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# LASD Seized More Than \$1B Worth of Illegal Marijuana during 'Historic' Bust

**ANTELOPE VALLEY** - On Wednesday, July 7, 2021, Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced the results of the Marijuana Eradication Operation which began on the early hours of Tuesday, June 8, 2021, and lasted 10 days. The collaborative operation took place in the Antelope Valley and several local, state and federal agencies were involved including: over 400 personnel from multiple Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department units, deputies from the Community Partnerships Bureau, Operation Safe Street and Special Victims Bureau detectives, Lancaster and Palmdale Station deputies, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, California National Guard, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and members from the Kern County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County and Ventura County Sheriff's Departments.

In 2020, Narcotics Bureau Detectives identified 150 illegal outdoor marijuana grows in the Antelope Valley. In 2021, investigators conducted reconnaissance flights and they identified over 500 illegal cannabis grows.



Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Officials announced the results of the largest Marijuana Eradication Operation. The collaborative operation took place in the Antelope Valley.

Violent crime has been linked directly to the grow sites. In July 2020, two murder victims were discovered adjacent to an illegal marijuana grow in the unincorporated area of Lancaster. In March 2021, a murder victim was found buried in the desert near Lake Los Angeles and the suspects wanted in connection with the murder operated an illegal marijuana grow in Lake Los Angeles. Threats by armed individuals against citizens living in close proximity to illegal mari-

juana grows have occurred on a regular basis and were increasing in frequency.

The threat to the environment and wildlife cannot begin to be calculated as growers consistently use banned pesticides and fertilizers for their illegal crops. Two dead bears were discovered and their death is attributed to pesticide use.

Water theft occurs at an alarming rate and it has threatened the water supply for residents in the eastern portion of the antelope valley. Theft oc-

curs from fire hydrants and unpermitted water wells that were being drilled on the grow sites.

"Most Californians would be shocked and disappointed at the amount of water these unlicensed, illegal grows are using, especially as California suffers from a drought," said DEA Associate Special Agent in Charge Curt Fallin. "By our calculation, the illegal grows in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties require an astounding 5.4 million gallons of water a day, every day."

Thanks to public calls for service and multiple complaints from residents, the largest operation in the history of the Los Angeles county Sheriff's Department was developed to put an end to the hundreds of illegal marijuana cultivations in the Antelope Valley.

As result of this operation, a total of 131 arrests were made; 65 vehicles, including two water trucks were seized; approximately \$28,000 dollars in U.S. currency were seized; a total of 33,480 pounds of harvested marijuana were seized; 30 locations were demolished, 33 firearms were sized; 180 animals were rescued; and there were 19 water theft arrests. The total estimated street value of the plants destroyed is \$1.193 billion dollars.

"What we want to do is send a clear and loud message to all the cartels and anyone doing illegal operations in the high desert, 'your days here are over and we're coming for you,'" said Sheriff Villanueva.

Anyone who sees activity that appears to be suspicious or criminal in nature should contact their local sheriff's station, or remain anonymous and call "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS.

# Recall Campaign Hits Major Milestones, More Than 100,000 Signatures Collected, Over \$1 Million Raised

Strong volunteer and paid signature gathering efforts driving significant momentum



LASD Wives group volunteer to gather signed petitions for the Recall Gascon Campaign.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Volunteer and paid signature gathering efforts by Victims of Violent Crime for the Recall of District Attorney Gascon have collected over 100,000 signatures as of early July.

Thousands of additional signatures from the early weeks of the recall effort are still in the process of being collected, counted, and verified.

In addition, the recall effort has raised over \$1 million dollars.

"The Recall Gascon signature gathering effort has hit the ground running, in large part be-

cause Los Angeles County residents have been learning more about Gascon's pro-criminal policies, and are eager to sign the petition when they do," said Desiree Andrade, organizer and spokesperson for the Recall George Gascon campaign.

"Gascon's pathetic press conference a few weeks ago said that he is worried this recall can and will succeed," Andrade continued. "It is no wonder why Gascon would rather dismiss, mischaracterize, and attack the victims and residents who are holding him accountable, instead of trying to defend the insanity

of what he is doing."

"This is non-partisan, non-political effort that is solely about the reckless, dangerous, and anti-public safety agenda Gascon has implemented since taking office," Andrade concluded.

To successfully trigger a recall election, proponents must collect 579,062 signatures from registered voters in Los Angeles County (10 percent of the total number of registered voters) within a 160-day period.

The deadline for signature collection is October 27, 2021. If successful, a recall election would likely take place in 2022.

# BSA Troop 489 Stand Guard at the Field Of Heroes



Mike Milligan (Scoutmaster), Connor Milligan (ASPL), Abram Schwach (SPL), Isaac Gutierrez, Julien Barajas, Ryan Li, Logan Starr, Lucas Milligan (Scribe), and David Fredendall (Assistant Scoutmaster/Eagle Advisor).

**GLENDORA** - Members of the Glendora-based Scouting BSA Troop 489, stood guard through the night at the Field Of Heroes event July 2, sponsored by the Glendora Rotary Club. The Troop, established March 1, 2002, meets weekly at the Glendora Community Church at

645 N. Grand Avenue in Glendora. The Troop holds monthly outings, whether it be camping, hiking, fishing, or a trip to a local historical sight. Every year they also attend a Scouting BSA summer camp. The Troop prides itself in making the world a better place, including cleaning

Fairmount Cemetery every few months to honor those buried there. The Troop is always welcoming potential new scouts.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact them by visiting the Troop's website <http://glendora489.org>.

# West Covina PD vs West Covina FD

**WEST COVINA** - On July 21, 2021, from 9 am - 4 pm, West Covina police officers and firefighters will be competing to raise tips that will be donated to the West Covina Community Services Foundation for kids summer programs.

West Covina police officers will be working at the Vincent Avenue Starbucks.

West Covina firefighters will be working at the Barranca Avenue Starbucks. Come out and support!!



# Meeting Captain Kehoe and the LASD Transit Bureau

By Joan Schmidt

**MONROVIA** - Last Thursday, the LA County Sheriff's Department's Community Advisory Council sponsored "Coffee with a Captain", at the Monrovia L Line Station. Fellow Monrovia Town Council Member Linda Sells and I attended. We met Captain Shawn Kehoe and Commander John Burcher of LASD's Transit Services Bureau, which serves Metro and the community by providing public safety services to Metro Buses, trains, and properties, throughout the entire span of Los Angeles and surrounding counties. The Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau is a 65 million dollar annual contract and currently the fifth largest transit law enforcement agency in the country. Transit Services Bureau has over 300 budgeted personnel, serving bus and rail routes to over 100 cities!



**Captain Shawn Kehoe with the author Joan Schmidt and Linda Sells from the Town Council**  
LA, Irvine and Berkeley.

Daily commuters at the L Line Station were greeted by Transit Bureau's Captain Kehoe, Commander Burcher, Lt. Abi Ben-Sahile, Public Information Officer Ramon Montenegro, and Deputies Rodriguez and Pickering. There was coffee from Starbucks and all were asked about their commute and if they had any issues/concerns/questions. Deputies Rodriguez and Pickering are assigned to the early morning (graveyard) shift. They are vested in keeping Metro patrons safe and explained to Linda and me how they patrol/walk the L Line areas.

CAC (Civilian Advisory Committee) Raquel Camacho also greeted everyone. She served as an interpreter for a woman with several questions. The Community Advisory Committee was established several years ago. Each Sheriff's Station has one. As a member, you attend classes and learn how the Department oper-

ates. This info can be shared with fellow residents. Also attending was Natalia Garcia from the Sheriff's Office. Natalia orchestrates Town Hall Meetings and other functions with Sheriff Villanueva. It was a pleasure meeting these two ladies.

Since the L Line goes through Azusa, Duarte, Monrovia and Arcadia, those cities received invites. Monrovia PD Chief Alan Sanvictores stopped by with Captains Heath Harvey and Roberto Wilken, Sergeant John Donchig and Community Relations Officer Ian Vanderburg. Also attending were Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzalez and Azusa PD Captain Robert Landeros., and our Deputy Duke Sanders from Temple Station.

What a great informative event. Please visit Facebook. Both the LASD Transit Bureau and Community Advisory Committee have very informative sites!

wife Kim, also a retired Sergeant from the Sheriff's Department.

