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Recognition of Boys Scouts for their Eagle Scout Projects in La Verne

LA VERNE - Two Local Boy Scouts who will be facing their Eagle Board of Review in November and two recently promoted Eagle Scouts were recognized by the La Verne City Council during their November 1st council meeting for their Eagle Scout Projects benefitting the La Verne area. Congratulations to Owen Arbogast, Joseph Harvey, Dallas Lopez and Alex Sawabini.

Owen Arbogast is a senior at Bonita High School. He joined Troop 411 in Dec. 2014 and held the following leadership positions as he advanced in rank: Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aid, Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader. He has camped 83 nights and earned 38 merit badges. Owen's Eagle project was designing and supervising the building of a mobile work station for Heritage Park. He used old wood and hardware so the work station would fit the time period of Heritage Park. Volunteers use the station for special events and during school field trips to the Park. In November, Owen will have his Eagle Board of Review and become an Eagle Scout.

Joseph Harvey is a senior at San Dimas High School. He joined Troop 411 in January 2015 and held the following leadership



Boy Scouts recognize by the La Verne City Council for their Eagle Scout Projects.

positions as he advanced in rank: Patrol Leader, Librarian, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. He has camped 82 nights and earned 26 merit badges. His Eagle Project was planning and supervising the planting of roses and adding mulch along the west wall Veterans Hall and installation of a drop box where citizens

can deposit old flags to be retired properly. Joseph will also have his Eagle Board of Review and become an Eagle Scout in November.

Dallas Lopez is a senior at San Dimas High School. He joined Troop 411 in January 2015 and held the following leadership position as he advanced in rank:

Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. Dallas has camped a total of 146 nights and earned 52 merit badges. His Eagle Project was planning and supervising the removal of grass, laying a concrete pad and then building and installing 2 picnic tables on the west side of Veterans Hall that can be used by Veterans as they wait for meetings or activities. Dallas had his Board of Review and became an Eagle Scout on July 13, 2021.

Alex Sawabini is a freshman at Damien High School. He joined Troop 411 in February 2018 and has held the following leadership positions as he advanced in rank: Patrol Leader and Instructor. He has camped 20 nights and earned 33 merit badges. For his Eagle project Alex designed, planned and supervised the installation of a new sign on Wheeler Avenue for Heritage Park and the installation of lights on the sign. You can now see the sign at night. Alex had his Board of Review and became an Eagle Scout on July 14, 2021.

Photo courtesy of the City of La Verne.

Traffic Collision Involving Foothill Transit Bus Results in Minor Injuries

IRWINDALE - On Thursday, November 4, 2021, at about 12:40 P.M., officers from the Irwindale Police Department responded along with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to the area of Avenida Barbosa, north of Arrow Highway, in the city of Irwindale regarding the report of an injury traffic collision involving a Foothill Transit bus and a street sweeping truck.

On arrival, Irwindale officers discovered that a Foothill Transit bus was traveling northbound on Avenida Barbosa, north of Arrow Highway, when a collision occurred between the bus and the street sweeping truck, which was also traveling northbound on Avenida Barbosa. The Foothill Transit bus was occupied by the driver and only one passenger at the time of the collision.

Paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department arrived and treated both of the drivers, as well as the bus passenger, for minor injuries. All of the injured parties were taken to local hospitals by ambulance.



Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Dept.

Aftermath of the collision between the bus and the street sweeping truck that occurred on November 4th at 12:40pm.

The northbound lanes of Avenida Barbosa between Arrow Highway and Buena Vista Street were closed for approximately 90 minutes during the traffic collision investigation.

Representatives from Foothill Transit and from the company operating the street sweeping truck responded to the scene and cooperated with investigators.

The cause of this traffic collision remains under investigation, however it does not appear that drugs or alcohol were factors in the collision.

Anyone with information regarding this traffic collision is asked to contact Traffic Investigator Shawn Cory at (626) 430-2244 or by email at scory@irwindaleca.gov.

Field of Valor in Covina

By George Ogden

COVINA - The Field of Valor now has their flags stationed at Sierra Vista School. 2001 flags were set up thanks to the Covina Rotary creating this annual event 10 years ago.

Taps were played at 9 PM the first night the flags were in place. Andy McIntyre (McIntyre Square in West Covina) is also a great supporter of this event.

Field of Valor is in the City of Covina from November 6 through November 13th at Sierra Vista School located at 777 Puente Street. The Flags will be retired on Sunday Morning.

A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the site Thursday Morning.

The San Gabriel Valley exper-



Flags stationed at Sierra Vista School honoring veterans.

iences an amazing sense of patriotism while viewing and honoring those that serve and have served this great Nation. A section of historical flags graces the

Field of Valor.

The Field of Valor has more stories than American flags. Bring your family to this wonderful experience.

Sheriff Villanueva Addresses The Imminent Threat To Public Safety If Terminations Occur Due To Vaccine Mandates

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - During a press conference at the Hall of Justice on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, Sheriff Alex Villanueva discussed the imminent threat that vaccine mandates will have on areas serviced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Using a power point presentation, Sheriff Villanueva showed how deputies have begun to leave the department. From October 2019 through October 2020, there were 515 retirements. From October 2020 to October 2021, there were 617 retirements, a difference of 102 deputies who have filed for retirement. Many of those retiring have institutional knowledge and are experts in their fields with over 28 years of experience. Sheriff Villanueva shared that 238 sworn personnel have stated their interest in leaving the department.

Workers' compensation claims are also on the rise and have increased by 21.9% this last year. He stated that from October 2019 to October 2020, there were 1,434 workers' compensation claims and as of October 2020 to October 2021, there



Photos courtesy of the LASD.

Sheriff Villanueva points out that the five counties that surround Los Angeles County do not have vaccine mandates.

were 1,749, many attributed to the vaccine mandates.

As of November 2, 51.7% of the department's personnel are fully vaccinated and 1.7% are semi-vaccinated. He stated the reason for the low vaccination numbers was due to many not having faith in the vaccine or the political ideology behind the vaccine.

Sheriff Villanueva cautioned that there are 4,185 staff members, both sworn and professional, who may be subject to termination because of the vaccine mandate; 3,137 of the 4,185 are sworn deputies.

The five counties that surround Los Angeles County do not have vaccine mandates and at least half of the department's sworn personnel do not live in the County of Los Angeles. They can easily apply for employment in those counties.

Public safety is the priority of the Sheriff's Department and vaccine mandates are an imminent threat to the safety of the communities the department serves. The department is in danger of losing a significant number of deputies and it would be detrimental to the safety of residents of Los Angeles County.

8th Annual Field Show

DUARTE - The Duarte High School Field Tournament is back, bringing the greatest high school marching bands to compete at Duarte High School Sports Stadium (1565 Central Avenue)

The 8th Annual Field show will kick-off Thursday, November 11 from 4-9 PM so be sure to come and experience visual and musical performances brought to you by the partnerships of Duarte HS, Duarte HS Band Boosters, DUSD and the City.

Due to the event, Central Avenue at Highland Avenue will be closed on Thursday, November 11 from 2-10 PM.

