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# Baldwin Park Unified School District Celebrates Graduates in Class of 2021

**BALDWIN PARK** - Baldwin Park Unified School District celebrated its Class of 2021 with in-person ceremonies and drive-thru events for Baldwin Park, Sierra Vista and North Park Continuation high schools.

Health and safety measures were enforced during the events, including limited capacity and the requirement for face coverings and social distancing.

Baldwin Park High School recognized seniors in small cohorts during traditional ceremonies. The Braves Class of 2021 was led by valedictorian Isis Kohle Jackson and salutatorian Juliane Dimasupil Victolero.

Jackson, a 2020-21 student board member and varsity captain of the Braves tennis team, will study biology, art and graphic design at Stanford University in the fall. Victolero, a recipient of the Mark Daniel Flores Music Foundation Scholarship, will attend Cal Poly Pomona to study mechanical engineering.

North Park Continuation High School held in-person celebrations, featuring pre-recorded speeches from senior class representatives John Ramos and Lily Trevino. North Park also commemorated the milestone for seniors with a special commencement video and a drive-



Baldwin Park High School honored graduates with in-person commencement ceremonies.

thru celebration. Sierra Vista High School graduates were cheered on by their families as they accepted their diplomas in two separate ceremonies. The Dons graduating class boasted three valedictorians who finished with GPAs of 4.667: Joana Fang, Megan Huynh and Thuy Pham. They were joined by two salutatorians, Allan Garcia and Edward Ng.

Fang and Huynh will go on to study at UCLA and Pham will study at California Institute of Technology College.

More than 65 students from Baldwin Park and Sierra Vista

high schools graduated with valedictory honors, holding GPAs of 4.0 or higher.

Seniors from both schools were also recognized for graduating with the highest honors – a GPA of 3.8 to 3.99 – and with

honors, holding a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79.

This year, students were awarded thousands of dollars in local and national scholarships, including a Dell Scholarship.

Dons senior Jesus Medina was

named the 2021 Dell Scholar and will use the \$20,000 scholarship to support his career goals. Medina will attend UC Merced in the fall and study secondary education and psychology, with the goal of teaching high school students in low-income communities.

Fang also received the Ramona Burnham Foundation Scholarship from the Ramona Burnham Foundation, named in honor of the long-time BPUSD educator.

“We are so proud of our dedicated and talented seniors who overcame so many obstacles in this last year alone to achieve their academic, professional and personal goals,” Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. “I want to extend my gratitude to our team of educators, faculty and administrators for going above and beyond for our students.”



Sierra Vista High School celebrated its Class of 2021 with intimate graduations on June 3.

## Ribbon-Cutting And Grand Opening of A&P House Of Beauty



**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure to help celebrate a ribbon-cutting and grand opening with A&P House of Beauty in Glendora. A&P House of Beauty is a full-service hair and lash studio located in the City of Glendora at 860 E Route 66 next to BaskinRobbins Glendora.

A&P House of Beauty was represented by Alina Aguila and her

husband, staff, family, clients, and friends. Representing Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio was Cameron Griffin, representation State Senator Anthony Portantino was Marco Lundgren, and representing LA County Supervisor Katherine Barger was Vicky Paul. Representing the City of Glendora was Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Boyer, and Councilmembers David

Fredendall and Michael Allowos. The Glendora Chamber Board was represented by Vice Chair Marilyn Sparks, Mercedes Castro, and Board Members Jane Bock & Dena Garvin-Smart.

The Glendora Chamber invites you to visit Alina and her team at A&P House of Beauty located at 860 E Route 66, Glendora CA 91740. Please call (626) 201-9950 to set up an appointment.

## Mosquito Control Officials Confirm First West Nile Virus Activity in L.A. County

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The first indication of West Nile virus circulating in Los Angeles County in 2021 was detected in a dead crow collected in South Pasadena, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) announced Monday, June 7, 2021. West Nile virus (WNV) is spread to people through mosquito bites. Birds can become sick from WNV, but do not spread the virus directly to

<b>TIP</b> stagnant water 	<b>TOSS</b> unused containers 	<b>PROTECT</b> with mosquito repellent 
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people. Mosquitoes in Southern California are generally more active from May to October. Mosquito control is a responsibility shared by all residents, businesses and property owners.

For more information, or to report neglected swimming pools of stagnant water, visit [www.SGVMosquito.org](http://www.SGVMosquito.org) or call (626) 814-9466.

## A Critical Support System For Veterans

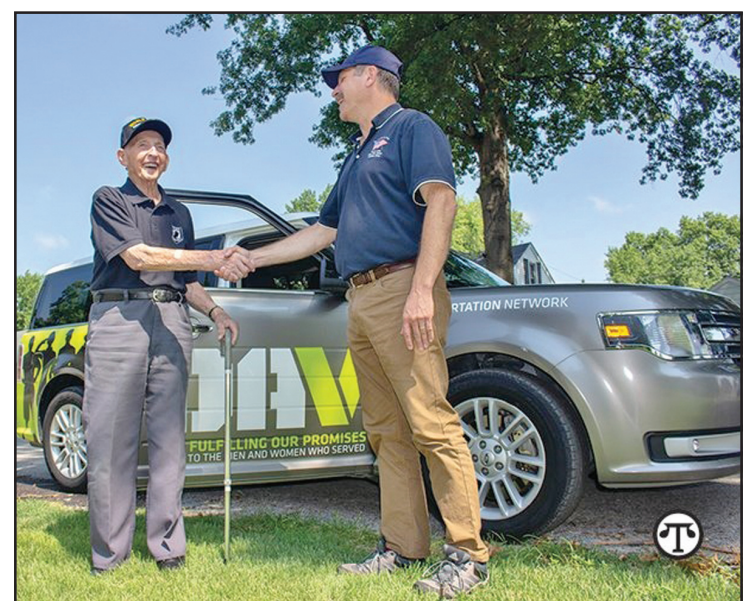
There are certain aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic that many Americans may not have thought about. For example, one area that saw a sharp decline was volunteerism—placing heavy burdens on nonprofit organizations that rely on the compassion of their volunteer forces.

According to a recent research survey by Fidelity Charitable, a nonprofit organization created by Fidelity Investments, two-thirds of all U.S. volunteers had either decreased volunteer hours or stopped volunteering altogether because of the pandemic.

### Volunteer to Help Veterans

One nonprofit feeling the effects is DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and its Transportation Network, which has helped get veterans to and from medical appointments since 1987, when the government-run system was shut down. The nationwide DAV Transportation Network provides no-cost rides to veterans who need help getting to their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers and clinics. Prior to 2020, volunteer drivers spent more than one million hours and logged over 20 million miles, providing more than 600,000 rides for veterans each year.

“We’ve seen a major decline over the past year in volunteer support across all of our programs,” said John Kleindienst, Director of Voluntary Services at DAV. “For our aging veteran population, getting to and from critical care appointments is a growing concern and without vol-



Helping a veteran get to needed medical care can be a great way to give back.

unteers, many veterans have no way to access their health care or get other much needed support.”

Ramping up volunteerism for the DAV Transportation Network is critical as the pandemic restrictions lift, as it is anticipated that higher than average numbers of veterans will return to the VA both for routine appointments and for care that was delayed over the past year.

“While safety has been the key priority, we have to think toward the next phase and be prepared to meet this increased demand for transportation,” Kleindienst added. “We know the pandemic has hurt a lot of veterans and they might not get the care they earned without our dedicated volunteers. We need the help.”

VolunteerMatch’s survey, “The Impact of COVID-19 on Volunteering” found many in the nonprofit sector are rethinking volunteer engagement strategies to accommodate the current envi-

ronment. While this strategy works for some sectors, it can be challenging for others.

Nonprofits, such as DAV, are hopeful that there is light at the end of the pandemic tunnel as vaccines are made widely available, restrictions are lifted and communities can safely get back to volunteering.

“We know there are many passionate and dedicated volunteers who are ready to step up and support our nation’s veterans and with added safety measures in place we’re beginning to see more people coming out to help. We can only hope it will be enough to keep pace with those veterans in need,” added Kleindienst.

Learn More  
If you are a veteran in need of support or want to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the community, go to [dav.org/volunteer](http://dav.org/volunteer). (NAPSI)

# La Verne Police Department Resume Homeless Outreach Program

**LA VERNE** - With the lifting of many coronavirus restrictions, the City of La Verne is proud to announce the resurgence of its La Verne Police Department (LVPD) Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST). With the support of neighboring communities including Pomona, Claremont, Irwindale, West Covina and Azusa, the LVPD HOST team makes contact with local homeless populations and works with them to provide the necessary resources to help lift individuals out of homelessness. They conduct this outreach two to three times per week.