# Burton Brink Is Sworn In As Commissioner In Arcadia

**ARCADIA** - On Tuesday, July 7, 2021, at the Arcadia City Council Meeting, Burton Brink, a retired Sergeant from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was sworn in for another four years

as a Commissioner for the City of Arcadia by City Clerk, Gene Glasco. Burton is "honored to serve our City and Community" for another four years. Attending with Burton was his



Burton was his wife Kim

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# Transitioning Back to Campus: New Ways of Learning a Plus for Students

Society's slow but steady emergence from the darkest days of COVID-19 feels a bit like the first vestiges of spring after a long, cold winter.

Many of us wonder if life will ever fully return to the way it was pre-pandemic. My guess is probably not, and in some ways that may be a good thing.

Education, one of our most important societal institutions, was forced to reinvent and redesign its delivery systems across all levels during COVID-19. The pandemic taught educators more about what works and what doesn't than we would likely have learned any other way. That knowledge will lead to meaningful change that will facilitate student learning and success.

Much of the change being implemented as colleges and universities transition back to in-person learning is the development of hybrid in-person/online courses, many of which fit well into variety of programs and have been shown to improve attendance, persistence and student



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

In addition to delivery systems, change is underway in other areas of higher education. For example, California universities are currently redesigning traditional courses to modernize and streamline pathways to careers. One example is new thinking regarding mathematics and the definition of quantitative literacy. Universities, such as the University of California and UCLA, are designing introductory math courses that prepare students for

21st Century careers with courses like Foundations of Data Science and math classes designed specifically for science majors. Much of this change was already underway pre-pandemic, but its value to students was highlighted during COVID-19, as students considered their future career options.

COVID-19 caused us to re-evaluate almost every aspect of our lives, determining what things were absolute necessities and what was merely habit or tradition. If we have learned nothing that will benefit us going forward, we have missed a good opportunity to change our lives for the better.

*About the Author:*  
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# Monrovia Man Arrested in Las Vegas After Killing His Father

By George Ogden

**MONROVIA** - A Monrovia man who killed his father was considered "armed and dangerous" has been identified as Curtiss Booker, 31. The shooting and killing took place following a domestic dispute in Rialto, according to authorities. The victim was identified as Curtiss Booker Sr., 58, of Temple City.

The shooting occurred on Monday at about 11:15 a.m., July 5. The Rialto Police Department responded to a number of calls to the 400 block of East Chaparral Street in Rialto about a gunshot victim in the front yard of a home. When responding officers arrived, they found Curtiss Booker Sr., lying in the front yard of a home. This is where he died from the gunshot wounds.

Witnesses said the son and the father got into a dispute before



**Curtiss Booker, 31, arrest for killing his father**

Booker Jr., shot his father. Booker Jr. then fled before officers arrived.

It wasn't until Sunday, July 11th that police caught up with him in South West Las Vegas. Booker Jr., was taken into custody without incident at about 12:20 p.m. in the 6800 block of Baby Jade

Court by the Las Vegas Police Department. Booker Jr. is being held, without bail in a Clark County jail in the Las Vegas area until his extradition to San Bernardino County.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is assisting with the investigation.

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## Holden's Legislation Aiming to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water Passes Environmental Quality Committee

SACRAMENTO—Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation, AB 100 that would set a limit on the amount of lead leaching from drinking water faucets and fixtures passed the California Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

"We all expect the water we drink will keep us and our children healthy, and not make us sick," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "This legislation ensures that faucets and plumbing fixtures sold in California leach as little lead as possible."

Lead is a severe neurotoxin that damages the brains and central nervous systems of young children. Lead is also a carcinogen and harms organs. Low levels of lead in children cause IQ loss, learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and impaired hearing.

Currently, consumers have no idea when they go to a hard-

ware store if the faucet they buy is safe or not. Faucets can leach lead when they are used. Holden's bill would restrict the amount of lead leaching from faucets and fixtures to no more than 1 microgram, which is five times lower than the current industry standard.

"It is ridiculous that Californians are still exposed to lead from fixtures leaching significant amounts into our drinking water," said Susan Little, Environmental Working Group's senior advocate for California government affairs. "Ending lead exposure is critical to protect our kids' health, and once again, California is moving the nation toward this goal. We greatly appreciate Assemblymember Holden's work to ensure that California schools, child care centers and consumers will be able to find faucets and plumbing fixtures that leach as little lead as possible."

## Duarte City Hall Reopens to the Public

DUARTE - On Monday, July 12, Duarte City Hall fully reopened to the public in accordance with state guidelines from the Division of Occupational Safety & Health (CalOSHA).

"The City of Duarte is pleased to welcome residents back to City facilities this month," said City Manager Daniel Jordan.

All City facilities will resume regularly scheduled operations, subject to continued safety guidance for certain facilities and activities, including the Senior, Teen, and Fitness Centers. Applications for facility rentals will open for reservations starting July 12, and as for City Council meetings, residents will still have the opportunity to participate virtually or in-person for the time being. In-person attendees that wish to make a public comment(s) on agenda items, including oral communications and hearings, will need to fill out a speaker card(s) with staff and wait until their name is called to step up to the mic. Residents who prefer to participate in the meeting virtually can do so via Zoom. The City posts the Zoom registration link for meetings on the first page of the

agenda packet, located on the City's website.

At its meeting on June 22, 2021 the Duarte City Council repealed the Urgency Mask Ordinance they originally passed last year, to coincide with CalOSHA guidelines. At this time, only unvaccinated individuals will still be required to wear masks indoors, although, anyone can choose to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status which is currently recommended by L.A. County Public Health due to the rise in the COVID-19 Delta variant. Additionally, limited room capacity, social distancing and temperature checks will no longer be in place at City facilities; however, the Teen Center and Day Camps have their own protocols, requiring face coverings for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. No one is required to wear masks outdoors.

Protocols may change as the updated California Department of Public Health (DPH) K-12 guidelines evolve. The City of Duarte and Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) may have different reopening protocols. Visit DUSD's website for its latest update on reopening.

## COVID-19 Transmission Increase Among Unvaccinated Younger People

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Transmission of COVID-19 in L.A. County is increasing among younger unvaccinated L.A. County residents. Of the 1,094 new cases of COVID-19 reported by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health), 83% are among people under the age of 50 years old with the highest number of new cases among residents between the ages of 18 and 49 years old with 70% of new cases.

Because of increased intermingling and summer social activities and the circulation of more variants of concern like the highly transmissible Delta variant, Public Health continues to caution there is increased risk of COVID-19 infection for people who aren't fully vaccinated.

The best protection against COVID-19 is getting fully vaccinated. Public Health recommends anyone not fully vaccinated to take sensible precautions - wear a mask in indoor public and social settings with people who don't live with you, move social activities outdoors as much as possible, and wash your hands or

use hand sanitizer frequently when outside your home.

To date, Public Health identified 1,256,515 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,538 deaths. There are 336 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 7,100,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 2.4%. Of the eight new deaths reported today, three people that passed away were over the age of 80, two people who passed were between the ages of 65 and 79, one person who passed was between the ages of 50 and 64, and two people who passed were between the ages of 30 and 49.

"We wish healing and peace to the families and friends mourning their loved one lost to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "As cases increase, the urgency to get more people vaccinated is rising. Nearly 100% of new cases are occurring among those not fully vaccinated. All of our COVID-19 vaccines are very

effective at protecting you from severe disease from COVID-19 and variants of concern like the Delta variant. We remain focused on equitably bringing vaccines and high-quality health information to all of our L.A. County communities with a particular focus on those communities that have been hard hit by the pandemic."

Public Health is connecting employers and community organizations, those who want to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to staff or the community, to County mobile units and vaccination partners throughout the county to provide vaccines at convenient locations where staff and residents gather. Public Health encourages employers and event organizers to visit the Find a Vaccination Provider page to request a mobile team or other vaccination partners to provide vaccines. There are sites set up at retail stores, parks, recreation centers, and many other gathering places all over the county to make it as easy as possible for residents to get vaccinated.

## Cases at Skilled Nursing Facilities Remain Low

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Cases at skilled nursing facilities plummeted since staff and residents began receiving vaccinations and remain low. For the week ending June 20, nearly 30,000 COVID-19 tests were completed among skilled nursing facility staff and residents and only seven people tested positive for COVID-19; one new case among residents and six new cases among staff; the majority of these cases are among unvaccinated individuals. For comparison, the last week of December 2020, a total of 2,532 people tested positive for COVID-19; 1,423 cases among residents and 1,109 cases among staff.

Currently, 84% of skilled nursing facility staff and 84% of skilled nursing facility residents are fully vaccinated. The low case rates at skilled nursing homes reflects these high vaccination rates.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Pub-

lic Health) has confirmed 3 new deaths and 326 new cases of COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths may reflect reporting delays over the holiday. Of the three new deaths reported today, one person that passed away was between the ages of 65 and 79 and two people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49. To date, Public Health identified 1,253,065 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,507 deaths. There are 273 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 7,070,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive.