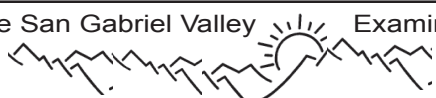
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event contact: Band Director Maurice Limon at (626) 599-5895 or mlimon@duarteusd.org and Tournament Chair Kim

Yrigoyen at (626) 818-2015 or duartehighschoolbandboosters@gmail.com



Glendora Woman's Club Welcome's LaFetra Singers



Gretchen Peterson presenting Kim Holland with a Certificate of Appreciation and a check.

By Marsha Edwards Mason

30 to 70 members.

GLENDORA - Glendora's LaFetra Senior Center offer's the community many choices for things to do, classes to take and friends to make. Sing for Joy is one of the classes offered at the LaFetra Center.

Sing for Health, Sing for Joy is a free class, established for people who find joy in singing, no matter their musical experience, knowledge, or skill. The group meets Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 at the LaFetra Center and sings all genres; Broadway tunes, pop, Gospel, camp songs, and a little rock 'n' roll!

This diverse singing ensemble was founded in 2017 by Kim Holland. Dr. Holland is a 65-year resident of Glendora. She graduated from Glendora high school and earned her master's degree in counseling and a PhD in clinical psychology. She retired from Citrus College after 20 years as a teacher and administrator.

SING FOR HEALTH, SING FOR JOY Facilitator: Kim Holland inspires her listeners by encouraging them that "Singing is good for your health, it is good for your soul, and you do not have to sing well to get all of the benefits!" New members can join at any time. Make new friends and start your week with a smile. The class is free to ages 18+, Monday, 9:00am-10:00am.

The LaFetra Singer's have performed for the Glendora Women's Club three times in the past. It was a pleasure to hear the joy in their song. The chorale group has ranged in number from



Foothill Gold Line

-Glendora to Pomona-

KIEWIT-PARSONS, A JV

NOTICE: Lane & 2-Day Full Street Closures

LONE HILL AVE. AT RAILROAD CROSSING (CITY OF GLENDORA)

NOVEMBER 1 - 19, 2021

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

As part of the Foothill Gold Line light rail project, KPJV crews will be working at the Lone Hill Ave. railroad crossing to build the new light rail bridge foundations. This work requires the full closure of the street for two days, as well as lane closures (including intermittent full southbound nightly directional closures) before and after the full street closure to prepare and then demobilize the work area. See detailed schedule below.

WHEN

- Daytime Lane Closures:** Beginning on November 1st, one northbound lane on Lone Hill Ave. and one left turn lane from westbound Auto Centre Dr. to southbound Lone Hill Ave. will be closed daily.
- Nighttime Lane Closures:** Beginning at 7:00 PM nightly, an additional lane in each direction on Lone Hill Ave. will be closed as needed, reopening the lane by 6:00 AM Monday - Friday and by 7:00 AM on weekend days.
- Intermittent full directional nightly closures (southbound lanes only):** As needed only (intermittently), a full directional closure of southbound lanes on Lone Hill Ave will be closed between Auto Centre Dr. and Glendora Marketplace at night. When needed, full directional closures will begin at 10:00 PM. Northbound thru traffic will be maintained. See map below for detour routes.
- Two-Day Full Closure:** Beginning Thursday night, November 11 at 9:00 PM and continuing thru Saturday night, November 13 at 9:00 PM, Lone Hill Ave. at the railroad crossing will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) between Auto Centre Dr. and Glendora Marketplace, 24 hours a day. See map below for detour routes.
 - Crews plan to work multiple shifts, covering 24 hours a day, during the full street closure period to complete the drill shaft installation within the limited closure period.

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

- Lane closures on Lone Hill Ave. between Auto Centre Dr. and Glendora Marketplace on November 1-10 and November 14-19; intermittent full southbound directional closures at night only between Nov. 1-19. Expect delays.
- Full closure of Lone Hill Ave. at the railroad crossing to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) 24-hours a day between Auto Centre Dr. and Glendora Marketplace for two days from November 11-13. Use detour routes.
- Access to the Glendora Marketplace and the businesses on Lone Hill Ave. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times.

PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND BE PREPARED

- A detour route (see map below) will be in place during the intermittent nighttime southbound directional closures and during the two-day full street closure. Signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians. Please follow detour signs.
 - San Dimas Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see details below.
 - Gladstone St. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.
 - Auto Centre Dr. / Allen Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

NOTE TO RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS

- Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones. Night work is planned.
- Foothill Transit Line 284 stops on Lone Hill Ave. will be temporarily relocated to Overland Ct. & Petunia St. during the two-day full closure, For more information:
 - Foothill Transit Bus: (800) RIDE-INFO/ (800) 743-3463 or foothilltransit.org
 - Metro Bus: (323) GO-METRO/ (323) 466-3876 or www.metro.net

STAY SAFE

Please obey all posted construction signs and do not enter the construction work zone.

Para información en español por favor llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a (626) 513-5788.



QUESTIONS?

Project Construction Questions Hotline: (626) 513-5788 Email: CommunityRelations@Kiewit-Parsons.com
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New Organics Recycling Requirements Starting January 1, 2022

AZUSA - Starting January 1, 2022, Azusa's trash collection and recycling services will change to comply with SB 1383 which requires ALL Californians to recycle organic waste. Acceptable organic waste includes green waste, 100% fiber-based food soiled paper, and food scraps. In the coming weeks, the City of Azusa and Athens Services, the City's franchised hauler, will be providing additional outreach and communication regarding the transition. Among the new changes include the following:

- Single Family Residential:**
 - Change from manual collection to automated collection
 - Athens Services will provide three 96-gallon containers (black for trash, blue for recycling, green for organic waste)
 - Free residential bulky waste pickup on trash day with 24-hour advanced notice
 - Free electronic waste drop-off and compost giveaway
 - Customer Service and bill-

ing will transition from City to Athens Services

- Change from monthly billing to quarterly billing
- First quarterly bill from Athens Services on March 1, 2022

Multi-Family with 5 Units or More:

- Organic waste recycling and mixed waste collection
- Free residential bulky waste pickup on trash day with 24 hour advanced notice
- Customer Service and billing transition from City to Athens Services
- First monthly billing from Athens Services on January 1, 2022

Commercial:

- Organic waste recycling and mixed waste collection
- Enhanced Outreach and Education to help businesses comply with the new recycling mandates
- Edible Food Recovery Program for required businesses

Along with the changes in collection service, Athens will be providing additional cleaning services throughout the City. This includes regular power washing of the bus stops and shelters throughout the City, as well as power washing of the downtown district at no additional cost to the Azusa community.

Vaccination Verification Requirements in Effect

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Proof of full vaccination and photo ID for indoor entry into bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges for all patrons and employees goes into effect. Patrons now need to be fully vaccinated to be indoors at any of these establishments.

On November 8, the City of Los Angeles' vaccine verification program, called SafePassLA, went into effect, and requires proof of full vaccination for entry into the indoor portions of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, breweries, wineries, gyms, spas, nail salons, barber shops, movie theaters, shopping malls, and entertainment and recreation venues. This includes indoor portions of City facilities such as LA City Hall, senior centers, recreation centers, and service centers.