"Tailoring our approach to each individual allows us to ensure that they get the resources they need to get back on their feet, whether it be veteran assistance, mental health care or temporary shelter placement," said LVPD Sergeant Michael Martinez. "Since starting this regional approach, we have noticed progress in addressing the size of the homeless population throughout the region. Additionally, by focusing on outreach and providing resources as opposed to relying on enforcement efforts, we are seeing an increase in cooperation and willingness to take part in the resources offered."

While the entire police department is regularly trained in the basics of conducting this type of outreach, there are ten designated HOST program officers that specialize in the local resources available to the regional homeless population. Each LVPD HOST officer has their own area of specialty, such as acting as the liaison with specific partner organizations like Hope for Home. The program focuses on building relationships, providing resources and enforcement process education.

The HOST program not only



works closely with nearby cities, but also with mental health services including Tri-City Mental Health and Union Station Homeless Services. These programs provide counselors who advise HOST officers on how to best approach various situations. These mental health partners also conduct homeless outreach and help coordinate temporary housing, provide mental health and medical resources, conduct landlord outreach, provide financial assistance, and food and clothing referrals.

Despite the police department's temporary pause of its HOST program due to COVID-19, the City also implemented additional programs to aid both at-risk and homeless individuals during the pandemic. For example, the City partnered with Union Station Homeless Services to launch a Prevention and Diversion Program that provides assistance to families and individuals at risk of experiencing homelessness. Through this program, financial assistance is be-

ing provided to help cover rent, utility bill, moving, food and transportation costs to community members in need.

"Although we understand this is a complex and statewide challenge, we are committed to working with our panthers to do all we can to provide the resources and assistance necessary to thwart

homelessness," said Yvonne Duran, City of La Verne Community Services Manager. "I encourage all La Verne residents to get to know these resources and refer both at-risk individuals and those already struggling with homelessness to these programs."

In addition to providing services and resources directly to those in need, the City has also leveraged grant funding to help address regional homelessness issues and regional affordable housing goals by partnering with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. The City also partnered with the Los Angeles County's Southern California Regional Energy Network and the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, as well as the Cities of Baldwin Park, Duarte, Irwindale and West Covina, to launch the Green Pathway Career Program. This program will provide education, training, and vocational certification in the energy efficiency industry to Transitional Age Youth vulnerable to homelessness.

## Car Shows for Father's Day



Car show at Merrill Gardens in West Covina. Hotrods, roadsters, custom cars and this motorcycle with a Corvette V-8 Engine.

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - A number of car enthusiast thought it would be a fun deal to have a car show with their custom cars at a senior assisted living facility. On Sat, the 19th, the group showed up around 10 a.m. at Merrill Gardens Senior Living in West Covina.

Former West Covina mayor Lloyd Johnson orchestrated the event with the other custom car owners for a Father's Day Event for all the residents who live there.

He wanted to thank the Car Club, Cal-Rods, for making this possible. They really helped him out with the cars showing up.

Merrill Gardens had set up a great lunch for everyone that was there. There was a little bit of ev-

erything there. Hot-Rods, Roadsters, Custom Cars with one guy who brought his "Boss Hoss" motorcycle which has a V-8 Corvette engine in it. Boss Hoss is a company that make custom motorcycles with V-8 engines.

Many of the residents were very pleased with the cars and it brought back a lot of "old memories" from yesterday. There was a lot of great conversation about cars and the "Good Old Day."

The car club wasn't done yet. The next day, Sunday, "Father's Day" they did it again. This time they were at Covina Luminate Church for their Father's Day Festival and Car Show. According to Johnson, "These people at this church really do it right as well. They treated us fathers to a wonderful day."

## Fire Burns in Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area

By George Ogden

**IRWINDALE** - On Tuesday, June 15 around 5 pm, the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area erupted into flames. The fire burned more than 70 acres of thick vegetation and homeless campsites. Firefighters responded in 3-digit heat temperatures.

At least 70 firefighters, along with several helicopters brought it under control around 8 p.m. Firefighter stayed overnight to put out any hotspots that may pop up. There were no reports of any structures damaged nor



Fire Burns the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. (Photo Edison Co.) anyone being injured.

Large plumes of smoke from the fire could be seen all

over the San Gabriel Valley, parts of Los Angeles and the Inland Empire. The thick

smoke climbed to the 3,000 to 4,000-foot area and leveled off and then spread out and blanketed most of the East San Gabriel Valley. Air quality for the area for the next few days became a health issue.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation but many people are pointing to the homeless that hang out in that area for starting the fire. There was also another fire at the same recreation area and again the homeless are believed to be responsible as well.



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## Chiropractors Charged in \$2.5 Million Auto Insurance Fraud, Kickback Scheme

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that 12 chiropractors have been charged in a \$2.5 million insurance fraud and illegal kickback scheme involving automobile collision medical claims.

"Defrauding insurance companies is a serious crime that costs all of us in the form of higher premiums," District Attorney Gascón said. "We will continue to work with local, state and federal regulators to protect consumers from financial crimes."

Case BA495596 charges the defendants with nine felony counts, including insurance fraud and participating in patient referral rebates when licensed in the healing arts or as a chiropractor.

Arraignment for all but one defendant has been scheduled for June 29 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Arraignment for defen-

dant Alexander Royzman of Granada Hills is expected to take place the following week. The case was filed on June 1.

The scheme's alleged ring-leader, Yury Chernega of Studio City, faces four counts each of the aforementioned charges as well as one count of money laundering. The charges include allegations of taking more than \$500,000 from about 30 insurance companies through fraud and embezzlement.

In addition to Royzman and Chernega, the other defendants are:

- Edith Coronado-Grande of Glendora
- Lon Segal of Los Angeles
- Bruce Householder of Burbank
- Christine Elvine of Arcadia
- Luzan Madain of Canyon Country
- Payam Shayan of Tarzana
- Arash Noor of Los Angeles
- David Soloway of Brea
- Gilberto Gomez of Los Angeles

• Omid Okhowat of Los Angeles

From 2014 through 2019, Chernega allegedly offered to refer new patients to other chiropractors in return for an illegal referral fee, through which he collected about \$2.5 million, prosecutors said. The patients allegedly had been involved in automobile collisions.

The defendants also are accused of filing false claims for medical services they never provided. The case stems from an ongoing case involving Chernega and 14 additional chiropractors filed in 2019. Case BA477147 alleges a total of \$6 million in illegal referral fees.

The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Auto Insurance Fraud Division and Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the California Department of Insurance, the California Franchise Tax Board, the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

## Public Health Urges Everyone to Get Fully Vaccinated Ahead of 4th of July

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Public Health encourages everyone unvaccinated for COVID-19 to get vaccinated ahead of time to celebrate Fourth of July safely. Receiving the one dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine by June 20 allows for the two-week time period needed to be fully protected by July 4. If the Pfizer or Moderna two-dose vaccines are your preference, it is strongly recommended that you begin your two-dose series as soon as possible to have some limited protection before the July 4th holiday.

Last week, the Food & Drug Administration authorized an extension of the shelf life for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine from 3 months to 4.5 months (an additional 6 weeks).

Public Health has notified the healthcare community to check expiration dates and update their inventory accordingly since these doses can be used over a longer time period.

There continues to be differences in COVID-19 vaccinations between racial and ethnic groups. Looking at the percent of Los Angeles County residents with at least one dose of vaccine, the differences are stark among teens in both the 12-15 and the 16-17 age groups. Only about half as many Black and Latinx teens are getting vaccinated as White, and Asian teens. Among teens 12-15 years old, 13% of Black and 18% of Latinx teens have been vaccinated, compared with 48% Asian and 34% of White teens. Among teens 16-17 years old, 23% of

Black and 35% of Latinx teens have been vaccinated, compared with 72% Asian and 53% of White teens.

The data is similar for young adults 18-29 years old: 25% of Black adults and 39% of Latinx adults have been vaccinated, compared with 72% of Asian and 55% of White adults. The County continues to see among Black residents, a disproportionality in the 30-49 year old group: 36% of Black adults and 47% of Latinx adults have been vaccinated, compared with 70% of Asian and 60% of White adults.

To find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com).