"Our deepest sympathies are with everyone who has lost someone they cared about to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We continue to see in places where there are high rates of COVID-19 vaccinations,

transmission of COVID-19 has plummeted and remains low. While vaccination rates continue to increase throughout L.A. County, COVID-19 and variants of concern like the Delta variant remain a threat to everyone unvaccinated. L.A. County has recently seen increases in cases, hospitalizations, and daily test positivity and the people that are overwhelming suffering from COVID-19, are the people who are not vaccinated. The best way to protect those not able to get vaccinated, including the 1.3 million children under 12 years of age, is to surround them with vaccinated folks. With rising community transmission, we already have noted increased cases occurring among even our very youngest children. If you are 12 or older and around younger children, please take time soon to get vaccinated if you have not yet done so. Let's continue to keep each other safe."



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## Match.com Settles Consumer Protection Lawsuit

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that Match Group Inc., a global online dating service company, will pay \$2 million to settle a civil lawsuit alleging the company charged customers for automatic renewal without their express consent.

"Consumers should be protected from practices that deceptively and unfairly force them to pay for something they don't want," District Attorney Gascón said. "We want companies to thrive, but they should be mindful to not abuse technology tools to violate consumer protections."

Under a judgment negotiated with the company, entered in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court and signed by Judge Timo-

thy Volkmann, Match Group was additionally ordered to comply with the following terms:

- Clearly and conspicuously disclose its automatic renewal terms;
  - Get consumers' affirmative consent to the terms through a checkbox before charging for an automatic renewal or continuous service;
  - Email consumers a confirmation of the transaction after they pay, which clearly includes the automatic renewal terms;
  - Allow consumers to easily cancel the service, including online;
  - Avoid using misleading online sales information and payment mechanisms.
- The company did not admit wrongdoing. It has already taken

steps to correct its violations.

Federal and state law requires businesses to provide consumers with clear disclosure of their automatic renewal terms and conditions before charging them for the service. The disclosure must include instruction for the cancellation of the automatic renewal subscription. The law further requires businesses to obtain consent from consumers prior to automatic renewal and provide confirmation of the transaction.

This case is among the investigations conducted by the California Automatic Renewal Task Force (CART). The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office formed CART to address rising consumer complaints against online automatic renewal subscriptions.

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# Drought Hits Ill-Prepared California

The heat is intense across the western states and California's Gov. Newsom has stepped up to issue warnings, reminders, and soon edicts, on water conservation. Key for him is minimizing angry voters without water and power that could affect his upcoming recall election scheduled for September 14th.

In April, Newsom issued emergency drought regulations for Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. In May, he issued another order impacting areas along the Russian River -- Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds, the Tulare Lake basin region the Klamath region, greater Sacramento area and Fresno, Merced and Stanislaus counties in the San Joaquin Valley. 30% of the state's population was noticed and covered by the emergency drought proclamations.

This month, Newsom added nine more counties to the emergency drought declaration -- San Luis Obispo, Inyo, Marin, Mono, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz -- and requested all Californians reduce water consumption by 15%. Sacramento Bee said, "That makes the drought official in 50 of the state's 58 counties - essentially, everywhere except San Francisco and urban Southern California."

Drought conditions bring on a host of other problems. A Cal-Matters commentary by Assemblymember Adam Gray, a Democrat representing Merced and Stanislaus counties, said, "This heat generated incredible electrical demand. Even with the millions of solar panels and thousands of windmills installed over the last decade, California couldn't meet that demand. The California Independent System Operator was forced to black out nearly 2 million people in parts of Los Angeles, San Francisco,



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

Stockton and Merced." Gray points out in that article the fall-back system to generate power was hydropower noted to be the cleanest, cheapest form of energy. And, did I mention that was August 2020?

Gray and his constituents may not be so lucky this year. In June, it was announced Lake Orville had reached alarmingly low water levels and if that water resource, used to fuel the power plant that generates electricity for 800,000 homes, continues with even lower levels, they will have to shut down the power plant. Residents have been asked to reduce power usage to avoid rolling black outs, the same condition that cost Gray Davis his governorship in 2001. I haven't seen Gov. Newsom's backup plan to avoid those power outages.

Newsom has announced a \$5.1 billion package as part of California's Come Back Plan with five areas in that plan, one on water security he says can be fixed with this money. Newsom says, "This package of bold investments will equip the state with the tools we need to tackle the drought emergency head-on while addressing long-standing water challenges and helping to secure vital and limited water supplies to sustain our state into the future." This investment we are told "... aligns with his July

2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, a roadmap to water security for all Californians in the face of climate change." Pardon me, but I'm not seeing that much water security right now.

Newsom's plan provides a lot of five figure dollars but what I want to know is how that is actually putting water in people's homes, providing the farmers and salmon with more water right now and keeping the lights on.

- \$91 million for critical data collection to repair and augment the state's water data infrastructure to improve forecasting, monitoring, and assessment of hydrologic conditions.

- \$60 million for State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program grants to help farmers reduce irrigation water use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural pumping.

- \$27 million for emergency and permanent solutions to drinking water drought emergencies.

- \$33 million for fisheries and wildlife support to protect and conserve California's diverse ecosystems.

Scientists for years have been trying to save the critically endangered chinook salmon. As the San Francisco Chronicle pointed out, "It's not unusual for wildlife officials to truck salmon between [the Sacramento River] and the Pacific Ocean when the river runs low and too warm ...". This year, the plan is to truck salmon from the Sacramento River, over Shasta Dam and up to the colder McCloud River that feeds into Shasta Dam. Once the salmon reproduce, the truck will return and give them a ride back down to the Sacramento River and the ocean so they will have a chance to begin this cycle once again.

So much for the California's come back and water resilience plan which right now seems to be more vintage Newsom.

# MY TURN: Space Force and the New Frontier

British billionaire Richard Branson completed his latest, and arguably greatest, adventure Sunday, July 11, 2021, with a brief flight to the edge of space aboard his Virgin Galactic space plane. The flight marks not only Branson's first trip to space, but the first time Virgin has flown a full crew cabin as well. "Welcome to the dawn of a new space age," Branson said.

One critic wrote on social media: "It seems to me there are more important things to spend your money on to benefit mankind. Like cancer or Alzheimer's cure! Or how about a pipeline to move water to the western states. I couldn't care less about life on other planets. I'll be finding out about that stuff soon enough."

Another critic said, "Me too, think it's a waste of government money."

I could not help not responding as I had visions of John F. Kennedy in my head with his famous speech in 1962 at Rice University when he boldly said: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Just as the USAF was created out of the US Army, Space Force will be an organization for the future. Technology advances, just as they came about with NASA, global strategy, global monitoring of hostile nations, including the rapidly advancing Chinese and Russians, environmental advancements and just plain old exploration will all be intertwined with private and military organizations to keep us at the forefront. Space Force will orchestrate these functions. The reasons and needs for Space Force will unfold going forward. President Trump was laughed at when he even suggests Space Force, even though successful men with vision like Trump, Richard Branson and Elon Musk were already beginning to work



**Charles Lopresto**

on their own projects. These visionaries will be at the foundation of what the future space program will be.

When it is said in criticism that we should be worrying about the problems here on the ground, don't forget how many advancements and the creation of many products were the result of things and solutions created to meet the disciplines of space. The last time I looked, we can walk and chew gum at the same time. A man like President Biden, who President Trump said, considered ending Space Force, like he did so many Trump accomplishments, is a man that has no vision. He just knows what people tell him. Trump has vision and it often escapes other people's conscience because he is thinking on a higher level. Trump plays chess and Biden pays checkers. And as other problems to be solved like cancer, or as one suggestion was made, building a pipeline to move water to dry western area states, it is the visionaries that will come up with the solutions. If you have the discipline to look at solving the obstacles in space then you are likely the ones who will solve the other problems as well. Don't forget that one of the most prolific inventors, whose accomplishments resulted in technologies eventually used on the internet, was also, believe it or not, a glamorous 1940's film actress. No, the politician named Al Gore didn't invent the internet, but more likely, Hedy Lamarr

partly did. She also helped the war effort in the 1940's with her patents, though often uncredited. Ms. Lamarr was described this way,

Hedy Lamarr was a self-taught inventor. Lamarr grew up in Austria, dropped out of high school in 1930 to pursue acting and never attended college. In collaboration with composer George Antheil, Lamarr patented a "Secret Communication System" designed to keep Nazis from intercepting Allied transmissions during World War II. The idea wasn't adopted at the time, in part due to skepticism that an actress could contribute to technology. Today, her invention is fundamental to wi-fi, Bluetooth technology, and other wireless networks. In the 1950s, engineers at Sylvania Electric Products began looking seriously at the neglected patent. It wasn't until the 1990s that Hedy Lamarr was properly recognized for her contribution to wireless communication.