Public Health will be working closely with the City of LA to educate businesses and residents on the requirements of the SafePassLA program throughout the upcoming month and will unveil a virtual training and certificate program for LA City businesses next

week. The Biden administration has announced a January 4 deadline for the full vaccination of workers, including non-clinical employees and contractors, at healthcare facilities funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These facilities may grant certain medical or religious exemptions to employees, but employees will not be able to choose a testing option as an alternative to being vaccinated. Yesterday, the administration set the same deadline for full vaccination of workers at businesses with more than 100 employees. Businesses may offer their employees an option involving routine testing and mandatory masking.

These targeted mandates are all aimed at ensuring that in health facilities, workspaces, and public spaces, where the risk of transmission is higher, everyone is fully vaccinated. With powerful and safe vaccines, this is the surest manner of quickly reducing spread and allowing for continued economic recovery.

County Receives Housing Vouchers To Assist Foster Youth

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has been awarded 73 Housing Choice Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as part of the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative. Nationwide, public housing agencies competed for a portion of the vouchers that was made available by the Federal agency, to provide housing assistance to youth between 18 and 24 years old, who left foster care or are in the process of leaving foster care, and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The FYI is made possible in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies. In Los Angeles County, the LACDA will partner with the Department of Children and Family Services to obtain referrals for youth and provide housing assistance for up to 36 months. Supportive services will also be provided to assist the youth on their path to self-sufficiency, including basic life skills training, housing counseling, landlord support services, employment and training, as well as education and career advancement services. The County's Department of Health Services is also part of the partnership and

will provide administrative oversight to ensure the delivery of services, while the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority will operate the Coordinated Entry System for Youth in an effort to prioritize housing and services for the most vulnerable.

"It is the agency's goal to contribute to HUD's commitment of preventing and ending youth homelessness," said Emilio Salas, Executive Director of the LACDA. "In 2020, the greater Los Angeles Homeless Count found 4,775 youth experiencing homelessness, which includes 18-24 year old Transition Aged Youth. Resources such as the FYI, will help keep youth housed while also providing necessary resources to assist their transition into adulthood."

"Compared to their peers, youth transitioning out of foster care are more likely to face housing instability or to become unhoused," said Bobby D. Cagle, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. "Among the biggest obstacles for these young people is securing stable housing. At DCFS, everything we do is fueled by our desire to see all youth in foster care reach their highest potential. The Foster Youth Independence initiative makes us

hopeful that those who benefit from this effort will have greater opportunities to thrive."

"LA Health Services is committed to advancing the health of those we serve through our integrated whole-person health care system which centers around the complex needs of our unique patients," said Dr. Christina Ghaly, Director of the Department of Health Services. "LA Health services knows that the well-being of youth depends on our ability to provide whole-person care at the clinical setting and beyond; ensuring that foster youth have their most fundamental needs met is key to improving their health outcomes."

"We have worked diligently to build a youth rehousing system that addresses the housing needs of foster youth to help end their homelessness as quickly as possible. We have doubled the number of youths housed annually since Los Angeles County passed Measure H in 2017," said Heidi Marston, Executive Director of LAHSA. "To keep this momentum going, our government partners must invest more in housing. These 73 vouchers are an important step towards meeting the needs of those who are exiting the foster system in Los Angeles County."

Emanate Health to Host Separate Free Children's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic & Free Community Flu Shot Clinic

WEST COVINA - Emanate Health, the largest health care system in the San Gabriel Valley, announced that it will host a Children's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and a Community Flu Shot Clinic on the same day, November 13, 2021, in West Covina to promote wellness in the community.

"A 100-year global pandemic overlapping with the seasonal flu has created the potential of a 'twindemic'—or two dangerous respiratory ailments crossing pathways simultaneously," said Emanate Health CEO Robert H. Curry. "We felt the need to immediately provide first-time

COVID-19 vaccinations to school children, while offering additional flu shots for the entire family on the same day at the same location."

Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, agreed with the recommendation of an advisory panel of experts to make the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine available to 28 million children in the United States. Children ages 5-11 can now safely receive one-third of the vaccine dose that adults and teens 12 years and up currently get. With the approval, Emanate Health elected to add a children's COVID-19 vaccine

clinic to a previously scheduled community flu shot clinic.

Both clinics will be held at the Emanate Health Care Center, located in the Medical Arts Building I, 1135 S. Sunset Ave. in West Covina, adjacent to the Emergency Department at Queen of the Valley Hospital. The free COVID-19 clinic will be held in Suite 401 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and free flu shot clinic will be held in Suite 200 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Parents seeking the COVID-19 vaccine for children can click on <https://www.emanate-health.org/vaccines/> to register. Family members interested in flu shots can click on <https://www.emanatehealth.org/flu/>.

Public Health Provides Framework for Lifting Masking Requirements

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - On November 2, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) provided the framework for lifting masking requirements at events and indoor establishments.

For outdoor mega events involving more than 10,000 people, Public Health outlined that before masking requirements are lifted, all of the following criteria need to be met: L.A. County case rates must demonstrate three consecutive weeks at or below moderate transmission as defined by the CDC - that is, less than 50 new weekly cases per 100,000 residents; hospitalizations remain low and stable at or below 600 daily COVID hospitalizations for three consecutive weeks; 80% or more of county residents 12 and older are fully vaccinated; and there are no emerging reports of significantly circulating new variants of concern that threaten vaccine effectiveness.

For masking requirements to be lifted at indoor events or establishments involving fewer than 1,000 people, including indoor offices and worksites, sites must have a vaccination verification process in place, and all employees and customers must be fully vaccinated, accommodating with additional requirements those employees with approved exemptions. Additionally, L.A. County metrics must meet all of the same standards as for lifting masking requirements at outdoor mega events.

Indoor masking will remain mandatory due to federal and state requirements on public transit and transportation hubs (federal), and at TK-12 schools, childcare, and youth settings; healthcare settings; correctional facilities; homeless and emergency shelters and cooling centers; and indoor mega events involving more than 1,000 people (state).

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, it can be helpful to plan ahead in order to have the safest and healthiest gatherings possible. Getting yourself and your loved ones vaccinated now gives you the best chance at having some protection from COVID over the holidays. Public Health recommends staying local until everyone in your household is fully vaccinated, and if you travel with unvaccinated family members, including young children, planning enough travel time to complete quarantine before joining the holiday gathering. Gathering outdoors is safest, especially when masks are off for eating and drinking. If outdoors isn't possible or practical, improve the air flow indoors by opening windows and doors, using fans and portable air cleaners, and running the heating or air conditioner with upgraded or replaced filters.



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New Game Plan: Soros Creates Good Information, Inc.

Billionaires George Soros and Reid Hoffman are leading the effort to "restore social trust" and "strengthen democracy" by "investing in solutions that counter disinformation and increase the flow of good information online." according to NTD, a New York-based, global television network founded in 2001 by Chinese-Americans who fled communism. This effort will be called Good Information, Inc. and first investments will be in media outlets providing customers with fact-based information, as well as local community news in markets where there are little to no local news outlets reaching online communities.

USC Reports provides statistics that surprise me as I sit here and type on my computer. 91% of California households have high-speed internet; 15% of Californians are not connected, or under-connected (meaning only cell phones); and, two of the highest areas not connected are L.A. County at 19% and Central Valley at 20%.

Links into the Good Information, Inc. press release on the new venture says 'page not available' If you go to <https://goodinfo.us/> you will see a page of different types of information - wrong, disproven, dangerous. Click on any one of them and it takes you to a page to sign up for more information. And, I call that a "gotcha." Do that and they have your email, who you are and probably a lot more. Tread carefully.