## Public Health Tracking COVID-19 Variants Including the More Contagious and Potent Delta Variant

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - While our transmission rates remain reassuringly low, Public Health continues to track the proliferation of variants of concern, because where there are pockets of unvaccinated individuals, these variants can proliferate. Of particular interest is the Delta variants, formerly known as Indian variants. These and their related Kappa variants are the ones involved in the massive outbreaks in India, in the recent surge of cases in the U.K., and in ongoing outbreaks elsewhere worldwide. It appears the Delta variant is highly transmissible, and more contagious even than other highly contagious COVID variants.

Public Health reviews the data identified by both the Public Health Lab and a group of other California laboratories from over 6,500 specimens linked with

L.A. County residents. In early April, we started seeing small numbers of Delta variants and a scant few of their related Kappa variants. Over the past few weeks, we have begun to see an increase in Delta variants as a proportion of variants of concern obtained by sequencing.

Between late April and early June, 64 cases of Delta-variant COVID infections were identified among residents of L.A. County, with most of them identified in the last few weeks. Much of the transmission of this variant appears to be occurring within households: 34 of the 64 cases live in a household with one or more other Delta variant cases.

COVID-19 vaccines show to offer protection against most COVID variants circulating in the United States, including the Delta

variant.

Workplaces remain under the current Cal/OSHA standards, which now allow most fully vaccinated employees to stop wearing masks. Masks are required for all workers in public transit and at transportation hubs, K-12 schools, child care sites, children's camps, youth-serving programs, health care facilities, state and local correctional and detention facilities, emergency, and homeless shelters, and wherever businesses require all workers to wear face coverings. Businesses are allowed to be more restrictive with distancing and masking requirements. For more information on the County reopening including masking requirements, travel guidance, best practices, and remaining sector protocols, visit [ReopeningLACounty.com](http://ReopeningLACounty.com).

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## West Covina Approves Budget After Amending 30 New Hires

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - At the last West Covina City Council meeting, the council approved their budget for the fiscal year 2021-22 with a \$2.3 million deficit. The 406-page budget report was rather complicated to review.

The finance director Robbeyn Bird gave her "down to earth" report so everyone could understand it. There were a number of questions as what direction in the future would the city be looking at. In the final budget report, there is \$19.56 million in federal coronavirus relief funds. The directive for the city is to designate these funds for capital improvement projects, job training and, in part, to establish its health department. This was to help re-establish and recover from losses because of the Corona virus issue and what the state and county government did. The council directed its attention to the \$19 plus million grant funding. To some, they appeared to get into a spending frenzy. Council woman Rosario Diaz jumped at the chance to spend the money to hire 10 police officers. Then then brought up the 22 employees from the maintenance depart-

ment that lost their jobs some time back, she wanted to hire them back. Next, the plan to hire 10 part time code enforcement officers.

It appeared that the City Manager David Carmony was a little taken back with all the requests. After some discussion, council gave directives and amended the budget to hire 10 police officers, 10 maintenance people and 10 part time code enforcement officers. The finance director computed that addition requests would cost the city over \$9 million dollars.

The council approved this with a 4-1 vote with Brian Tabatabai being the "no" vote. Basically, he was not in favor of moving forward with the "add-ons" without a more extensive examination and it doesn't comply with the recovery plan that was set in place. It appears he felt that action was way ahead of itself by spending money that the city is "hoping" they will get.

It appears he is not alone with this. Other people were surprised that the city moved forward with this amendment to the budget with the new hires or re-

hiring people without a total review of the total financial impact to the city. It seemed that some feel that this is only a temporary fix and that these people will be let go once these funds run out. There are questions on whether or not these funds can actually be used for this purpose. It seems that this grant is in place because of the Corona issues and the losses to the city. It is to help restore and compensate the city to get back to where they were before of the government restrictions that shut down the city. One issue is the fact that they are going to rehire some of the maintenance employees that were laid off. The people were laid off way before the virus issue existed and can this money be used for this is the question.

Councilman Tony Wu felt now that the state and county governments are softening up its control on the cities that West Covina will now get back on track with stores and other businesses opening up again and revenue will be there.

The council is looking very optimistic and looking forward to a great year.

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# Happy Father's Day For Some COVID-19: Speaking Up in Black and White

Sunday was Father's Day. The time of year good old dad gets things he never even dreamed existed all wrapped in colorful paper with smiling faces handing over the gift proudly. But sadly, there are those, unfortunately, who don't have the opportunity to gift over these delightful objects.

We've been through a tough year and half dealing with COVID, lockdowns, joblessness and the violent attacks, physically and verbally, on our police officers claiming discrimination when enforcing the laws mostly led by Black Lives Matter groups. To solve the problems surrounding these episodes were demands on city and county leadership to defund our law enforcement personnel and police departments.

To further correct all the perceived charges of injustice, California has initiated a Reparations Task Force created with legislation by Secretary of State, Shirley Weber, last year, and with HR 40, a federal commission to study the "lingering negative effects of the institution of slavery" all with a perceived purpose of handing over money to solve the problem or perhaps just make it go away.

The WSJ reports: "The police fatally shot 9 unarmed blacks and 19 unarmed whites in 2019, according to a Washington Post database..." We never talk about family status, only about ethnicity and seem to be focused primarily on the black communities.

One thing I've not heard discussed are the effects on children coming out of single-parent households, primarily those without a father. Several studies, not very recent but relevant, have found there is a significant number of violent crimes and burglaries occurring when "the family was not intact," meaning both mother and father present in the home. Let me throw out a few findings from Heritage Founda-



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

**Former Mayor of Glendora**  
tion's 1995 study, *The Real Root Causes of Violent Crime: The Breakdown of Marriage, Family and Community* and let me know if this is relevant today. This is about kids not skin color.

- Rate of violent teenage crime corresponds with the number of families abandoned by fathers. Is this true today as it was in 1995?

- Future criminals tend to be an individual rejected by other children as early as the first grade who go on to form his/her own group of friends, often the future delinquent gangs. That gang becomes their "family", their "community", providing their anchor of security and acceptance. And, today in drug gangs, provides income not always available in single-mom households.

- Rate of violent teenage crime corresponds with the number of families abandoned by fathers. Now is the time for some new numbers to confirm or dispute this finding in the 1995 study.

- In high-crime inner-city neighborhoods, over 90% of children from safe, stable homes do not become delinquents. By contrast, only 10% of children from unsafe, unstable homes in these neighborhoods avoid crime. As the study points out, a strong affectionate attachment between mom and child with the

authority figure of a father involved is the best buffer to a life of crime.

- Neighborhoods with a high degree of religious practice are not high-crime neighborhoods. And, with COVID, no one in a leadership position could develop a way to keep our religious establishments open and still safe?

I would also throw out one more bullet point for consideration: Education is the foundation for future successes and without a good support system on the home front, the success rate may not be as high without two parents assuming their parental responsibilities and actively involved. And, that means a parent or both parents need to know who is teaching their child and their school board members' policies and directives.

The 1995 Heritage Foundation Study states: "Many lawmakers in Congress and in the states assume the high level of crime in America must have its roots in material conditions, such as poor employment opportunities and a shortage of adequately funded social programs."

But former Arizona police officer Brandon Tatum, co-founder of BLEXIT with Candace Owens, lends support to that 1995 study when he said, "You need a dad. I don't care what nobody says, I don't care what any psychologists want to put out there and make up a myth on-you need your father. And the reason why I'm here today is because I had a strong Father." He told Epoch Times defund the police is the beginning of a federal takeover of law enforcement

And, when we talk about absent fathers on Father's Day, let's not forget those law enforcement officers, those fathers and mothers, who gave their lives protecting and keeping us safe. No more colorfully wrapped, never-heard of gifts for them.

**By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD**

These days more and more apparently intelligent people seem to upspoke. That's the irritating "Valley Girl" inflection where every sentence sounds like a question. Don't these people trust their own thoughts and words?

Perhaps upspeakers' brains are fried after being fed a steady diet of DEI, ESG and BIPOC. For the uninitiated, these initials stand for "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion", a corporate stock/investment rating based on Environmental awareness, Social justice and (right-minded) Governance to enhance the lives of "Black, Indigenous, People of Color." "Privilege" gets the full word. White people must "check their privilege at the door" and shut up under the current era of Stalin-esque cancel culture.

Black American slaves used to have some version of Simon Legree as their master. Now the woke white liberals have assumed that role. Even President Biden views BIPOCs as helpless morons whom only the government can rescue.