Consider others a little more well known in the arena of innovation. Thomas Edison didn't just famously invent the light bulb, he brought film making to a marketable level and perfected the phonograph. Henry Ford didn't invent the automobile, but he perfected an assembly line of interchangeable parts to make building, buying and owning an automobile practical. The government didn't need to mandate using an automobile instead of a buggy by just making a law, like so many politicians think they can do today. The private geniuses of innovation solved that problem, and brought about, the arrival of an invention's practicality. There was time when the media, the politicians and others in the influential spheres tried to help and encourage innovation. Today they seem to be avoiding it in the name of Progressivism.

# It's Free!!! Thanks to Gascón, Newsom and other Political Figures

So have you noticed lately when you go into big box stores (like Walmart for example) they have many of their products locked away and you have to wait for an employee to come and unlock the anti-theft features on these items? You go in to buy a shirt and you have to wait for an employee to come and open that area up. So why is this? Well it seems the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón will not prosecute these criminal shoplifters as long and they don't steal more than \$950 at a time. Other lawmakers have decriminalized many crimes to the point that they won't go to jail. The police are handcuffed to the point that they won't respond, and if they do, they may not take a report. What for? The DA's won't prosecute them. For example, West Covina had over 150 arrests in the first four months of the year, and not one of these were prosecuted.

The criminals are going in the big box stores and stealing them



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

blind. Not only that, the mom and pop stores are getting hit big time. Let's not forget the restaurants, people go in and order food and simply walk out. Sizzler does it right. You PAY FIRST when you order your meal. The problem is solved. The family owned restaurants are to the point that they have to close the doors.

The best solution is to pay first before they bring the food.

They actually have gangs that go into these stores and steal everything in sight knowing that nothing will happen to them. The business owners have to take things in their own hands where

they are to the point that they have armed themselves.

Recently, in La Puente, at the Big 5 sporting goods store on Hacienda and Francisquito, two guys loaded up with all kinds of merchandise and simply left the store. Store employees called the Sheriff's and about that same time, a customer went after the suspects on his own. It appeared that the two thieves didn't do so well. There was a physical altercation where others came to assist. It may have been a good thing that the sheriff's responded or it could have really got out of hand. Arrest were made with this incident and the merchandise was returned to the store after pictures were taken for the investigation.

We may see more of this with merchants and citizens taking the law into their own hands and kicking the crap out these criminals. Why not? It appears you won't be arrested.

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

# George Floyd's Death Leads Not Too Much Change in US' Racial Situation

By Chi Chiang

On June 25, 2021, former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin was sentenced Friday to 22.5 years in prison for the murder African American George Floyd one year ago on May 25, 2020. Since the Floyd case happened, the non-violent and violent protests has been throughout the nation. The Black Lives Matter statement seem to be the turning point of racial injustice of the country. Are there any real changes for discrimination against black people in the US? The answer is not. Most people are still doubtful.

Washington Post database showed the records of fatal shootings 292 people have been shot and killed by police in the first 5 months of 2021. Data from the Census Bureau shows that only 13 percent of US population is black. Compared with the fact that more than 19 percent of fatal shooting victims by police officers are black, there is no doubt that black Americans are killed at a much higher rate than white Americans. In 2019 and 2020, the percentage of black people who have been shot and killed by police are 23.6% and 23.5% of total victims respectively.

Numbers reveal the degree of injustices suffered by African Americans. Police in US use violence against black Americans has not stopped despite the Black Lives Matter campaign throughout our nation. With the history of 400

years of discrimination against black people since their ancestors settled in our continent, Mr. Floyd's death is likely a small drop of water in the sea.

Unfortunately police violence is not the only challenge that African Americans must deal with. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted a much stronger influence on black people. Of the more than 520,000 cumulative US deaths cataloged by APM Research Lab's Color of Coronavirus project, 73,236 of them are black. Black Americans have a COVID-19 death rate is double then white Americans.


While there's no evidence that people of color have genetic or other biological factors that make them more likely to be affected by COVID-19, research shows that the factors contribute to the impact of COVID-19 on different race groups including underlying health conditions, living conditions, employment, and access to health care. According to the CDC, more than 25% employed African Americans work in the service industry, compared with 16% of white workers. Their jobs involve interaction with people and cannot be done remotely from home. Also, a large portion of them use public transportation to and from work, which inevitably increased their exposure to the virus. Their social status and their incomes also become barriers when they need access to public healthcare. Research

shows that people of color are often more greatly affected by public health emergencies, such as Hurricane Katrina.

At first anniversary of George Floyd's death, the shift in public opinions towards Black Lives Matter steadily declined, especially within white American communities. Politicians using statements as All Lives Matter to cast a comfort blanket that obscures the real issue. The long-standing forces advocating white supremacy and racism are still growing, at the cost of innocent black people's lives. It poses a threat not only to minority groups in the US, but even to the world peace and security.

White supremacy is the root of the unresolved issue of racism in the US. The deep-rooted conservatism ideology among white Americans is essentially based on the hierarchy and conflicts with the core concepts of equality and individual autonomy. They believe that most people, including minorities, women, and the poor, should be governed by white elites. In their ideology, only white people deserve wealth and progress, and the equality that people of color fight for will destroy the freedom enjoyed by the white elite class. In fact, it is precisely one of the reasons of the country's gloomy future.

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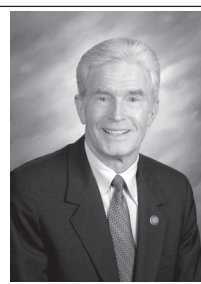
On July 2nd The Street received the jobs data for the month of June, and those numbers did not disappoint. The Labor Department announced that job growth accelerated in June (to 850,000); however, the unemployment rate was unchanged as uncounted people reentered the workforce. The overall tone of the report was consistent with rapid reopening, as well as continuing growing pains.

Another big story shining through this report was the remarkable number of people vaccinated against COVID during the second quarter. In early April we worried about a fourth COVID wave and possible widespread new shutdowns. By June COVID numbers were so low most of the economy could fully reopen, if only companies could find the workers necessary to do so. Growing pains will be inevitable.

This jobs report was consistent with robust recovery, including capacity problems in manufacturing and isolated wage pressures in short-handed industries. While leisure and hospitality hiring accelerated, the newspapers and industry surveys are still full of employers complaining about a worker shortage. This confirms how quickly the economy is reopening as growing pains persist. There is plenty of evidence in this report of bottlenecks, but also some evidence that they are easing and wage pressures resulting from labor shortages are not yet big enough to affect (Fed) monetary policy.

This will be a year of almost-unprecedented peacetime GDP growth. Not since the opening years of the Korean War has America seen what we will likely see in 2021 - 7% or greater Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

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What's up in the Economy?



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growth. As we enter the second half of 2021, the Atlanta Federal Reserve says the current quarterly GDP growth is humming along at an annual rate of 10.3%, and it shows no signs of slowing. If we could just keep the supply chains going, we might see record-high growth rates.

However, many of my Wall Street colleagues are quite worried at the moment, very sensitive and concerned about the latest \$6 trillion budget for FY 2022. Many have voiced concern that we are funding our own destruction. During the 12 months ending March 31, federal outlays were \$7.6 trillion, while receipts were only \$3.5t., creating a one-year deficit of \$4.1 trillion!

This current administration has an appetite for spending, with little clarity on how to pay for all that spending. Significantly raising taxes will cause people to respond, probably in ways that are not beneficial for ongoing economic growth. Punish something and you get less of it. Reward something (like paying people more not to work) and you get more of it. Raise taxes and people may also work less. It's simple logic, but many politicians don't get it.

More big news last week (after the Labor Dept announcement) was that the 10-year Treasury

bond yield fell below 1.45%. Falling Treasury bond yields amid rising inflation is considered counterintuitive by many market observers. However, consider that 10-year government bond yields are negative in Germany, on top of record low corporate bond yields here in the U.S. which are supported by record corporate earnings. In other European nations, 10-year government bonds are 0.43% in Spain and 0.85% in Italy, even though Spain's deficit as a percentage of GDP was 10.97% in 2020, and Italy's deficit came in at 9.47% of GDP.