To clarify, the dictionary defines disinformation as "deliberately misleading or biased information; manipulated narrative or facts; propaganda." Misinformation is "false information that is spread, regardless of intent to mislead." To further clarify, we need a political playbook of characters recruited to run this new organization that would "fund and scale local news companies with fact-based information," Axios reports. Axios is a news website launched by former Politico



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

journalists Jim VandeHei, Mike Allen and Roy Schwartz.

George Soros has funded district attorney races nationwide including George Gascon, first, into office in San Francisco and then Los Angeles County. The \$2.5 million he brokered on the L.A. County district attorney race to replace Jackie Lacey has put him front and center on the destruction of our criminal justice system. Soros contributed \$1 million to Gov. Newsom to stave off his recall and another million against the Austin, Texas, ballot initiative requiring two police officers per 1,000 population.

Reid Hoffman, known as CEO of LinkedIn, originally an employment service, is a venture capitalist and Internet entrepreneur now a partner of Greylock Partners, a venture capitalist firm in the Silicon Valley focusing on early start-up businesses in the enterprise and software infrastructure and semiconductor business, with a \$3.5 billion portfolio and 'ready to invest in building companies that matter'.

Fox News reported, Hoffman was involved in 2018 with a group providing disinformation in the Alabama Senate race between Republican Roy Moore and Democrat Doug Jones, falsely accusing Moore's campaign of being supported by the Russian Government. American Engagement Technologies (AET) run by Mickey Dickerson, was involved and received \$750,000 from Hoffman. Dickerson, known as

the "Obama's Hotshot," cleaned up the healthcare digital debacle in 2014.

Leading Good Information, Inc., is journalist and Democrat strategist, Tara McGown co-founder and CEO of multiple organizations including Acronym, a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation backed by Hoffman, Lockwood Strategy and Courier Newsroom involved in massive expenditures on digital advertising in the 2020 presidential election reported to be \$100 million to defeat Trump. Axios also says Good Information, Inc., will acquire Acronym's newsletter "FWIW" covering digital political ad spending. Macmillan dictionary says FWIW, used in electronic communications, means for what it's worth, insinuating someone may or may not be interested in what you have to say. Or perhaps throwing out disinformation discounting any responsibility for truth.

In 2020, McGowan and Acronym, an investor in Shadow, owner of IowaReporter App, were caught up in the messy Iowa Democrat Caucus when the breakdown of that system failed to report precinct votes in the Iowa Democratic caucus. Newport Now, Christopher Allen and Rob Duca, February 2020, reported McGowan's comments: "To be clear: I own no equity in Shadow, nor any other entities affiliated with Acronym and have not been compensated by Shadow."

McGowan is married to Michael Halle, lead organizer for Hillary Clinton's campaign and former strategist for Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaign. McGowan served as director of the advertising branch of Priorities USA Action, the largest Democrat Party super PAC.

Good Information is seeking other investors and setting up an advisory board, one of which is Dan Pfeiffer, former White House Communications Director.

Hypocritical Summit For Democracy Draws International Flak As Attempt To Build Up "New Cold War"

by Chi Chiang
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In the early November 2020, President-elect Joe Biden announced he will summon a so-called Global Summit for Democracy before the end of 2021 to discuss issues of democracy, authoritarianism and human rights. At that time, it was on the news report that President Biden will host the first virtual Summit for Democracy on December 9-10, to be attended by leaders of governments and civil communities and private organizations. The aim was to set an agenda for the "restoration of democracy" and collectively "cope with the biggest threat against democracies today". This kind of summit, however, is not aimed at "fighting against totalitarianism, striking corruption and advancing human rights"; their sword is pointed toward China. Such a brazenly provocative act has caused negative responses internationally.

After learning about the agenda of the summit, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov fiercely criticized the United States in his speech at the United Nations. Minister Lavrov pointed out explicitly that the U.S. is initiating a new round of ideological struggles against countries which do not align with American ideas or interests. Such an act will not only cause a division in the international community, but also serve as an example of the Cold War mindset which draws a line to pit democracy against authoritarianism.

Divide the World Again Into

"We" and "They"

As a result, this "Summit for Democracy" will actually become a game of "power controlling." It controls the power to decide how democratic certain countries are. Despite the U.S. assertion that it does not intend to split the world into groups based on ideologies, the "Summit for Democracy" is in fact undemocratic, attempting to divide the world once again into "We" and "They". Many national leaders and world opinions raised their questions as the U.S. alone chooses participants in this summit under the guise of democracy. Before this, President Biden said this summit will replace the G20 Summit, an attempt to surpass the framework of G7 and G20 which includes China, Russia and Saudi Arabia.

Creating a New Cold War Situation Against China

Some news agencies revealed earlier that Biden had set a topic — to criticize China — which he incorporated in numerous speeches. He demonstrated plans to assume the traditional role of the White House as "the leader of the free world" and invitations to the summit were only extended to traditional allies of the U.S., such as Poland, Hungary, Lithuania and even Taiwan. By excluding China and Russia, the U.S. is creating a New Cold War, this time against China.

At the United Nations, Biden responded to the fierce international criticism. He stated that the U.S. will compete positively and "not seek a new Cold War, nor a world of stiffly divided groups."

But only days of this remark, leaders of the U.S., Japan, India and Australia held the Quad dialogue at the White House. It was announced on September 15 that an alliance of the U.S., Great Britain and Australia was formed as AUKUS to help Australia build a nuclear submarine fleet, which was regarded as a measure to cope with the ever-growing power of China by containing Chinese activities in the South China Sea.

Democracy is neither a slogan, nor a dogma, and never a single-flavor Coca Cola. What the world and the U.S. need desperately today is not the summoning of a so-called "Summit for Democracy". What is needed now includes complying with the standards of international relations based on the United Nations Charter, strengthening global coordination and cooperation as well as weathering the much more desperate challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is hateful that the most hypocritical U.S. model of democracy, infected by political virus, has become the origins of global chaos from God-knows-when. Raising the flag of democracy but pressuring other countries to conform to American ideologies and values whilst conspiring with geopolitics will result in the U.S. being opposed and boycotted by the international community.

This "Summit for Democracy" is neither what the U.S. needs, nor what real Americans with American dreams want to see.

The Reverberations of Shared Experiences

I prepared to take a photo of my husband John and our long-time friend Brian (not his real name) at the summit of Mount Bonnell in Austin, Texas. The early afternoon sun shone down feverishly, illuminating the breathtaking, multi-layered city skyline and surrounding oak trees, green hills, and Lake Austin-section of the glittering Colorado River.

There at Austin's highest point, I thought about the lasting bonds of their friendship, which spans their Houston childhood, college in Austin, and professional and personal growth in Washington, D.C. My own path fortuitously crossed with theirs in the nation's capital several years ago and our lives have since become intertwined.

"Alright, I got the shot!" I shouted. Another memory for the books as we continue our journey through adulthood, and a testament to an ever-flourishing friendship despite distances and the recent hardships of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We embarked on this four-day trip to Austin in honor of John's fortieth birthday and to reconnect with friends now that the most difficult period of the pandemic seems behind us. John wanted to mark this milestone by celebrating with some of his old friends and their growing families. While catching up on the times since we last saw one another, our conversations were both familiar and different: the challenges of homeownership and parenthood, the worsening climate emergency, and how the pandemic has profoundly impacted us all. Now that we're all spread across the country, these times where we can see each other in person and meet new additions to families have become even more precious. The pandemic further emphasized the importance and rarity of these



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moments together as friends and families around the world were forced apart.