Of course, little BIPOCs are the perfect unsuspecting targets. Despite parental objections, new school curricula include Marxist inspired critical race theory that teaches children to hate others based on skin color. Instead of learning the 3 Rs, kindergartners are encouraged to explore their gender identity and question the family structure. The latest data show that only 35 percent of 4th graders are proficient in reading and 41 percent are proficient in math. Instead of learning the necessary skills to race to the top of the ladder of success, they have the tools to win the victim triathlon. The prize: dependency on government resources.

COVID-19 added a new ingredient to the melting pot. Brown-skinned Americans fare more poorly with COVID than whites. Some reasons are sociological, such as crowded living conditions, working in service jobs that cannot be done from home, and inconsistent access to health care. Some reasons may be phys-

iological. Studies have shown racial differences in the body's ACE-2 receptors. These receptors help control inflammation, especially in cells lining the blood vessels. These are the sites where the "spike" protein of the SARS-Co-V-2 virus (that causes COVID-19) enter and infect healthy cells throughout the body. Notably, there may be more ACE-2 receptors in patients with hypertension, diabetes and coronary artery disease—conditions plaguing black Americans. Moreover, people with brown skin have lower levels of Vitamin D, a factor in the risk of contracting a SARS-Co-V-2 infection and the severity of COVID-19.

Knowing the higher risk, the DEI folks should have launched an education campaign informing BIPOCs about non-prescription supplements like quercetin, zinc, and vitamin D, as well as prophylaxis or early treatment with inexpensive medications (hydroxychloroquine, ivermectin, and fluvoxamine, among others) that can significantly reduce symptoms and prevent hospitalizations and deaths.

Instead, the public health gurus waited for vaccines. The guise of "vaccine equity" drew attention away from legitimate concerns about the shots. Despite the increased susceptibility to COVID-19, black Americans remain skeptical of the shot. Folks still remembered the instances where the underserved were "helped" by the government. The 1932 Tuskegee syphilis study denied a group of black men treatment for 40 years. Without informed consent, an experimental measles vaccine was administered to babies starting in 1987. After too many African and Haitian children deaths to ignore, the program was halted.

Able to read, BIPOCs learned about the serious side effects that include sometimes fatal blood clots, facial paralysis, possible menstrual problems, heart inflammation, among others. They wondered why the less effective Johnson & Johnson vaccine was sent to underserved

neighborhoods. They wondered why the government had to offer \$116 million in prizes, trucks, and customized firearms to encourage people to get the shot. They wondered why the government was going door to door to find BIPOCs to whom to give shots.

In order to swoop in to the rescue, the government-pharmaceutical complex could not allow the 34 million Americans who have had documented COVID-19 or a SARS-CoV-2 infection to depend on their natural immunity. Like a virus escaping from a lab or jumping from a pangolin to infect humans, the government control expanded from BIPOCs to privileged white folks.

What are we to do about the tension between addressing real health disparities and recognizing that racial disparities are used as a cover for manipulating society? Together we rip off the mask of benevolence. As ethical physicians, we pledge to treat all individuals with dignity and respect. We will explain the risks and benefits of their options and let patients decide. As active citizens, we demand prophylaxis, treatments of our choice, and the freedom to choose to receive or decline the shot. We take advantage of the law. A number of courts have been on the patient's side.

Save yourself. Be bold. Speak up.

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## MY TURN: The Doctor and Jim Crow

In this age of Critical Race Theory and (Some) Black Lives Matter, we remember those Black Lives who apparently don't matter. George Floyd, one of the subjects of the woke ones was portrayed in a blog by Chelsea Clinton. Showing the late controversial individual of questionable character photo-shopped in astronaut gear and in a doctor's white coat and stethoscope, "This picture always makes me cry," posted the former "First daughter." She went on to say "A life cut short, we'll never know what could have been."

Come on, Chelsea. I know a person whose life you "imagined for George Floyd" was actually played out in reality, by someone who fortunately has not had his life cut short, but his reputation has been cut short despite his accomplishments. When he was a victim of Cancel Culture a year or so ago, I made mention of him with this commentary:

We live in an atmosphere of ridicule and marginalization. We see Congressional hearings that turn into firing squads taking aim on people whose character should be admired, but because they land on the wrong side of an ideological viewpoint or help a candidate or elected official that lands on that same wrong side, they are made fun of and dismissed as lightweights. Worst than that, it is then continued by media minions who never have done nearly the accomplishments some of these people have done. Then there is the story of one particular man.

He is a world renown neurosurgeon who became the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Hospital. His surgical procedures included separating conjoined twins on more than one occasion. He performed a medical procedure on a fetus in a womb. One could say sometimes it is more difficult to save



**Charles Lopresto**

a baby in the womb, than kill a baby in the womb. He developed new methods to treat brain tumors, and controlling seizures. He has written more than 100 neurosurgical publications and received dozens of National merit citations. In 2008, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Raised by a single mom and overcoming a childhood of questionable behavior and anger issues among severe poverty, he achieved, with a higher education, the epitome of what we consider successful for any troubled youth far exceeding expectations.

He ran for President after receiving notoriety resulting from a speech he made at the annual National Prayer Breakfast. Eventually, under a new administration, he was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

While running for President in a debate, he made a now famous speech addressing intolerance and prejudice. "Someone asked me why I don't talk more about race." He said. "It is because I am a neurosurgeon. I have worked on the part of the body that makes us what we are. The skin doesn't make us what we are. The hair doesn't make us what we are. It is time we get past this."

Unfortunately some folks don't happen to agree. Recently Candace Owens lamented that this man, who is Black, along with

folks like Condoleezza Rice, should be admired by African-American children rather than LeBron James. And even more telling is this. In a Detroit school district, a school board member named Lamar Lemmons doesn't like this man's politics since the doctor had been appointed to a cabinet position in the Donald Trump administration.

Mr. Lemmons represents a school district that has proven to be a failure in so many scholastic measurements. Underachievement is an understatement. Test scores and success rates are pitiful, and yet folks like Mr. Lemmons feel entitled to make a statement that puts into a priority, a request for a school name change. This is of course a method of political protest so evident these days with Civil War generals, religious symbols and the names we put on institutions. Apparently after all these accolades and descriptions, this Black man, Dr. Ben Carson, is not worthy of having his name on one particular Detroit school any longer. And this is a predominantly Black school. It would be safe to assume it no longer has room for Dr. Carson's achievements.

I remember an episode of the TV series M\*A\*S\*H in which Hawkeye and Trapper John attempted to re-educate a bigoted White GI. They told him the story of a doctor during that Korean War era that had developed the procedure for preserving blood plasma, revolutionizing the way we provide much needed blood for transfusions and surgery. Hawkeye told the GI. how unfortunate and ironic it was that the man died. He had been in a car accident and bled to death. The closest hospital in that part of the South didn't accept Blacks.

I thought we had gotten past this.

## Citrus College Noncredit Certificate Programs Facilitate Skill Development, Personal Growth

As the Los Angeles region begins to rebound from the global pandemic, many people continue to experience economic uncertainty. In fact, the most recent numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that unemployment rates are well above their levels prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. Experts encourage those facing new or long-term unemployment to enhance their employment opportunities by developing new professional skills. Citrus College's noncredit education offerings allow local residents to do just that.

Part of the college's continuing education program, Citrus College noncredit classes are designed to supplement a student's personal growth and professional proficiencies. With topics ranging from basic skills to English as a second language (ESL), the classes are tuition free and open to all California residents. An academic counselor that specializes in noncredit education is also available to help guide students in setting goals, planning their educational futures and achieving success.

Recently, Citrus College advanced its commitment to providing quality noncredit education experiences by introducing two new certificate programs. The business information worker certificate and the customer service certificate were offered for the first time this spring. A great way to expand a student's



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skill set or prepare them to re-enter the workforce, the courses for these certificates are taught by instructors who meet state qualifications and have professional experience in their fields.

To earn a business information worker certificate, students must enroll in three specific classes to help them learn office technology skills: Introduction to Microsoft Office Applications, Computer Keyboarding and Document Processing, and ESL Preparation for Employment and Academics. Combined, these classes provide them with skills that will help them succeed in the workplace or continue their education.

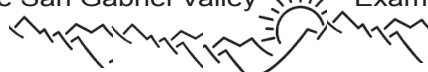
To earn a customer service certificate, students can choose one of three options: a general customer service certificate, which requires the completion of two courses; a customer service call center certificate, which requires the completion of three courses; and a customer service

retail certificate, which requires the completion of three courses. After only 8 to 12 weeks, students can earn these certificates and demonstrate their level of competency to current or prospective employers.