Amidst such high budget deficits and record low bond yields, it's understandable that U.S. corporate bond yields are falling. A corporation with robust earnings growth is deemed safer by many investors than some (or most?) government debt. But, why is there not more concern about significant inflation, as well as the related lower (future) purchasing power of all currencies?

I cannot stress how bullish this current low interest rate environment is for stocks and other tangible assets. Not only are many companies selling debt at ultra-low yields to pay off their higher yielding debt, but many companies are also bolstering their cash reserves and boosting their stock buy-back activity. Could the current low interest rate environment be helping to set the stage for another market surge when second-quarter results are announced in late July?

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*We got a letter from the IRS saying that we qualify for the Child Tax Credit. What's the best way to use this money?*

The purpose of the Child Tax Credit is to help families with the expense of taking care of their child(-ren). An "advance" of half of the annual Child Tax Credit will be paid monthly to qualifying parents during the months of July through December of 2021. Beware: IF this amount will put your income over the qualifying limit (\$75,000 single), the IRS will require repayment when you file your tax returns for 2021. I suggest that you use a small percentage of the monthly Child Tax Credit toward current expenses related to your child (food and clothing), and save the rest for the benefit of your child. I strongly suggest that you do NOT use these funds to eat out more often, take a trip to an amusement park, or increase your general household spending.

*I like to use payWave or PayPal for all my purchases, but I lose track of where I've spent all that money! What can I do?*

Many people love the simplicity of using contactless methods to pay for everything. However, most are unpleasantly surprised to see how much they have spent. It is an easier way to spend, but it requires close attention to stay out of monumental debt. Make a practice of checking your bank accounts, credit cards, and online purchases 2-3 times every week. This will enable you to modify your spending habits long before being surprised by your monthly

*My right-hand-man would like to buy my business when I retire or die. Is there a good way*



**Julia Yoder**

bill.

*We're thinking an FHA home loan would be best, but we want to understand our options. Can you give us some advice?*

Although FHA loans require a small down-payment, the required mortgage insurance premium can be costly. There are Conventional loans, Veterans Administration loans, USDA loans, and First-time Home-buyer programs which require 3- to 5-percent down on a 30-year fixed loan. Although a loan with less than 20-percent typically requires Mortgage Insurance, there are ways to reduce this, too. In the current housing market, few Sellers are willing to accept an offer from a Buyer who is financing through FHA because they know that FHA requires certain repairs. To find a local mortgage professional who will crunch the numbers, advise you on the best loan for you, explain and do your loan: FindAMortgageBroker.com.

*My right-hand-man would like to buy my business when I retire or die. Is there a good way*

*to set this up?*

Yes, it's called a one-way buy-sell agreement. It's a legal contract between the owner of a closely held business and a future buyer. This future buyer would purchase a specific type of life insurance on you as the current owner. At the point of a triggering event, such as your death, retirement, or disability, the buyer uses the life insurance death benefit, or the available cash value accumulation in that policy, to purchase the business according to the buy-sell agreement. This establishes a smooth transition of the business.

*I need help deciding whether to save for retirement or get enough life insurance. Can you help me with that?*

Yes. There's actually a type of life insurance (Indexed Universal Life or Fixed-Indexed universal Life) that provides a death benefit to your survivors or beneficiaries, but also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred, cash value accumulation for retirement or other financial needs while you are alive.

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**What You "AUTO" Know**

**By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists**

## How We Keep Your Ride Going Strong in the Summer's Heat

We know we can feel our energy ooze out of us in the summer heat and your car feels it too! Just imagine sitting there day after day on the hot pavement while the relentless summer sun shines down on you. Car's components such as rubber are very sensitive to heat and tend to become brittle and crack. Here a just a few things we at Certified Automotive Specialists look for when we service your vehicle for summer:

- Batteries take a beating. Between the car's vibrations and

heat, they usually only last five years. It is always a good idea to have them tested and the technicians at Certified Automotive Specialists can help determine how much life they have left in them.

- Cooling systems are very susceptible to summer heat. You will notice more cars sitting on the side of the road with steam pouring out from under the hood during the summer months. We always check your cooling system thoroughly to make sure the coolant isn't contaminated. We

also check the rubber components for cracks and frays. If they are past their prime, we will recommend replacing them so you don't end up on the side of the road. We have had more than a few vehicles towed in to Certified Automotive Specialists due to a faulty cooling system that could have been prevented.

- Tires need the proper inflation to function well. They don't operate well if they are over-inflated or under-inflated. They need to be just right!

- Fluids and filters need to be checked and replaced if needed. They do a lot of work to protect our vehicles.

- Air-conditioning systems are a must and need to be looked at so you and your passengers stay comfortable no matter how high the outside temperatures climb. We make sure to check the refrigerant and other components.

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When you can remember someone's name, it shows them that they are important to you, but how to get good at it?

You may think that learning someone's name can be hard, but it's really not when you take the time to follow some of the tricks. You will want to think about the reasons why you may forget someone's face and name first. It may be years ago that you last saw the person and people change quickly in their appearance. You may find that it is just stress that you are under and if you eliminate some of your stress, then you'll be able to obtain a good memory. You may also find that it is just because you are faint in age (not generally the case). However, the reason why you may forget someone's face is not as important as it is to how you can try to remember a person's name and face

- The first step is that you will want to repeat their name during the introduction. You should then say the person's name at least seven to ten times in your head.

- Saying the person's name at least seven to ten times in your head via repetition will help you remember. Do not feel bad if you can't remember their last name. Not only will repeating the name help you remember, but also you may want to link the first letter of the name with an object. Like Barb and Bird will help you to associate the name to something and you are more likely to write. This is called mnemonics, work association.

- However, you could always write it down if it is convenient. You will find that if you then were to review the note regularly you will be able to remember a lot more. There are a lot of tips like this that you could do, but it doesn't seem practical.

- You should also learn someone's name by looking at him or her long enough. When you look at someone there are going to be memories that come to life and then all of a sudden you will find something will give you the name. This is more likely for those who were close friends years ago, but then grew apart. This is a great trick to keep in mind if you are going to your



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high school reunion or such.

- You may also find that it could be helpful when you try to remember their initials. Once you have their initials you will be able to figure out their name by elimination (another version of mnemonics). You will find that your memory will come back very quickly.

- Ask to have the name spelled or repeated, especially if it is unusual

- Repeat the name during your conversation, and when saying goodbye

- When it comes to reunions you will want to pull out that yearbook and try to make a name with the face without looking. For those who you do not get right, you will want to consider studying for a little bit and then digging out some of the old memorabilia so that you can come up with more memories. You may also want to try to make an educated guess. Most of the time you will be right, however, there are times when you won't be right at all.

There are some things that you do not want to do as well.

- First, you do not want to ask for someone's name twice or ask him or her to describe who they were. This is rude to begin with, but it will also hurt their feelings that you do not remember them.

- Lastly, you do not ever want to refer to someone as "what's their name" because it is disrespectful. If you can't think of the name, say nothing or you may want to say something like "we", instead of going into details. The key is to know what to say to someone who you think you know but cannot remember.

In business

- Always wright something about your encounter on the back of business cards received to remind you of the meeting.

Degrees of success in life and in business can be directly related to your ability to remember someone's name. There is even a myth from ancient times that remembering someone's name was reserved for only the Gods. Take the last statement for what's is worth, but we all are impressed by that person who is good with names.

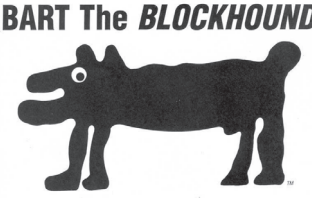
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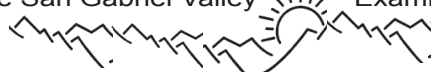
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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Unveiling

By Joe Castillo

**Restored Art Work...** The Southern California history scene is based on the early Spanish explorers and the missions they helped to establish. California places have been named based on Spanish persons, names and terms, and still exist throughout the state. In the mid-1700's, the only non-Native American presence in Southern California was left by the Spanish but the remains the Spanish left behind are slowly disappearing. Southern California has one of the hottest housing markets in the country with land developers slowly building on locations that at one time held a place of history.

The Historical Society of Pomona Valley just completed a three-year project to restore a painting of "Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles" which translates to "Our Lady of Angels" and is the figure which the City of Los Angeles is based upon. The paintings' artist is unknown and the year it was painted in also unknown but restoration experts think that the painting was becoming unrecognizable. In comparing the artwork with other known paintings, the original source of the painting may have been Seville, Spain and then it made its way to the new World by way of Spain. It's believed that that the painting was introduced into the Mission system and made its way to Ricardo Vejar and his Rancho Palomares estate in

Pomona.