We were also eager to return to another favorite activity that Covid-19 had placed on the back burner-seeing live music again. And what better place to do so than in the city aptly known as "the live music capital of the world," where legends such as Willie Nelson and Roky Erickson have called home. The music industry had faced such an uncertain future when the thrills of live performances were put on hold in the early days of the pandemic. Many artists who typically make the bulk of their income through touring were suddenly out of work. Some music venues were forced to close permanently. Others, aided by congressional funding, are still trying to bounce back.

In a sign of more hopeful times ahead, we had the opportunity to see eleven bands, most of the psychedelic rock genre, perform over three days at outdoor venues in Austin's fabled Red River district as part of the Levitation music festival. While face masks were not mandated, every venue required proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test for entry. This eased my fears during the festival's first night, as we stood shoulder-to-shoulder in

the largest crowds any of us had encountered since the pandemic for a performance by Austin metal band The Sword. The festival also highlighted standout and defiantly joyous sets by Japanese psych band Kikagaku Moyo and Austin's own Black Angels.

The energy from the bands and their fans' enthusiastic responses were both palpable and notably incapable of being fully captured over a Zoom stream. While we relished this chance to make up for lost time and with our ears buzzing from three days of reverberation, we also recognized just how privileged we were to be alive and return to this semblance of relative "normalcy."

Although not considered an "essential" service during the pandemic, live music serves as a cultural hub for any city and brings people together from all walks of life, as John, Brian, and I can attest. One late evening, Brian suggested we drop by The White Horse, an iconic honky-tonk bar in East Austin. We were delighted to see so many patrons sporting their finest Stetsons and boots and skillfully dancing the Texas two-step to a band covering Dire Straits' blues-meets-country hit "Sultans of Swing." The entire scene was straight out of the movie "Urban Cowboy," except on a smaller scale and with more authenticity.

These moments we experienced together are irreplaceable by the likes of Zoom and social media, as are the things that make life really worth living, such as deep-rooted friendships. Not even a global pandemic can take them away.

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America Is In Chaos. Is This What We Want?

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

Every new day brings a barrage of assaults on America by those we have put in power. The list of idiotic decisions and unconstitutional edicts of the Socialist Democrats and woke elitists that support them, is almost endless.

There is still a glimmer of hope for America. Did the victories of rational Americans who turned Virginia Red again affect the tyrannical oligarchs in the US House of Representatives? According to Nancy Pelosi: NO! NO! They are not listening!

The American people have voted and in so doing have sent a message to the Socialist Democrats. We are coming for you! We will win at the ballot box!

Until they are gone here is what we must resist:

In spite of the message sent on Tuesday the Biden administration is doubling down on their dictatorial and unconstitutional mandates. Biden has, mandated that any company employing over 100 people must insist that every employee be vaccinated or face the consequences. OSHA has issued a 400 page edict that will impose a fine of \$14000.00 per day on any company that fails to comply.

Open door policies at our border will bring diseases that we have all but eradicated. Criminals and terrorists have been apprehended at our southern border while Biden lays out the 'welcome mat'. To make this travesty worse, Hattians, Afghanistan refugees and illegal aliens are being flown into towns in the middle of the night. The Biden Regime is assuming that state, local governments and taxpayers, already burdened by the pandemic, will provide for their medical

care, housing, clothing, education and feeding.

Closer to home:

Go to the market. Go to the gas station. Everything costs more every day. This is inflation at work. Inflation is at a level we have not seen in years. Inflation is a hidden tax on everyone but it hits the lowest income earners harder than the wealthy.

Shortages at the stores is blamed on everyone except those who are actually the guilty parties. Biden's quick fix was to order the ports to remain open 24/7. Will this fix the problem? No!

Who are the people at the source of the problem? The short answer is: Democrats, unions and the EPA.

Labor shortages are blamed, but what would you expect when the Democrats are paying people more money to stay home than they can make by working.

At the docks, the Longshoreman's Union has a monopoly on who can work in this authoritarian enclave. There is no incentive for the longshoremen to end the gridlock and reduce their huge bounty of overtime pay.

Truck drivers are being blamed for the problem. Trucks older than 2011 model year are not being registered for operation in California unless they have undergone prohibitively expensive upgrades? Trucking companies are going out of business at a record rate when we need 80,000 new drivers. Drivers are retiring because of EPA imposed restrictions, COVID - 19 mandates and marginal wages. Truck drivers get paid by the miles they drive, not for the hours they spend waiting at the docks.

California's Democrats have mandated that by 2035 all trucks

operating in the state must be powered by electricity. Electric trucks are not even available today.

Where is all the electricity for these electric vehicles coming from? Solar and wind will never be able to produce enough electricity to replace reliable sources such as fossil fuel, hydroelectric and nuclear sources.

Wind turbines wear out in about 20 years. When they breakdown and are too expensive to repair they are usually left to rot in place. Wind turbines consume gallons of oil to lubricate the gears that connect the blades to the generators. The blades, not only kill large birds, but the composite materials they are made of degrades and they fall apart in just a few years.

Much to the dismay of those who bought solar panels these devices last but for a limited time before they begin to fail.

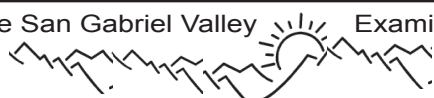
What is to be done with the dead batteries, failed wind mills and dead solar panels? Recycling and disposal is a large problem today that will only grow as these mandated power sources dominate the market place.

How will you get to work when there is no electricity to charge your car?

When will recharging your electric car cost more than the cost for a tank of gas under Trump?

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What Wall Street Expects From The Fed

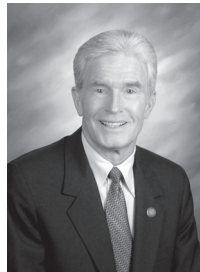
The Fed looks at inflation in quarterly chunks. The core inflation rate in the third quarter was 4.5%, which is a lot better than the 6.1% core inflation in the second quarter, but still much higher than anticipated. The Fed's 4.2% annual 2021 inflation forecast disintegrated. The only way its annual forecast could be correct now is if inflation averages zero in Q4. It theoretically could happen, for instance if gas prices plummet, but it is certainly not likely. Wall Street's 4th quarter inflation forecast is still 5.0%.

Inflation could peak on a year-on-year basis in the fourth quarter of this year, though that depends to an extent on what finally emerges from the Build Back Better negotiations. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's decision to delay the infrastructure vote continually suggests there is still doubt about the ability to reach a spending compromise appealing to both progressives and moderates.

The market currently expects two Fed rate hikes in the second half of next year followed by two more in 2023. While Wall Street believes the Fed will be patient, it is possible that the Fed will not be infinitely patient in the face of ongoing inflation and the realization that inflation is starting to show up in rents and other parts of the core where it was stagnant recently.