Of course, Citrus College's Continuing Education program also offers other noncredit certificates. For example, ESL certificates empower adult English language learners to achieve their educational, occupational, personal and community goals. In addition, two new certificates are expected to debut during the fall 2021 semester: business entrepreneurship and workforce readiness. Currently being developed, these professional certifications will give students a competitive advantage and provide them with credibility in the workplace.

Important pathways to opportunity, noncredit courses are often the first step on a student's academic journey. Many times, noncredit students choose to continue their learning by enrolling in credit courses. Some students even go on to earn associate degrees and pursue advanced education.

As the Monrovia area's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud of Citrus College's robust continuing education program and many noncredit options. For more information, please visit [www.citruscollege.edu/ce](http://www.citruscollege.edu/ce).



# A Very Tight & Expensive Housing Environment

Housing statistics confirm that houses available to purchase are extremely limited, so the volume of sales continues declining. While rapidly rising prices of lumber and other components may have impacted the reduced number of housing starts, there appears to be plenty of ongoing demand, and supply obviously lags demand. So, why aren't more houses getting built?

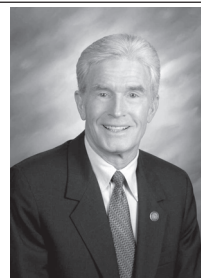
The Commerce Department reported that housing starts in the U.S. declined 9.5% in April to an annual pace of 1.569 million, down from a revised annual pace of 1.733 million in March. Single family home starts declined even more, down 13.4% in April to an annual pace of 1.087 million. The rising cost of copper, lumber, and steel are part of the problem. However, an acute labor shortage, as well as key component shortages may be negatively impacting housing starts more than cost increases.

However, building permits rose 0.9% in April to an annual pace of 1.76 million, so housing starts should improve in the upcoming months, assuming the needed labor and materials to build more new houses becomes available. Compared to a year ago building permits have risen 60.9% despite the "demand push" extreme inflation that is now impacting the housing market.

The National Association of Realtors announced that existing home sales declined 2.7% in April to an annual pace of 5.85 million. This represents the third straight monthly decline in existing home sales, obviously due to the lack of homes for sale. According to the National Association of Realtors' chief economist, Lawrence Yun, "For every listing, there are 5.1 offers. Half the homes are being sold above the list price".

The recent supply of existing homes for sale declined another

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20% to 1.16 million, which represents an ultra-tight 2.4-month supply. One result is that in the past 12 months the median home price has increased a whopping 19.1% to \$341,600. This represents the strongest annual housing cost appreciation ever recorded (at least since the data began in 1999).

The CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Index announced last Tuesday that home appreciation is now running at the fastest pace in more than 15 years. Specifically, the average home prices in 20 major metropolitan areas rose at a 13.3% annual pace through March, up from a 12% annual pace in February. Phoenix had the fastest rate of housing price increases, at 20%, followed by San Diego at 19.1%.

Overall, we remain in a "Goldilocks" environment with an accommodative Fed (despite a strong economy) that is creating significant demand-push inflation. Various port bottlenecks and supply shortages are also expected to continue. China recently had to close one of its major container ship ports in Shenzhen due to a Covid-19 outbreak. Lockdowns are also underway in Malaysia and Melbourne, Australia, reminding us that Covid-19 has not gone away. Despite excess vaccines in America, COVID-19 vaccines have not been readily available in all countries.

The month of May has historically been flat for stocks, and

this May was no exception. The S&P 500 rose just 0.47% this May. Although the Dow rose 1.93%, NASDAQ fell -1.53%, so May remained a "wash". Over the last 20 years, June has been worse. June is tied with September as the worst month (-0.71%) in the Dow, declining in 12 of the last 20 years. During the last century June has been mediocre at best (+0.41%).

Looking forward to the summer months the recent historical record doesn't look much better. The five-month period from May to September looks especially dismal over the last 20 years, averaging -0.3%. This backs up the old saying, "Sell in May and Go Away". However, trading by calendar sayings - or any other form of market timing - can be a loser's game. If you want to apply historical trends, try thinking in terms of "be more selective in summer" or "stop watching prices every day and take a vacation".

Interestingly June was positive in the last five years, and "Sell in May" was a losing proposition, especially last year, when the gains from May 1 through October 31 exceeded 24%. Obviously COVID spring lock-downs impacted gains last summer. Part of the problem with historical "rules" is that the past is truly no guarantee of the future! If you toss "heads" 10 times in a row, the chances of tossing either heads or tails the next time is still 50%.

While June was flat or negative 12 of 15 times from 2001 to 2015, that was no help in predicting the market during the next five Junes, which were ALL positive in the S&P 500. My advice, forget historical patterns.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*My dad (a senior) is barely getting by financially. He is asking, will his Social Security income increase next year, and by how much?*

There is some speculation that Social Security will increase, however, it's not official, yet. The government will make their announcement in the Fall.

*What could cause the stock market to crash?*

Some of the top-of-the-list events that can cause the stock market to drop dramatically are wars, Federal Reserve announcements about rates, sudden changes enacted by the President, acts of terrorism, the actions and economies of other countries. The entire world has a global economy. Look at stock market charts for 1-year or more. You've heard the saying, "Buy low. Sell high." Financial professionals advise investors to buy when the stock market is down and sell when the stock market is up. Having all of your investment dollars in stocks makes you vulnerable to all the ups and downs. I encourage my clients to diversify their investments into different types of investment products. My clients, with fixed or fixed-indexed investment products (specific life insurance and annuities), are not privy to all the gains of the stock market, and they do not suffer from the losses. Usually, their investment dollars and subsequent gains can be locked in every period as defined in their policy.

*Does money invested in CDs*



**Julia Yoder**

*have to go through probate?*

Yes. Proceeds from a bank CD go through probate and may be subject to expenses, delays, and lack of privacy. Utilizing certain types of life insurance and/or annuities, with properly designated beneficiaries (not an estate or trust), can be passed to heirs without the expense and delay of probate.

*How do economists figure out if our economy is getting better or worse?*

Economists look at statistics compiled by the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, for example, and conclude whether the economy is in a slowdown or a recovery. The consumer-related indicators are: employment, retail sales, new-home sales, personal income and spending, and the consumer price index (oil and food excluded). Of course, there are un-ending arguments regarding what should be included or excluded in these reports. As we know, resulting re-

ports can be altered by the information sourced. In other words, facts can lie. For example, if they only count full-time employment, what about all the folks who lost their full-time employment and are now working one or two part-time jobs? If they only count those receiving unemployment benefits, what about those who have used up their benefits but are still unemployed?

*All my retirement savings are in old my 401(k). If the stock market crashes, I don't have time to wait for it to regain the losses. What can I do?*

Having all of your investment dollars in stocks makes you vulnerable to all the ups and downs. By having some of your investment dollars in fixed, or fixed-indexed products, you avoid such volatility. With these types of investment products, you are not privy to all the gains of the stock market, and you do not suffer from the losses. Worst case scenario is you gain zero, but also lose zero.

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# How Small Businesses Can Overcome Common Cash Flow Challenges

A new study reveals that the majority of small business owners and the self-employed share pressing money management struggles.

The 2021 State of Small Business Payments and Cash Flow report, released by Intuit QuickBooks, found that 75% of small businesses in the U.S. feel stressed about cash flow, and nearly a third aren't using any tools to manage or forecast their cash flows. Not surprisingly, 56% of U.S. small business owners report having made a poor business decision due to concerns about insufficient cash flow.

"Small businesses face unique challenges in the management of their finances. Too often, they track and manage their money in more than one place, which can lead to increased fees, lack of visibility, and wasted time," says Rob Daniel, director, product management, Intuit QuickBooks.

Part of the problem is that small business banking accounts often come with fees and minimum balance requirements, driving many small business owners to use personal checking accounts, even when a business checking account provides the specific features small businesses need to run their business and pay their employees.

Small businesses can benefit greatly from one streamlined digital financial management solution that integrates all aspects of their business finances -- banking, bill pay, payroll, payments and more -- end-to-end. Without this, small business owners can spend hours a week managing their cash flow. In fact, more than 60% of U.S. small businesses spend three hours or more a week managing money for their business.

Daniel says that all-in-one digital banking platforms can be a lifeline for small businesses, helping them holistically manage and plan their finances affordably and efficiently. One example is QuickBooks Cash, a banking services solution aimed at helping drive small business efficiency through technology, which delivers what many other current business bank accounts don't. It offers no monthly fees, no minimum balance requirements, planning and forecasting tools, and an overall banking experience that works seamlessly with QuickBooks' additional offerings to enable small businesses to accept payments and pay teams and vendors with automatic reconciliation for easy financial management. Additionally, the bank account's Envelopes feature makes saving easy, allowing for high-yield interest buckets for routine

expenses or long-term goals.