There it has remained for over 100 years, it colors slowly fading, the paint slowly falling away and the images slowly disappearing. Imagine artwork from the 1790's with the image of the namesake of largest and second most populated metropolitan area in the United States being slowly ruined and lost forever. The Historical Society of Pomona Valley wasn't about to let that happen and so they came up with a plan to restore the artwork for future generations to enjoy. First the Historical Society began to raise money for the project and eventually were awarded a grant by the Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West. Next, they contacted one of the premier restorations and conservation centers in California, who provided an estimate for the repairs and was contracted to perform the restoration of the painting. After over 2 1/2 years, the 5 1/2 feet by 3 1/2 feet painting has been completely restored to its original color and art design. But it wasn't all the easy as it took hours just to figure out what the original colors were as it has been painted over and the original colors had been hidden for decades. Once the painting had been restored, it was determined that the "Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles" painting was considered to be one of the "earliest known artworks in California".

On Saturday July 10th, the restored painting was unveiled in front of 50 invited guests. The first time the painting was shown in public. A beautiful wooden Spanish Colonial frame had been acquired to house the painting and add to the newly restored painting of the "Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles". The restoration also uncovered two previously unknown details of the artwork including crowns above the head of Mary and baby Jesus, and a small palm tree in the bottom right corner of the painting. It's been over 100 years since the images of the crowns and palm tree have even been seen and perhaps these images could lead to the name of the artist and when the painting was initially painted. Soon the painting will be viewable by the public and when that opportunity comes you should take advantage of seeing something which was created in the 1790's. There aren't that many artifacts from the late 1700's which remain today but this painting is one item which father time has not yet claimed and hopefully it'll be a long time that the "Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles" will be seen for all of us to enjoy...

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## In Motion Dentists Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event

First 25 receives a free comprehensive oral exam, full set of x-rays, and a \$ 50 gift certificate

**LA VERNE** - The public is invited to In Motion Dentists Grand Opening event happening on July 16th, 2021 at 929 W. Foothill Blvd, Suite A, La Verne, CA 91750. They will be hosting an open house, where you are able to tour their new office from 10:00AM-4:30PM. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 5:00PM-6:00PM.

For over 7 years In Motion Dentists has been offering comprehensive dental services on a house call basis. This unique service was designed to help promote oral health to those who cannot go to a traditional dental office. Over the years, they have received numerous inquiries regarding if they have a traditional office location where their patient's families, friends, caregivers, and others in the community can receive their services. They love that so many people trust them with their oral care. Their goal with this brand new brick and mortar location is to continue to provide the same exceptional care people know them for, but also expand the types of services they provide including cosmetic services, veneers, im-

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certificate to their office. (Please note you must attend the event to schedule your appointment with one of their patient coordinators. Only the person whose name appears on the RSVP list will be eligible for the voucher.) So that they may plan accordingly, please RSVP to the time slot that is most convenient for you. Tickets are not required for attendance.

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"Accreditation from The Joint Commission represents the highest standards of review

and approval in the health care industry, and it's a recognition sought by every hospital and health care system in the country," said Emanate Health Chief Executive Officer Robert H. Curry. "Our accreditation, during a global pandemic, is noteworthy because it's a testament to the hard work of every member of our team to promote world-class safety and patient care."

Each Emanate Health hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review in 2021. During the visits, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with hospital standards spanning several areas, including patient quality care, emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in con-

sultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend Emanate Health for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care."

## Walnut Valley USD Hosting Job Fair

Top-notch school district is looking for top-notch employees!

**WALNUT** - The Walnut Valley Unified School District will host a job fair on Monday, July 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Diamond Bar High School gymnasium.

The award-winning school district has a variety of employment opportunities including: Bus Driver, Child Care Attendant II, Clerk Typist, Custodi-

an I Substitute, Instructional Aide II and III - Special Education, Instructional Aide II - Bilingual/Bicultural Mandarin, Mechanic II, Nutrition Services Worker I, Preschool Teacher, and Substitute Teacher.

Come and meet with a hiring manager! Bring an updated resume and proof of graduation in either hard copy or dig-

ital version on a thumb drive.

For more information or to apply, please contact Brenda Guerrero in Human Resources at (909) 595-1261 ext. 0. You may also visit [www.edjoin.org](http://www.edjoin.org) to view a complete listing of available positions. Diamond Bar High School is located at 21400 E. Pathfinder Road in Diamond Bar.

## Pizza Bingo for Republican Women Federated is Back

**WEST COVINA** - As everything begins to open back up post-pandemic, East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated (ESGVR-WF) has announced a return of their Annual Pizza-Bingo event. This year the event will

be held at the West Covina VFW, 2328 W. Merced Ave, West Covina, on Saturday, July 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$20 includes Red Devil Pizzeria pizza, salad, drinks, dessert and bingo cards.

Please bring a \$5 gift in a brown bag for winner's gift exchange. Everybody wins at this bingo event! Please call Gayle Mason by Thursday, July 29th at (626) 966-1339 for a reservation.

### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD ACROSS

1. E-wallet content
6. Pen \_\_\_\_\_
9. \*Rubik's \_\_\_\_\_
13. Bryan Stevenson's "Just \_\_\_\_\_"
14. \* \_\_\_\_\_ -Wan Kenobi
15. Egyptian falcon-headed deity
16. Top of a steeple
17. \*" \_\_\_\_\_ -I-Am"
18. Vernacular
19. \*"Walking" spring toy
21. \*Purple dinosaur
23. Foot the bill
24. Smidgen
25. \*KIDZ \_\_\_\_\_
28. Like a mattress?
30. Stay clear of \_\_\_\_\_
35. \*Dumbo's were huge
37. \*Arnold Lobel's "Frog and \_\_\_\_\_"
39. Emotional punishment
40. At the summit of \_\_\_\_\_
41. Young hooter
43. Shakespeare's hometown river
44. Increase rpms (2 words)
46. \*Pinocchio or Baron Munchausen, e.g.
47. Retired, shortened
48. Soft palate vibrations
50. Bob of the boxing world
52. Bovine hangout
53. Give the cold shoulder
55. Unagi on sushi menu
57. \*Place called Sesame
60. \*Place for Pong and Pac-Man
63. Semolina source
64. It would \_\_\_\_\_
66. Mourning fabric
68. Arterial blood vessel
69. Atlantic catch
70. Partner of pains
71. Emeralds and rubies
72. \*One of "Little Women"
73. Haul something heavy

### DOWN

1. German river
2. Large edible mushroom, pl.
3. Seed covering
4. Substitute for tender
5. \*Shenzi, Banzai and Ed in "Lion King"
6. \*One in a pocketful
7. Lawyers' league
8. Horizontal bar dance
9. It's knee high by the Fourth of July?
10. Strong desire
11. Channel marker
12. Eastern Standard Time
15. What bullies do
20. City in Japan
22. Past tense of eat
24. Popular salad dressing
25. \*Winnie and Paddington
26. Derived from oats
27. Utah city
29. Thanksgiving turkey, e.g.
31. Burn to a crisp

### THEME: KIDS CLASSICS

**CROSSWORD**

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32. Václav of Czechoslovakia
33. Be theatrical
34. \*One of the Darling children
36. Horse prod
38. Letter opener
42. More true
45. Bygone Spanish money
49. "He said, \_\_\_ said"
51. Place that attracts visitors, pl.
54. Ancient city in Africa
56. Cooler clime conifer
57. \*"One, two, buckle my \_\_\_"
58. Four years in the White House, e.g.
59. \*" \_\_\_ of NIMH"
60. \* \_\_\_ Walker, American Girl
61. \*"Matilda" and "The Gremlins" author
62. \*"The Three Musketeers" sword
63. Tail action
65. \*Huck's friend
67. Sixth sense

### July 8, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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## Chinese-American Making A Name for Himself in County Government Service

*Edward 'Eddie' Yen puts Public Service First; Commitment to Excellence Moves Him Forward*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - After nearly a decade of exemplary performance in local government, Edward "Eddie" Yen has attained a level of significant importance in the labyrinth known as Los Angeles County governance.

Yen, 46, has recently been promoted to be the Assistant Executive Officer at the Executive Office (EO) that oversees the administration of the Board of Supervisors.

"I am honored and humbled by this new opportunity," Yen recently said during an interview. "I have long considered public service to be one of the highest callings a person can have and working for Los Angeles County has always been about providing just that, quality public service."