September Fed minutes reveal no awareness of a slowdown in monthly inflation rates, while

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they did demonstrate a certain amount of frustration and surprise with year-on-year inflation's persistence. As noted in the WSJ, the President could remake the Fed well before rates lift off by appointing as many as four new Governors, effectively replacing a majority of the seven-member board in one fell swoop. The possibility of something along these lines makes policy more difficult to forecast, though it is not likely to undermine the Fed's commitment to either side of its dual mandate or its commitment to the new framework.

Still, if Governor Brainard could become the new Chair, she will likely do what new chairs do to shore up credibility, which usually means a tougher than expected stance against inflation. For example, the first year of leadership under Ben Bernanke or Janet Yellen. Whether Brainard becomes Chair or Powell stays, there will be at least four progressives on the seven-member board even if President Biden

swaps out the two Fed Vice Chairs, as he is expected to do.

Tougher bank regulations resulting in a rapid increase in capital ratios could also have an economic impact similar to tightening. There is a real risk the Fed will tighten on top of tightening if they raise rates at the same time that they force banks to raise more capital. Even if the Fed starts tightening sooner instead of later, participants will stop tightening if the economy falters. Remember the early years of Janet Yellen as Chair.

Finally, they may not tighten at all in the second half of next year if inflation subsides. The bottom line, as we wait for the last important pieces that will go into Wall Street's near-term inflation forecast, is that there is an awful lot riding on Washington decisions. Uncomfortably high policy-fueled inflation in the first half of next year will make it difficult for participants to defend a belief inflation will moderate any time soon. The ongoing push for even more government spending can't be helpful if the goal is lower inflation.

It is challenging to have faith in this current administration getting anything right! Let's go Brandon.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

There's a lot of talk about inflation, food shortages, and rising prices for food and goods. Sure, prices have gone up on gasoline and food, but I don't see any shortages. What's the truth?

Those who are employed in good-paying jobs, or have access to considerable funds, are not feeling the impact of rising prices as heavily as those who are living paycheck-to-paycheck, are unemployed, or who are on a fixed income. Many financial professionals are confident in their warning that inflation, shortages, rising prices, and higher tax rates are looming on the horizon. Nobody knows when, or how intense, these problems will impact the masses. Watch the news about other countries to get a better idea of how the global economy is affecting them already.

News says that the numbers of Covid cases and/or deaths has greatly dropped. Why are some cities, Los Angeles being one, adding much more strict mandates? If the vaccine provides protection, or at least reduction in serious symptoms, why are vaccinated people so worried about getting Covid from someone who opted to not get vaccinated? Articles say that immunity via vaccine drops by 50-percent in 6 months, while natural immunity lasts a year or longer. Then, why can't a person with natural immunity get a "passport"?

You have some excellent questions. The inconsistencies, conflicting reports, and changing rules breed distrust and fear. The body's natural defense to fear is



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"fight or flight." Although these defenses are typically physical (fight or run away), nowadays we see most people verbally fighting, or mentally "running" by turning off the news and living in denial. For example, look at social media. Some use it as their Freedom of Speech platform to express their opinions, their hate for those who oppose their opinions, and to condemn our government. Some "take flight," or run, as they stop using social media in order to avoid all the misinformation, anger, and hate. We are living through interesting times.

It is becoming much too hard for my granddad to care for grandma at home. He will be applying for Medicaid for her and will put her in a nursing home. Will he have to move out of their home? Will he have to spend down their retirement savings?

There is a 5-year 'look back' limiting people from 'hiding' assets by various methods. However, in July 2009, a state Circuit Court of Appeals case sided with the agency that handles Medicaid services saying that monies in the family's combined asset

base can be used for an income annuity for the "well spouse" as long as it follows the stated statutory guidelines. Even if these monies are greater than the asset allocation for the well spouse, by following the Medicaid Compliant rules, the annuity is okay. This means that couples will be able to reposition tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars into Medicaid-compliant annuities and not have the income from the annuities count against the aid a nursing-home-bound spouse can receive. Also, as long as he lives in the marital home, he will not be required to sell it to pay the nursing home for her care. Seek information from an attorney who specializes in Medicaid and estate planning.

We have lived and worked in California for 30 years. Now we want to retire in another state. Will California track us down for the deferred taxes on our retirement account?

Public Law 104-95 prohibits state taxation of certain pension income of nonresidents, received after December 31, 1995. In other words, the state you move from cannot collect taxes; the state you move to can.

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What You "AUTO" Know

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

The Hazards Of Running On Fumes

Are you one of those people that wait until a warning beeps or the low fuel light illuminates? Do you feel confident you can go several more miles before actually running out of gas? Do you make a game of "I think I can, I think I can" meaning I think I can get to a gas station on just fumes alone? If so, read on!

I've known a few people in my time who enjoy the challenge of pulling up to the gas station on fumes. Sure...they have lost a few times and had to hoof it to the nearest station, buy a gas can and walk back to where their trusty vehicle finally stopped. Some even brag after this experience that now they actually know for sure how many miles they can drive after the fuel warning lights up! I'm happy those people enjoy such games and challenges, but playing that game can have costly, not to mention damaging results for your vehicle.

Most vehicles have an electric fuel pump located inside the fuel tank and are actually submerged in the fuel. The fuel pump is an electric motor that spins at a high rate of speed. Spinning mechanical parts create heat and need lubrication, which is why the pump is at the bottom of the fuel tank completely covered with fuel.

The fuel pump is always spinning as long as the engine is running, which makes it more important not to run low on gas. When your fuel gauge reads below 1/4 of a tank, the fuel pump is starting to be exposed to air inside the tank, instead of the cool fuel.

If you put your hands together and rub them back and forth as fast as you can, you will create heat, when you stop, it will take a few minutes for them to cool down. However, if you put them under water they cool down im-

mediately. Maybe not a great analogy, but I think you get the idea.

Overheating fuel pumps is the number one cause of failure. The cost of replacing a fuel pump on most cars is roughly \$600 to \$1000 and some cost even more.

The best thing you can do for your vehicle is fill it up when it gets to a quarter tank. It will save you money in the long run and keep your car running well. Sure...it doesn't have the same challenge as driving on fumes, but when it comes to your vehicle, it is always wise to consider damage control...both to your car and your wallet!

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solving conversations with clients in order to identify actions needed to ensure they remain in housing or move them quickly into housing. Union Station will determine the client's eligibility for the program.

This program is targeted towards individuals at-risk of becoming homeless or those who are recently homeless. Potential outcomes based on problem solving conversations would in-

clude resolving conflicts with roommates, providing short-term rental assistance to prevent eviction, and helping a client reunite with family members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, or housing application fees in order to prevent homelessness.

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

Transactional Leadership

Leadership style plays a crucial role in the development of an organization. Transactional leadership is of the leadership style that is often used by many companies. Transactional leadership believes that punishment and reward motivate people.

This leadership also assumes that when people agree to do a particular assignment, a part of that agreement is that they give up all authority to their boss. The leader holds control and power over the subordinates. The main goal of the employee is to obey the orders of their managers.

The idea is that when a subordinate takes up a job, he or she agrees to obey their manager totally. The 'transaction' is the money or any other award that the company pays to its subordinates for their compliance and effort. The relationship between the subordinate and the leader becomes transactional. In transactional leadership the leader has the right to punish his or her subordinates if their performance is not according to the predetermined standard.