"This tool can also deliver faster money movement and help small businesses discover options for accessing capital. By incorporating the availability of instant payments for eligible QuickBooks Payments transactions and personalized loan recommendations, we're building a digital tool that helps accelerate the growth of small businesses," says Daniel.

To learn more about new tools to help your business thrive or for more information about QuickBooks Cash (Intuit QuickBooks is not a bank, banking services provided by and the QuickBooks Visa Debit Card is issued by Green Dot Bank, Member FDIC, pursuant to license from Visa U.S.A., Inc.), visit [quickbooks.intuit.com](http://quickbooks.intuit.com). (State-Point)

# First-Time Donor Provides Anonymous \$26,500 Grant To Support Citrus College Student Veterans

**GLENDORA** - The Citrus College Veterans Success Center recently received an anonymous \$26,500 grant from a first-time donor that will be used to support student veterans and their families, including the launch of a peer mentor program.

This new mentorship opportunity will train current student veterans on how to provide assistance to veterans entering college for the first time. Through this effort, participants will also be immersed in social and professional networks that will provide access to resources that support the completion of their academic and professional goals.

Mentors and mentees will re-

ceive a host of potential benefits through the peer mentor program. For example, mentors will obtain enhanced leadership skills, new knowledge related to coping skills and strategies, and an expanded career network. Mentees are expected to experience a smoother transition to an academic environment, in addition to exposure to transfer opportunities and other educational supports.

This grant comes on the heels of Citrus College being recognized as a Military Friendly School for the 11th consecutive year, as well as a Military Friendly Spouse School for the past two years in a row.

# Air Conditioning ... To Seal Or Not To Seal? That Is The Question

I wanted to share with you a situation that happened at our shop recently. One of our customers, we'll call him Bob, had a situation with his air conditioning system. It was not cooling but that is not an unusual situation during this hot weather. Even systems that are in good condition can lose up to 4 ounces of Freon a year. He shopped around looking for an inexpensive option and ended up taking his car to another repair facility to fix it. They added the Freon but within a day or so it was still not cooling. This shop did a thorough examination and found that the condenser had a leak. They gave Bob an estimate of \$650 to replace

and recharge it.

Bob decided to try other options that he had heard about and researched online. He had read about sealers and decided to try it. He chose one for \$200. He wasn't sure it would work but felt it was worth it if he saved \$450. Sadly, it didn't work.

He then brought the car to us to see what we could do. When he told us the scenario we were concerned because we had seen the results of other quick fixes with sealant in the past. We checked out the vehicle and found the problem. He had used an extreme overdose of sealer. Many do-it-yourselfers feel that more is better when using a seal-

ant but actually it is just the opposite. The sealer is designed to become a solid when it comes in contact with air and that is why only a small amount is needed. When too much sealer is used the results, as with this vehicle, is damage to every part of the air conditioning system.

Instead of replacing the original condenser as the first shop advised, it now needed the condenser plus a compressor, expansion valve, switches and most of the hoses. That \$650 estimate is now a cost of more than \$2500!

Most of the time when your A/C isn't cooling it is just a case of adding Freon. That is the good news. When it involves more though, A/C failures are one of the most expensive automotive repairs because it is challenging to find small leaks. Only large leaks can be found with a visual inspection.

We truly understand why Bob tried to fix the leak(s) himself. He hoped to save money but I will tell you that when it comes to this type of repair, we don't recommend you try it on your own unless you have a lot of automotive experience. If you do decide to try it yourself though, please proceed with caution and don't overdose the sealer. Too much can be a very costly mistake.

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## Kids Running Wild, Why Do the Parents Allow This?

I must be from the old school or completely different culture. I see people's kids running crazy all over the place at big events. They become very disruptive and can cause a lot of damage because they are acting stupid.

In my opinion, I think there are some places that people should not bring their little kids to if they can't control them. A funeral for one. People are talking about their loved ones at the front of the church and you have little kids running around in the aisles and screaming their lungs out. This person who is talking about their loved one can't get his message out and nobody's doing anything about this disruption.

Nothing like having your wedding day destroyed by kids yelling in the church during the ceremony. You're paying big money for the videographer to record this event and when you are saying your wedding vows all you can hear is a kid screaming in the background. You will never get that moment back and they ruined it for you.

Two recent events that I was involved with was a "celebration of life" and the other one was a Sweet 16 event. At the celebration of life events, we gave a big discount to use the facility that I handle. This is one way we can help the family in a time of need. The facility actually makes no money off of this event, but it is part of our commitment to the community that I feel the organization is obligated to do.

Sadly, at this event, it ended up being a total disaster. The kids were running all over the place including the parking lot. One little girl had a baby stroller with a doll in it and she was running all over the place. She was chasing other little kids with it and she ran up against my car right by the front wheel. The alarm went off on the Ferrari which notified me on my phone. I looked up at the cameras and saw what it hap-



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

pened. By the time I got out there, the kids got between the protective rails and the Ferrari chasing each other. It appeared that they may have use the front of the car as a slide. I saw the damage to the front part of the car and I asked all those people that were sitting out there if they can control these kids? I put new barriers around the car and it really didn't help.

As we were clearing out the event and locking up the building, I realized that somebody had gone into one of the bathrooms and never came out. I assumed it was a female and I sent in my female bartender to check it out. There was nobody in there, but then all of a sudden, a guy came out of the men's room. He was actually about 17 years old.

They actually left the place in a mess but that is somewhat expected with the food and all. After they were gone, we went to check the bathroom and somebody deliberately clogged the toilet and used all the paper towels and repeatedly flushed it down the hole right into the toilet as well. Then I saw that they had carved their initials in the door to the stall. We spent big bucks a few years ago to make these bathrooms look absolutely great. And some jerk carves it up. We did not charge the security deposit, so the VFW was out. The lady left no phone number on the contract; however, I had a copy of the check and it had a phone number on it.

To unplug the toilet, it

would've cost us \$145 if we didn't get a good break. To replace the door would cost \$180. You can't paint over these doors. The damage to my Ferrari was \$1210 plus \$480 to have it detailed again. I tried calling that phone number on the check but I'd never got an answer. I sent text messages to that and it shows me that they been received but never got a response. You try to do somebody a favor, and this is the thanks we get.

Then the sweet 16 party. The little kids running all over the place and no adult supervision. The kids actually got behind the video games that we have set up and they pulled down the security camera by hanging on the wires and then stepping on that camera. They also crushed 2 of the electrical strips that we use to plug the games into and they are no longer usable.

Their cleanup wasn't much to speak of, as they never bothered to dump any of the trash. The balloons that they had for their decorations were never popped to be thrown away. They found an outdoor trashcan and they tried to stick them into that trashcan which wasn't going to work. Some of these made it out to the middle of the parking lot. There was trash left all over the parking lot including empty containers of alcohol that should've not been brought on the property to begin with. Now wait a minute here, are we talking about the kids or not? So, at what point are our kids no longer kids? So, to close out this event for this 16-year-old, the adults get into arguments and fistfights with family members fighting each other in the parking lot. Kids will be kids... So, this girl who just turned 16 will have a night to remember... she will never forget because of these idiots who ruined her night were acting like kids.

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

## New Tech Paving the Way for Safer In-Store Shopping

(StatePoint) When it comes to in-store shopping, new data indicates that consumer confidence is on the rise. Experts attribute the confidence in part to a number of innovative technologies that have transformed the shopping experience.

Indeed, while an April 2020 survey by Sensormatic Solutions found that 79% of consumers were concerned (20%), moderately concerned (30%) or very concerned (29%) about shopping in-store, only 34% of consumers are still concerned in a spring 2021 survey.

"Shopping means many things to many people: a casual in-and-out, a chance for discovery, or just part of a daily routine. However, during the pandemic, health and safety naturally became a top priority," says Kim Melvin, global leader of marketing, Sensormatic Solutions by Johnson Controls, a leading retail solutions provider. "To aid in restoring consumer confidence as stores either stayed open or reopened, retailers have found creative ways to provide safer, more comfortable environments for shoppers."