The Executive Office (EO) manages technology, staffing, procurement and facilities, as well as the publication of information for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, various County departments and the public. The office also oversees the Office of Inspector General and other County commissions such as the Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, Office of Child Protection, Commission on Disabilities, and the County Equity Oversight Panel. Yen serves as one of three AEOs. Yen will oversee Technology, Planning, Legislation, the Assessment Appeals Board and Operations. This includes overseeing the Board operations during Tuesday meetings open to the public.

Before joining government service, Yen was a practicing attorney after graduating from the University of Southern California and then Loyola Law School. He first came into County service by way of the Los Angeles County Counsel's Office where he served as a Deputy County Counsel in 2005. He then moved into the Assessor's Office as its general counsel in 2016 before



**Edward 'Eddie' Yen**

being promoted to director of operations in charge of legal services, exemptions, assessment appeals and public service just three years later.

"Eddie will be sorely missed here in the Assessor's Office," said Assessor Jeff Prang. "His abilities are immeasurable and I have relied on his expertise more times than not. I am happy for his promotion but he will be very difficult to replace."

Mr. Yen has advised numerous County departments in areas including information technology, public housing, contracts, public records act and procurement. He also has represented clients in Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, Housing Authority, Executive Office, Regional Planning, Public Works, Internal Services and the CEO.

Mr. Yen also is the president of the Los Angeles County Asian American Employees Association (LACAAEA). LACAAEA's

vision and mission is to advocate for Asian American employees and for the AAPI community for equitable treatment.

"I'm so happy to have this opportunity to serve the Board of Supervisors, but more importantly to serve the citizens of Los Angeles County," Yen said during a recent interview. "I look forward to apply my experience as a director for the Office of the Assessor where Assessor Prang focused on providing effective public service, using up-to-date technology, and creating new career pathways for underrepresented employees."

Mr. Yen lives in San Marino, California where he also graduated from high school. His wife, Michelle, kids Scarlett and Caleb, and dog Amour have enjoyed returning to San Marino. And yes, his kids' initials spell S.C. Fight On!

(Courtesy of the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office)

## Duarte Chamber of Commerce Executive Director/CEO Retires

*Miranda L. Stewart appointed as Interim Manager*

**DUARTE** - The Duarte Chamber has announced the appointment of Miranda L. Stewart as Interim Manager as of June 16, 2021. Miranda will serve as Interim Manager after Sheryl Lefmann, Executive Director/CEO announced her retirement and relocation to South Carolina earlier this year. As Interim Manager of the Duarte Chamber, Miranda will ensure members are met with prompt and attentive service. Sheryl had served as the Executive Director since 2017.

Prior to accepting this position, Miranda was the President/CEO for the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce in Texas for over 5 years. After two and a half years in this position, she was approached by the Joshua City Manager to consider an additional role of Economic Development Director. With the passion for community enhancement, strategic growth, and desire to bring unique businesses to the area, she served in this role for the past two and a half years while continuing her position at the chamber.

With more than 10 years of marketing and business relations experience, Miranda possesses the ability to promote chamber businesses while being a partner and advocate for the owner and management teams. She feels having a network is a key factor for her members and understands



**Miranda L. Stewart appointed as Interim Manager**

the responsibility a chamber has in placing the appropriate members together in order to help them thrive in their specific market. She listens to operational issues and offers solutions to members struggling to keep busi-

ness going, she celebrates their victories with them, and she strives to be the best leader possible.

You may contact Miranda Stewart at (626) 357-3333 or at [assistant@duartechamber.com](mailto:assistant@duartechamber.com).

## Baldwin Park Braves Varsity Soccer Team CIF-SS Division 5 Champions

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## City of La Verne Revamps its Summer Concerts in the Park Program for August!

**LA VERNE** - The La Verne Heritage Foundation and the City of La Verne are proud to announce that they are bringing back its FREE Summer Concerts in the Park series on Sundays beginning on August 1. The community is invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and their appetite to listen to some music, eat some tasty treats, and relax under the stars in the warm summer air. The concerts will be held at Heritage Park (5001 Via De Mansion) beginning at 6:30 PM.

"After more than a year of social distancing, we are thrilled to be able to safely host our beloved Summer Concerts in the Park series this summer," said La Verne Community Services Manager Yvonne Duran. "Spending the warm La Verne summer nights enjoying the bands, food, and each other's company is one of our community's favorite summer pastimes. We're excited to bring a little bit more normalcy and fun back to our community after the uncertainties of this past year."

This year's lineup will perform a range of nostalgic, upbeat tunes and features some community favorites, including:

**August 1: The Answer - Classic Rock**

The Answer is a classic rock band formed in Southern California in 1964. In fact, all of the band members are products of Southern California. You may have seen them around La Verne because they've played at several previous City events and even neighboring cities' events. They are also scheduled to play at this year's Fourth of July Fireworks event on Sunday, July 4th. Their

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**AUGUST 1**  
 The Answer - Classic Rock

**AUGUST 15**  
 Cold Duck - Variety

Check out the website [www.laverneheritage.org](http://www.laverneheritage.org) or call 909-596-8700 for more information.

repertoire includes everything from the Doors, to Ricky Martin to Rod Stewart and the Beatles. Don't miss The Answer and their Big Video/EFX Show this summer. For more information on the band, their events and band members, please visit The Answer's website at [TheAnswerToClassicRock.com](http://TheAnswerToClassicRock.com).

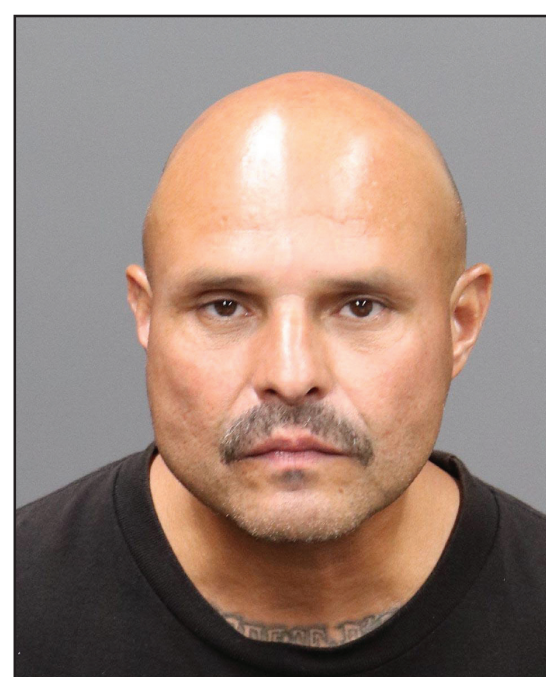
**August 15: Cold Duck - Variety**

Cold Duck is another local favorite. The band was founded over five decades ago in 1969 and has played at Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Magic Mountain and even at large stu-

dios such as NBC, MGM and ABC Studios. This eight-person band plays a variety of genres and songs including "What a Wonderful World", "Jungle Boogie" and "It's Not Unusual". For more information on the band, please visit their website at [ColdDuck.com](http://ColdDuck.com).

Local vendors will be providing delicious food and beverages as well as fun raffle prizes! If any individual or business is interested in sponsoring a concert for the 2021 season, please call Chad Peterson from the City of La Verne Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700.

## Felon Arrested for Possession of Cute but Deadly Firearm



**Miguel Baeza Rodriguez**

**IRWINDALE** - A cute, but deadly, handgun was tossed out the window of a vehicle one of Irwindale Police officers stopped for a minor equipment violation early Saturday morning.