Transactional leadership makes clear that what is required and expected from their subordinates. It also mentions that subordinates will get an award if they follow the orders seriously. Sometimes punishments are not mentioned but they are understood. In the early stages of transactional leadership, subordinate is in the process of negotiating the contract. The contract specifies fixed salary and the benefits that will be given to the subordinate. Rewards are given to subordinates for applied effort. Some organization use incentives to encourage their subordinates for greater productivity. Transactional leadership is a way of increasing the performance of its subordinates by giving them rewards. Transactional leadership is also called as 'true leadership style as it focuses on short term goals instead of long-term goals.

In Transactional leadership, when the leader assigns work to its subordinates, then it is the responsibility of the subordinate to see that the assigned task is fin-



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ished on time. If the assigned task is not completed on time or if something, then punishment is given for their failure. But if they accomplish the task in time then the subordinates are given reward for successfully completing the task. Subordinates are also given award and praised for exceeding expectations. A subordinate whose performance is below expectation is punished and some action is taken to increase his or her performance.

Transactional leadership has more of a 'telling style'. Transactional leadership is based on the fact that reward or punishment is dependent on the performance. Even though researchers have highlighted its limitations, transactional leadership is still used by many employers. More and more companies are adopting transactional leadership to increase the performance of its employees. This approach is prevalent in real workplace.

The main limitation of this leadership is that it assumes that people are largely motivated by simple rewards. Under transactional leadership, employees can't do much to improve job satisfaction. Transaction leadership

has been ineffective in providing skilled employees to their organization. This style of leadership is least interested in changing the work environment.

Experts do not recommend this approach. Transactional leadership focuses more on management of punishments and rewards. The major downside to transactional leadership is the it leads to employee turnover which is costly as well as low morale.

Build individual talent brings its own rewards. It's up to a leader to foster that talent by being a mentor and helping to guide the process. Letting people fail when you as the leader had the ability to step in make the leader not a leader in every sense of the word.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Model Magic

National Model Railroad Month... We usually think of November as the month to be thankful especially with Thanksgiving celebrated during the third week but November is also National Model Railroad Month. Throughout the United States, model train enthusiasts get together to share stories of model trains, train tracks and train accessories which are used to fuel their hobby interests. In April 1948, the Highland Pacific Railroad was established by the Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers to allow fellow hobbyists to promote the use and interest of model railroad enthusiasts in the Los Angeles area. The society used AI's Hobby Shop in Highland Park as a base and for 10 years the society grew and promoted model railroads. But the business closed in 1959 and the Society sought a new location. A one-bedroom house in San Gabriel was acquired and in 1962 the Society relocated to the historic Mission city.



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interurban lines. There are tunnels for the trains to go through, along with hills to climb, bridges to cross and switches to take. The detailed train-scape takes one hour to completely circle the course. The entire track layout is 95% hand made including the tracks which are made with miniature nails representing the rail spikes. Town buildings are made in such detail that interior building lights go on and off much like someone had turned them on and off. The existing track and layout were completed somewhere around 1975 and has remained intact today with additional maintenance and upgrades applied as needed to keep everything in running shape.

The house was remodeled to provide a site which the society could meet, show what they do, display their trains and promote their organization. But they also decided to build a highly detailed railroad layout complete with multiple tracks, hundreds of railroad cars, various grades of terrain all running through various geographic scenes complete with cities, towns, villages and all other railroad equipment and accessories. There are two round-houses, several rail-served businesses, both narrow- and standard-gauge rail lines, and traction

As unique and special as the train track layout is, even more impressive is the Centralized Traffic Control center which is a master console used to control and monitor all activity over the miniature train track. But even better, all the trains are guided by a dispatcher and five engineers directing where their trains are

going. The dispatcher and engineers all sit high above the model train track layout in a balcony perch, able to watch below where their trains are headed and apply any switches as needed. It's an adult's way to stay involved with the hobby he enjoys and at the same time to act like a real train engineer.

The detailed train layout has a possible connection to Walt Disney, who was a huge train enthusiast who included trains as part of his design of Disneyland. One of Disney's top animators was Ward Kimble who lived on San Gabriel Boulevard in San Gabriel. Ward would invite Disney and his wife to lunch in San Gabriel, and they would eventually make their way to the miniature railroad where they would run their trains all afternoon. It's a story that hasn't been widely circulated but there's so many consistencies that indeed Walt Disney enjoyed operating his model trains on the Highland Pacific Railroad in San Gabriel. If you ever see the exquisite layout of the Highland Pacific Railroad, you'd almost have thought that you were seeing something at Disneyland. The museum and site are open every Wednesday and some Saturdays, and more information can be obtained at www.highlandpacificrr.com....

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Hard to Believe What They Tell You

Do you know people that tell you something that's hard to believe? Here are some that are actually true.

A single sneeze travels 100 miles per hour and shoots 100,000 germs into the air. *This makes you wonder about the end...*

You're born with just 1 pint of blood, but by the time you're an adult you have 4 to 5 quarts.

The human body contains enough fat to make seven bars of soap.

Humans are capable of echolocation, just like a bat or a whale.

It's impossible to hum while holding your nose. Go ahead, try it!

Your stomach acid is strong enough to dissolve metal.

The average lifespan of a MLB baseball is just 7 pitches.

Golf is the only sport to have been played on the moon. In 1971, Alan Shepard hit two golf balls on the lunar surface with a makeshift 6-iron.

The term "winning something hands down" came from horse racing. A jockey who is far enough ahead can slacken the reins and keep his hands down.

Sperm whales are the loudest animal on Earth at 230 decibels. (By comparison, an airplane is 150 decibels at takeoff.)

That apple you buy in the grocery store could be over a year old.

Most wasabi paste you get in a sushi restaurant isn't wasabi at all, but horseradish.

Tomatoes are native to the Americas, so there was no such thing as tomato sauce in Italy until at least the 16th century.

Dentures were once routinely made out of actual human or animal teeth.

Ancient Romans used urine to whiten their teeth. *Talk about having bad breath.*

The Food and Drug Administration has a handbook detailing the levels of "insect fragments" and other icky-sounding contaminants that are safe for humans to



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That's just the way it is!

consume in specific foods.

The Pacific Ocean is larger than all land masses on Earth combined.

The pressure in the deepest part of the ocean is over 8 tons per square inch, which is equivalent to having 50 jumbo jets piled on top of you.

Pez candy was invented to help people quit smoking cigarettes; the original Pez dispensers were shaped similarly to a cigarette lighter.

Babies are born without "kneecaps," as we know them. Babies have cartilaginous structures in their knees which turn to bone by the age of 4.

Cheese is the most shoplifted food in the world. *I thought it would have been alcohol.*

The YKK on your zipper? It stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushikikaisha, which roughly translates to Yoshida Company

Limited. It's estimated that this company makes half the zippers in the world. Let's try and say that name after a few drinks, can't even do it sober.

Beer was legally classified as a soft drink in Russia until 2011.

Toilet seats are cleaner than your cell phone. *Right, like I am going to hold a public toilet seat up to my face.*

Chewing gum can't be digested. *Well, that is good to know and that explains why I was blowing bubbles when I had gas.*

The longest hiccupping attack lasted 68 years.

Octopuses are considered the most intelligent invertebrate; they've even been observed using tools.