As part of its mission to help retailers solve complex challenges related to consumer confidence, health and safety, Sensormatic Solutions is providing unique insights into some of the top strategies, technologies and practices adopted over the past year in response to COVID-19:

- "Buy Online, Pickup in

Store" and curbside pickup have been particularly valuable options amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and many physical retailers continue to offer these services to customers. The practice is convenient and frictionless, offering the same instant gratification as online shopping and is a prime example of how digital transformation is reshaping today's retail industry. As more people rely on this type of shopping experience, technology offering up-to-the-minute inventory data has supported the change, helping stores successfully fulfill orders and meet customer's expectations.

- A majority of survey respondents (53%) said social distancing monitoring would make them feel more comfortable shopping in-store. Real-time occupancy tracking technology has helped many businesses successfully manage retail traffic in an effort to achieve safe social distancing.

- Mask detection is another technology that retailers are using to keep employees and customers safe while adhering to local ordinances and mandates. With 47% of consumers prefer-

ring this type of monitoring, it's also a technology with consumer support.

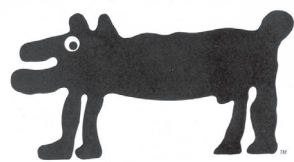
- Already gaining steam pre-pandemic, self-checkout and contactless payment have been widely instituted by businesses of all varieties, making payment faster and less stressful.

- New shopping arrangements, like freestanding stores and open-air shopping centers are gaining popularity -- 54% of consumers surveyed shop most frequently for non-essential products at freestanding stores and strip centers, followed by open-air shopping centers (16%), online (14%), enclosed malls (9%) and outlets (7%).

To learn more about the evolving retail industry, as well as how an intelligent operating platform can put retailers in a position of strength to meet customer needs, visit [sensormatic.com](http://sensormatic.com).

"The retail industry will continue to evolve but one thing is clear for retailers, adopting the latest technologies can provide consumers with more convenience, for an improved, safer shopping experience," says Melvin.

### BART The BLOCKHOUND



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## "TIME JOCKEY" - Owens Valley Gold

By Joe Castillo

**More Than Water...** The eastern side of the Sierra Nevada is a harsh, desolate and challenging environment today but back in the 1850's it was much worse than it is today. Since the time of the early Spanish explorers, the eastern side of the Sierra's was as threatening as any location in the western United States. The Old Spanish Trail had been established but to use it also meant that hostile Indians were watching anyone traveling along the unprotected path.

During the period of the Mission Secularization, many neophytes left their homes occupied by the Missions, settled in the Owens Valley and became renegades, hostile renegades. There were so many tribes and Indians living the Owens Valley that the federal government thought about making the entire valley into one reservation. When a wagon train came through the Eastern side of the Sierra's, the Indians would attack the caravan and even raided the crumbling ranchos to steal their horses for both food and transportation purposes. The Indians became known as Horsethief Indians, a name which eventually became their tribal name.

The Owens Valley had many challenges and didn't appear to offer much in return. Only Jedidi-

ah Smith was known to discover gold in a location known as Mono Gulch, and even though the gold he discovered was just picked off the ground and did not require mining or digging, it was still difficult to reach and get to. Thirty years later, a miner by the name of Cord Norst, wandered into the same Mono Gulch and came across the same easy pickings of a gold field. Within a week, the settlement of Monoville was established and before anyone could realize what was happening, Monoville had become the largest settlement between Salt Lake City and the Sierras.

The news spread through communications by the hostile Indians who were seeking to grow their own numbers to offset the expected surge of prospectors. From the camps of the Mother Lode, to the 11,000 people in Los Angeles County and the 4,000 in the southern San Joaquin Valley, prospectors came to Monoville. Eventually, as many as 3,000 miners were in camp and

employment was in high demand for ditch diggers and carpenters to build an 11-mile channel to carry water. The pay was as much as \$150 per day.

By January 1860, there was enough people to start a new county along the Eastern Sierra, later known as Inyo County, which only a year earlier could barely muster enough for a card game. As the settlement grew, on the first 31 buildings erected, 22 were liquor-related stores. The town of Aurora would eventually be established and outshine the importance of Monoville, but the Eastern Sierra Nevada is a harsh and difficult environment causing towns to go down the same path of tales of yesteryear that even one of the earliest discoveries of gold in California also went down....

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### Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to [SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com). We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.

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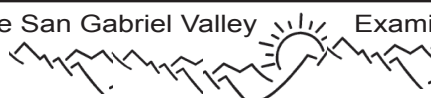
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# Southern California College Administrator Named Next Citrus College Superintendent/President

**GLENDORA** - Greg Schulz, Ed.D., has been selected to serve as the eighth superintendent/president of Citrus College. His appointment was made official during the June 15, 2021, meeting of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

With more than 21 years of leadership experience in the California community colleges system, Dr. Schulz is known for being an enthusiastic and student-centered administrator. He has served as the president of Fullerton College since 2016. Prior to that, he held the same position on an interim basis for 10 months.

Dr. Schulz has also served in a variety of other educational leadership roles, including provost of North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE); dean of trades and industrial technologies at Long Beach City College; dean of instruction and student services of NOCE; interim director of fiscal affairs at North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD); manager of administrative services at NOCE; and adjunct associate professor at California State University, Fullerton.

Dr. Schulz earned his associate degree in business administration from Fullerton College; his bachelor's degree in business administration/accounting from California State University, Fullerton; his master's degree in public administration from California State University, Long Beach; and his doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of Southern California. He has also participated in a variety of leadership opportunities, including the Wheelhouse Institute on Leadership at the University of California, Davis; the American Association of Community Colleges Presidents Academy Summer Institute; and the Community College League of California Vineyard Symposium. In 2020, he received the Educational Leadership Award from A2MEND (African American



**Greg Schulz, Ed.D., is the eighth superintendent/president of Citrus College. (Photo courtesy Citrus College)**

Male Education Network and Development) for supporting the organization and championing the work of equity and inclusion for African American men at Fullerton College.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Schulz to the college community. His extensive knowledge and experience are a great match for Citrus College," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "After a nationwide search and input from every college constituent group, my fellow board members and I are confident that Dr. Schulz is the ideal person to continue Citrus College's rich history of student success, leading the institution into the future."

Due to the significance of the position, the recruitment and selection process for Citrus College's next superintendent/president was very thorough. A full-service educational consulting firm helped outline candidate requirements, set a timeline and facilitated the selection process. The process resulted in a diverse group of

candidates and included virtual public forums, as well as two rounds of interviews, before Dr. Schulz was appointed to the role.

As superintendent/president, Dr. Schulz will be responsible for providing leadership and advocacy; serving as the educational leader; maintaining community, legislative and college relations; overseeing planning processes; and ensuring the fiscal integrity of the institution. As the chief executive officer of the district, he will supervise all college operations and report to the board of trustees.

"I would like to thank the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees for placing their confidence and trust in me to lead as the next superintendent/president of Citrus College," said Dr. Schulz. "Citrus College has earned an outstanding reputation for being one of the premier colleges in California, and I look forward to working closely with students, faculty, staff, administrators and the community during this exciting time."

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Citrus College's current superintendent/president, will retire on June 30, 2021. Dr. Schulz will begin his tenure on July 1, 2021.

# 3 Safe Senior Exercise Options For Summer

Sunshine and warm weather have many people thinking about new workout options. If you're ready to kickstart your fitness routine—but want to do so safely—consider these three simple tips:

1. Check in with your gym about its COVID-safe offerings. Many Americans who have been avoiding public places this past year are now looking to expand their horizons, including going back to a gym. Growing numbers of gyms now offer outdoor workout spaces that include many of the weight training and aerobics equipment choices you previously enjoyed indoors—treadmills, stair climbers, weight machines, free weights—and even outdoor classes. Outdoors or indoors, many gyms continue to maintain at least six feet between each workout station, require masks within the space, and provide free hand sanitizer, clean equipment assurances and other COVID-safe protocols. Give your gym a call or visit the location to find out what specific COVID-safe guidelines are in place there, so you can determine whether you're ready to resume your gym routine.

2. Increase your outdoor exercise routine. After being cooped up for months, getting outside can work wonders for your physical health and emotional well-being. Take yourself to a park to explore a new walking or hiking path. There are several apps that can locate hiking trails near you. Challenge a friend to a regular game of tennis, pickleball or bocce ball. Or dust off your bicycles and enjoy the freedom of feeling the wind in



**Now's the time to kickstart your summer exercise routine. Pair up with a friend for extra fun and motivation.**

your faces. Establishing a fun exercise routine with a friend can motivate you to keep it up and help lift your spirits. Older adults reported increased feelings of isolation last year. Exercising with a friend can help you shake off the loneliness blues.

