As we look to a more sustainable future, it will be vital for Citrus College to remain committed to finding new and innovative ways to reducing energy usage."

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## Duarte Mayor Presents His Vision And Actions During Duarte Kiwanis Meeting

**DUARTE** - Duarte Mayor, Bryan Urias presented his vision and actions for the city at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. Bryan was initially elected to the City Council in 2018 as a representative for District 6. Bryan Urias is a lifelong resident of the San Gabriel Valley who works everyday serving his local communities. The proud son of immigrant parents, Bryan grew up in a working-class household with a father who was a Teamster. He learned from an early age the importance of hard work and standing up for your community.

Bryan was the first in his family to attend college. He worked his way through school and graduated Magna Cum Laude from California State University, Los Angeles. He decided to put that education to work through a career in public service.

Bryan Urias began his career as an intern for then Congresswoman Hilda Solis, going on to serve as her Field Representative for four years. He then served as Senior Field Deputy and Deputy District Director for U.S. Representative Judy Chu.

Currently the Mayor's focus is on the Pandemic. He recognizes the impact this is having on the



**Duarte Mayor Bryan Urias**

Duarte businesses and residents. He shared various programs offered through the City as well as LA County.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or pre-

senting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at [tina51@aol.com](mailto:tina51@aol.com). The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.

## Burglary Investigations Reveals Illegal Marijuana Growing Operation

**IRWINDALE** - On Monday, January 18, 2021, at about 8:48 A.M., Irwindale police officers responded to a burglary investigation in an industrial complex located in the 15500 block of Arrow Highway.

On arrival, officers discovered an industrial unit within the complex had been broken into. Once inside the unit, the suspects broke through common interior walls to enter two adjoining units. During the course of their investigation, officers detained two male adults found inside one of the units. Officers also developed information leading them to believe an illegal Marijuana growing operation was taking place in two of the burglarized units.

Members of the police department's Detective Bureau responded and obtained a search warrant for the units in question. The search warrant service led to the discovery of a large illegal Marijuana growing operation that included over 1500 live Marijuana plants. Detectives also found the unit's electrical system had been severely overloaded, creating a substantial fire risk, as well as the presence of a large amount of dangerous chemicals and fertilizers.

David Tang, 37-years-old, and Calvin Tran, 29-years-old, both from El Monte, were arrested on felony narcotics-related charges. They were booked at the Irwindale Police Dept. jail and later released with citations due to COVID-19 jail restrictions. Court dates for both suspects are pending.

City of Irwindale Code Enforcement Officers and Building and Safety Inspectors con-



**A large illegal Marijuana growing operation that included over 1500 live Marijuana plants discovered by Irwindale Police.**

tinued to investigate violations of city ordinances and building safety codes, potentially resulting in additional administrative fines and penalties.

In addition to various state laws, the City's Municipal Code prohibits commercial Marijuana activity within the city, including the planting, growing and cultivation of Marijuana, as well as the com-

mercial possession, manufacturing, distribution, processing, storing, packaging, labeling, transportation, delivery, and sales of marijuana and marijuana products.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Detective Diego Cornejo at (626) 430-2290, email: [dcornejo@irwindaleca.gov](mailto:dcornejo@irwindaleca.gov)

Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Dept.

## Hit And Run Suspect Arrested On Felony Evading Charges 11 Months Later

**IRWINDALE** - In February 2019, a vehicle fled from an Irwindale Police Department patrol officer after being stopped for a traffic violation. A dangerous pursuit onto the southbound 605 freeway ensued, during which the suspect drove in excess of 100 MPH, weaved between traffic and drove over a dirt median.

Due to the suspect's dangerous driving, the officer stopped pursuing the vehicle and the suspect and the vehicle escaped. The vehicle was later located by the California Highway Patrol crashed in a solo-vehicle hit and run collision on the 60 Freeway at Crossroads Parkway.

The officer was able to identify the suspect and after additional investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect in late 2020.

On Friday, January 22, 2021, investigators from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Special Enforcement Team



**Ivan Gonzalez**

(SET) located and arrested Ivan Gonzalez in the city of Azusa on his arrest warrant for felony evading charges.

Gonzalez, a 28-year-old resident of El Monte, was booked by Irwindale Police Department detectives at the

West Covina City Jail, where he is being held on \$100,000.00 bail.

Gonzalez is currently on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for a previous conviction.

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