Miguel Baeza Rodriguez, 49-years of Duarte,



**Cute but Deadly Firearm**

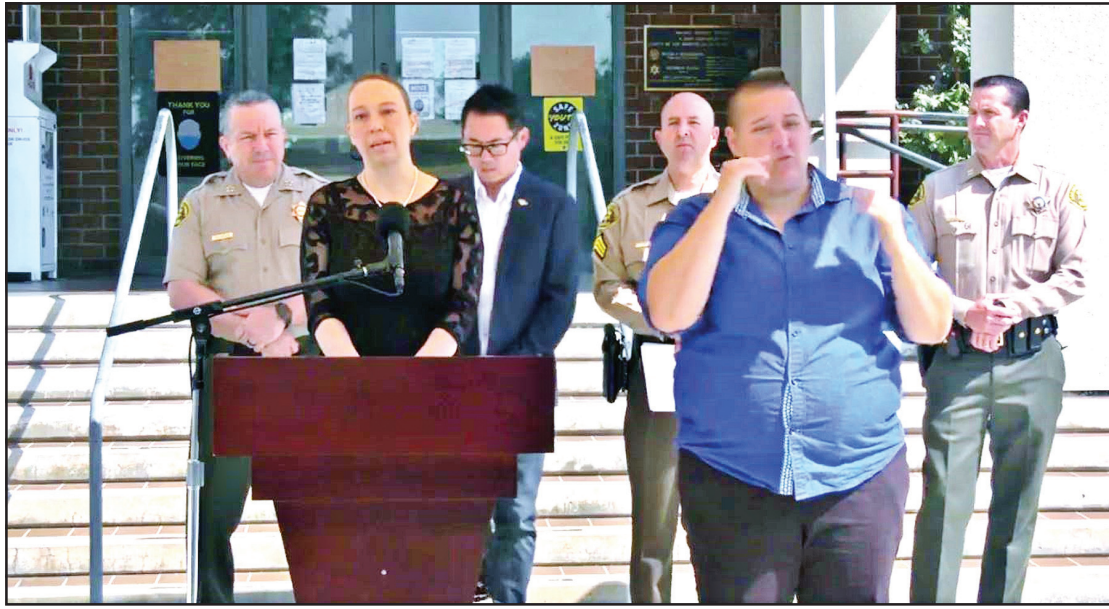
was arrested after the loaded handgun, along with some drugs and narcotics paraphernalia, were thrown from the vehicle he was driving when our officer pulled him over.

Mr. Rodriguez, who was the only one in the car at the time, was found to be a convicted felon on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) at the time.

Mr. Rodriguez was arrested for a number of weapons- and narcotics-related charges, including being a felon in possession of a handgun. He was booked at the jail, where he is currently being held on \$35,000.00 bail.

Photos courtesy of the Irwindale Police Dept.

## Sheriff and Victim's Family Seeks Public's Assistance in Fatal Hit and Run Case



Jessica Bodel, niece of Bruce Bodel, seeks justice for her uncle during the press conference.

**WALNUT** - On Monday, July 12, 2021, during a press conference, Sheriff Alex Villanueva, Walnut Station Detectives and family members asked the public's assistance for any information about a suspect driver and vehicle that was involved in a fatal hit and run incident in the City of Diamond Bar.

On Sunday, July 4, 2021, at approximately 10:30 p.m., 72-year-old Bruce Bodel was taking an evening walk near his home. As he was walking north on Penarth Avenue crossing Lycoming Street, he was tragically struck by a vehicle when he was crossing the street. The

driver of the vehicle did not stop to render any aid and immediately fled the scene traveling southbound on Lemon Avenue.

Mr. Bodel suffered major injuries and succumbed to his wounds days later. The vehicle that struck him is described as a two-door silver sedan, and from evidence recovered at the scene, it is believed to have damage to the front as well as a cracked windshield.

"This has devastated my family. He always liked to go out for walks, that was just his habit. Rather than taking a car he would take a bike or he would walk. He

was a vegetarian; he'd never hurt a fly. So, anybody who could help bring my uncle justice, would be greatly appreciated," said Bodel's niece, Jessica.

If you have information about this senseless tragedy, please contact the Walnut Station Detective Bureau at 909-859-2817. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile App on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or use the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org/>.

## West Covina's Best Kept Development Secret "Two Brothers and a Plow"



The Ditch Holds Pretty Well - Fickewirth ditch now known as "Walnut Creek".

### The Formative Years: 1903 - 1909

Prior to 1903 only a couple of dozen persons lived in what is now West Covina. The land was dry, treeless, and covered with sagebrush and sunflowers. It flooded almost every Spring and was dry desert the rest of the year. A little wheat could be grown but the land was only fit for cattle grazing.

Two events in the formative years set the stage for the birth of a new community. Number one was the discovery of water wells to start irrigation and plant walnut trees, pumpkins, and potatoes. The other is an amazing feat of flood control which was a "must" for the development of West Covina.

This singular development of flood control was essential to West Covina. Shown here are some of the rare photographs of flooding in West Covina. It is easy to see why flood control had to occur for the town to develop.

**Digging the Ditch: 1905**  
In 1905 the Fickewirth brothers used a horse and plow to ex-

tend the "ditch" now known as "Walnut Creek". Prior to their handiwork the "ditch" ended at about Azusa Avenue. If the Spring snow meltdown in the San Gabriel mountains was heavy, most of West Covina would flood for several days or a few weeks. This naturally destroyed attempts at farming and destroyed irrigation ditches, buildings, and equipment. Amazingly, the Fickewirth brothers dug and extended Walnut Creek all the way to the Los Angeles River at about the location of Industry and the

605 Freeway.

### The Ditch Holds Pretty Well

The Fickewirth ditch held quite well except flooding still occurred in 1915 and again in the 1950's. These two floods required additional measures not just with Walnut Creek but with Bonelli Dam and lesser sized creeks than Walnut. Today, flooding in West Covina is just a long-lost historical fact.

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



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## Arcadia Accepting Applications For The Leadership Academy

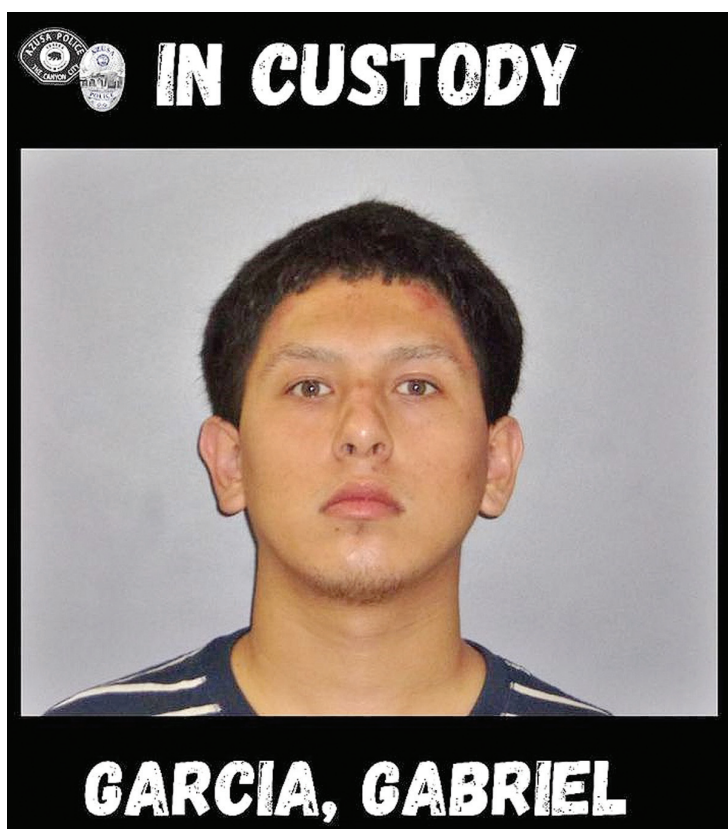
**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia welcomes Arcadia residents who are 18 and over to apply for the Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy is a free, interactive civic education program for Arcadians who wish to become better acquainted with City operations. The Academy consists of nine workshops on Wednesday evenings and features presentations by City executives, department tours, and other ac-

tivities. Each participant will have the opportunity to interact and learn from City departments about the services they provide to the Arcadia community. Classes begin Wednesday, September 29, 2021, through Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and locations may vary each week.

Applications and program information for the Leadership Academy can be found on the City's website at

[ArcadiaCA.gov/Academy](http://ArcadiaCA.gov/Academy). Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Please submit your completed application to [hagular@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:hagular@ArcadiaCA.gov) by August 20, 2021. For more information regarding the Leadership Academy please contact Hazel Aguilar at (626) 821-4314 or at the email address above.

## Stolen Vehicle Stop Leads To Pursuit and Arrest



**AZUSA** - On July 6, 2021 at approximately 7:49 PM, Azusa Police Department officers attempted a traffic stop on a reported stolen vehicle at 800 S. Cerritos Ave, Azusa. The driver failed to yield to officers and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. Officers pursued the suspect onto several freeways and the suspect ultimately stopped in the City of La Puente. The suspect fled from the vehicle on foot and was quickly captured after a short foot pursuit. Two passenger occupants were detained in the vehicle without incident.

During the pursuit, the suspect driver, struck another motorist in the City of El Monte.

The suspect was identified as Gabriel Garcia (18 Years

old), of La Mirada.

Suspect Garcia was arrested and charged with 2800.2VC (felony evading), 10851(a)VC (driving a stolen vehicle) 20001 VC, (felony hit and run) and 148(a)(1)PC, (resisting arrest). He was booked at the Azusa PD Jail.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Azusa Police Detectives at 626-812-3200.



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