Being outdoors offers the added benefit of providing you with a dose of vitamin D. Your body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium and to enhance bone health and immune system function. Regularly spending time outdoors is the most natural way to get the recommended 10 to 30 minutes of sun exposure several times a week. Just don't forget to put on sunscreen.

3. Augment your workout with home exercise classes. National guidelines recommend that you get at least 150 minutes per week of exercise. To make sure you're meeting that, augment your workout routine with home exercise classes that you can view on your laptop, phone or other devices. For best results, mix things up. Incorporate cardio exercise classes with strength train-

ing videos that use resistance bands or free weights. If you want to improve balance or flexibility, try a yoga or tai chi class. Popular options such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program offer a wide range of free online classes specially designed for older adults. Classes premiere daily on Facebook Live from 8 AM to 4 PM Pacific time, 6 days a week. You can join the scheduled classes at <https://www.facebook.com/SilverandFit> to enjoy engaging live with other online viewers. Or you can view the replays on YouTube at a time that's convenient to you. You'll find them at: [www.youtube.com/silverandfit](https://www.youtube.com/silverandfit).

Now can be your time to get back into a fitness routine—or start a new one. Find workout options that you love and that motivate you to stick with them. Then make the most of the season. As always, before you start any new exercise routine, talk to your doctor to discuss your goals and what types of exercise might be safest for you. (NAPS)

# Annual Registration Fee For The City's Unoccupied Residence Registry Begins July 1, 2021

**ARCADIA** - Beginning July 1, 2021, the Unoccupied Residence Registration will require an annual fee of \$1,492. The fee will allow the City to continue efforts to ensure unoccupied properties remain secured, well maintained, and do not become a nuisance to the community.

An unoccupied residence is a single-family home that has not been occupied for at least

30 days. Houses that are actively under construction, in escrow to be sold or transferred, or being actively marketed by an identified listing agent are not considered unoccupied.

Registration of unoccupied residences is required and includes providing up-to-date contact information for the property owner, contact information for two authorized persons, with at least one being available on a 24-hour basis, as well as the annual fee. In lieu of providing two authorized contacts, property owners may designate a property management company as their contact.

The property management company should be located within 20 miles of the unoccupied residence and be available on a 24-hour basis.

Property owners of unoccupied residences, including those that are already listed on the registry, can begin paying the annual registration fee July 1, 2021, and may register at Arcadia City Hall, or online at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/UnoccupiedReg](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/UnoccupiedReg).

For more information, please contact the Code Services Division at 574-5432, or email [DSDCodeServices@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:DSDCodeServices@ArcadiaCA.gov).

# Etch & Catch Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

**BALDWIN PARK** - The Baldwin Park Police Department & the Baldwin Park Police Officers Association are hosting an Etch & Catch Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Drive-Thru Event on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Firestone Complete Auto Care, 4201 Maine Avenue, Baldwin Park. This Catalytic Converter Etching Program is for Baldwin Park residents only. Reservations are required. Res-

ervation times are 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

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# Bonita Unified Celebrates Class of 2021 with In-Person Graduation Ceremonies

**LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS** – Bonita Unified School District celebrated the Class of 2021 with spirited and emotional in-person graduation ceremonies for San Dimas, Bonita and Chaparral high schools that featured laughs and tears, inspirational music, and fireworks. Family members cheered as the graduates received their diplomas, turned their tassels, and sang their alma mater for the final time.

The San Dimas High commencement ceremony was held June 8 at San Dimas High football stadium, while Chaparral and Bonita held ceremonies at the Bonita High football stadium on June 9 and 10, respectively.

San Dimas High graduate Molly Gonzales brought her guitar and entertained the guests, singing the hit song “Somewhere Only We Know” by Keane.

“Our ability to find our passions and use them to motivate us to succeed in life shows something I think very few other classes have – grit, an ability to adapt to and thrive in any situation,” San Dimas High School Valedictorian Richard Maroun



**San Dimas High School Class of 2021 graduates celebrate during a commencement ceremony held June 8 at the San Dimas High football stadium. Family members cheered as more than 310 seniors gathered for the final time and received their diplomas during the socially distanced ceremony.**

said. “The countless challenges we have overcome in our lives serve as a testament to our perseverance.”

Maroun, who graduated with a 4.6 GPA, will attend the University of San Diego and study pre-med. Salutatorian Amy Xin, who

earned a 4.5 GPA, will attend UCLA and study psychology.

The Bonita High Chamber Singers took the stage to sing the Bill Withers classic, “Lean on Me,” with a solo by graduating senior Jake Arenas.

“In life there’s a lot of change

and nothing is predictable. The trials of adulthood will be exhausting but these changes in our life are for the best,” Bonita High Valedictorian Avinash Chauhan said. “Giving 100 percent does not guarantee success, but it does guarantee satisfaction. Some days we don’t want to leave our bed,

and that’s okay. Embrace the chaos, get out of bed, and let’s change the world.”

Chauhan graduated with a 4.57 GPA and will attend USC, with a major in quantitative biology. Salutatorian Yeon An, who earned a 4.67 GPA, will attend UC Berkeley and study bioengineering.

Chaparral High graduates were recognized with personalized notes about their high school journey, which were read aloud when they received their diplomas.

“Most of us have fallen, but sitting here, we also know that we have what it takes to pick ourselves up; we are stronger than we were before,” Chaparral High Student of the Year Destiny Gryder said. “We are leaving high school with the confidence and internal strength to do anything we put our minds to.”

More than 310 seniors made up the San Dimas High School Class of 2021. Bonita High School graduated more than 460 students, and Chaparral-Vista celebrated more than 36 graduates.

“We are so excited to be able to congratulate and celebrate

with our graduates in-person. After such a challenging and uncertain year, being able to see their faces and watch them walk that stage is an incredible feeling,” Board of Education President Chuck Coyne said. “Congratulations to the Class of 2021 on all you have accomplished during your time here at BUSD, and for rising to the challenge of an unprecedented year.”

All three graduations were held outdoors, with fixed seating to accommodate attendees at a safe distance.

“Our seniors have persevered and exemplified the core values of Bonita Unified throughout this pandemic, committing themselves to equity, mastery and focus on results. Our District is proud to be able to give the Class of 2021 an in-person celebration for all of their hard work and fortitude during these challenging times,” Superintendent Carl Coles said. “Congratulates to the Bonita Unified Class of 2021, we are incredibly proud of your accomplishment and look forward to seeing you live your purpose in college, career and beyond.”

# El Monte Union Class of 2021 Reunites, Celebrates Success during In-Person Graduation Ceremonies



**Mountain View High School’s Class of 2021 celebrates their commencement during a June 3 graduation ceremony.**

**EL MONTE** – El Monte Union High School District honored the Class of 2021 with in-person graduation ceremonies for El Monte, South El Monte, Rosemead, Arroyo, Mountain View and Fernando R. Ledesma high schools, inviting graduates, family members and staff to celebrate together after a year in remote learning.

The ceremonies, held June 3 and 4, brought students and families back to the schools’ outdoor stadiums and courtyards, where they followed safety protocols that included masks and social distancing.

“We could not be prouder of our seniors, for everything they have accomplished, certainly for their perseverance during an unprecedented year, but also for all of their hard work ever since their freshman year,” Board of Trustees President Florencio Briones said. “Congratulations to the Class of 2021, and good luck as you go

on to live a life full of learning and success.”

Carrying graduation leis, bouquets and balloons to celebrate their students, guests applauded as seniors walked the stage, received their diplomas and turned their tassels to the left. Student speakers delivered heartfelt speeches, applauding their classmates for their perseverance and determination.

“What an incredible year it has been, testing our strength and making us stronger,” Fernando R. Ledesma High School graduate Jalissa Valdez said during her farewell address. “Whatever we go on to do, whether it is to college or the workforce, we survived something no one has ever had to face before, so I know we can do anything.”

The District’s celebrated roughly 1,600 graduates in the Class of 2021, with more than 350 from El Monte; 440 graduates each from Rosemead and

Arroyo; more than 150 from Ledesma; more than 300 from Mountain View and nearly 300 from South El Monte.

“The best word to describe the EMUHS Class of 2021 is resilient,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “Our scholars rose to the challenge of a final year that demanded so much more from them than anyone could have expected, and our District is glad to see them walking the stage and being recognized for all of their efforts – congratulations Class of 2021.”



**Bonita High School Class of 2021 pose underneath the Bonita Bearcat as they prepare for their commencement ceremony held June 10 at the Bonita High football stadium. More than 460 Bonita seniors received diplomas amid cheers from family members during the socially distanced ceremony.**

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