Tsunamis can move at speeds over 500 miles per hour!

Twister was considered a risqué game when it came out in the 1960s.

It may be surprising, but a whole lemon actually contains more sugar than a single strawberry! That's partly because of the size difference, however—a cup of strawberry slices has more sugar than a cup of lemon slices.

Well, there are a few fun things that you now know about. *"That's Just the Way It Is!"*

Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed Torres

1. The Annual La Petra Craft Boutique in Glendora took place recently, and the many folks there seemed to enjoy the bountiful presentations, plus, they had a beautiful day in which to do their seasonal shopping... The crisp morning atmosphere had the feeling of a day in the American coastal northwest... And the live music was, as usual, delightful...

2. Not too long ago, for the first time in history, a Black American woman, member of the Republican Party, was elected Lt. Governor of the state of Virginia -- and some absurd people have stated, that she represents White Privilege and White Supremacy! ... Others, even more absurdly, have declared that she is the puppet of White People, speaking only the words she is told to speak... As the "Lieutenant Governor Elect" herself indicated, though: Black people are not condemned to vote Democrat simply because of the color of their skin - so no one should DEMAND that all Black People MUST vote Democrat...

3. Greta Thunberg (Greta who?) reportedly arrived at the opening of the recent Glasgow U.N. Climate Change Conference, with a large public relations entourage and a small anteaater - please don't ask why the entourage. Evidently, she attended because some consider her to be a leading authority on Global Climate... Seriously?

4. Based on recent surveys and

results of state elections across-the-land, indications are that some folks who voted for Biden for president, might be turning against him. It seems these people are beginning to think that, metaphorically and colloquially, Biden ain't-got-clothes-on -- like in the Folk Tale from the 1800s: "The Emperor's [non-existing] New Clothes"... Reluctantly, they might be noticing that the real underlying Biden, is not whom he has presented himself to be... If the short story is not recognizable, reading the delightful tale might help in putting things into better perspective.

5. John Durham, of the "Durham Report" - who has been investigating who ordered the illegal attack on Donald Trump's presidential campaign and on his presidency, by falsely accusing him of being a Russian spy -- has begun (maybe), to speed up results, and has charged additional people with crimes... It appears Hillary Clinton and/or a major adviser, might have begun the unlawful scheme... Maybe, shockingly, the ones who chanted "Lock her up" were right?

6. Glendora Public Market: some people enjoy the relatively new commercial and social gathering place at the northeast corner of Sunflower and Arrow Highway in Glendora - those who remember the large old bakery at the location, will notice that the building has been modernized and converted into a gathering place, for the neighborhood and

beyond - "under one roof", anyone interested can find different establishments, serving various styles of food and beverages.

Comments/suggestions: honnod1@yahoo.com

ACROSS

1. "If all ___ fails..."
5. *Male Thanksgiving bird
8. Yoko's last name
11. Indian restaurant bread
12. Carhop's carrier
13. *"Kiss the Cook" garment
15. Homer's "The Odyssey", e.g.
16. *Grandpa or Grandma, often
17. Moolah or dough
18. *Pilgrim's colony
20. Allah's cleric
21. Arranges into categories
22. Chance's genre
23. *"Plains, Trains and Automobiles" star
26. Woven containers
30. Kimono sash

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

31. Aristotle's school
34. Part of ideal
35. Hurricane feature, pl.
37. Comedian Schumer
38. Teen worry
39. Side of a ruler
40. Left over
42. *When will the guests be here?, acr.
43. Rejuvenate
45. Expression of agreement (2 words)
47. *What Turkey Trot participants did
48. Outdoor entertainment area
50. Messy substances
52. *It makes Thanksgiving wishes come true?

THEME: THANKSGIVING

55. Half of diameter, pl.
56. Flu symptom
57. Accompanies relief
59. Leaves out
60. More than a talker?
61. Isaac's firstborn
62. Skin cyst
63. "___ my party, and I'll cry if I want too..."
64. Confederate or Union, e.g.

DOWN

1. Compass dir.
2. Arctic native
3. Go yachting
4. Become enclosed in a cyst
5. Freshwater fish
6. Hop-drying kilns
7. *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
8. Sea World's performer
9. "Cheers" regular
10. Top seed
12. Like a rosebush
13. Spy name
14. *Kind of squash
19. Toils
22. Truck brand motto: "Guts.

- Glory. ___"
23. Lawn trimmer
24. Toe the line
25. Designs on lemur's tail
26. Purchases
27. #39 Across, pl.
28. T in Ferrari TR
29. Thai restaurant chicken staple
32. Elder's support
33. Flightless bird
36. *Thanksgiving football game host city since 1934
38. Impromptu
40. Big coffee holder
41. Choice word
44. Desert mirage
46. Makes less tight
48. Lace loop
49. "Angela's ___," memoir
50. *Raiders vs. Cowboys, e.g.
51. Scandinavian war god
52. Dry riverbed
53. Not final or absolute
54. Exclamation of surprise, archaic
55. Propel your boat!
58. Color wheel feature

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November 4, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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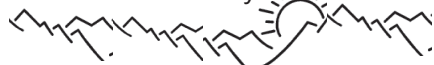
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BART The BLOCKHOUND

Enamored by the gravity of the inanimate held fast by the objectivity of the recalcitrant and in awe of the momentum of loneliness...



Glendora Community Coordinating Council November Humanitarian Award

GLENDORA - Longtime Glendora resident Reanna Thompson has always had a humanitarian spirit. It was only fitting for who Reanna is that she would spend over 40 years working in the nursing profession, caring for and about the needs of others. Reanna's life mission to care for people continued well past the walls of a hospital when she retired in 2018 as she continued to help those in need through her volunteer efforts. Now she channels her service minded energy, leadership abilities, desire to improve people's lives, as well as caring for them through her church (Glendora Community Church), Citrus College, Glendora Church Homes, as well as helping with transitional age foster children through the Department of Children and Family Services. At her church Reanna has helped deploy Care Portal, a service that responds to immediate needs of parents or individuals who may be in adoption or foster care status. This ser-



Reanna Thompson, November's Humanitarian Awardee with Glendora Community Coordinating Council President Matt Bartlett vice is linked with the local Department of Child and Family Services in Glendora, and is able to allow members of her church to respond to immediate needs of those that DCFS is working with. As a member of her church board she has engaged with other churches and charitable groups to enable more hands and resources to be a part of Care Portal and their work with foster children and young adults. The

Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very proud to recognize Reanna Thompson with November's Humanitarian Award. The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit their website at www.glendora-coordinating-council.org for a form and contact information. They would like to thank Rose Wentz of State Farm Insurance for being their meeting sponsor.

CHP: Alert Behind The Wheel Is How You Should Feel

SACRAMENTO - Daylight Saving Time ended on Sunday, November 7, 2021, and the "fall back" time change can disrupt sleep patterns and affect a driver's ability to concentrate and safely operate a motor vehicle. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) joins the National Sleep Foundation in recognizing Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, November 7-13, 2021, and reminds drivers to be cognizant of the warning signs of fatigued driving.

"When you think of the causes of impaired or distracted driving, include drowsy driving," said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. "Driver inattention due to fatigue can result in similar effects as drugs or alcohol."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people who have been awake for at least 18 hours may behave as someone impaired by alcohol. On average, in California there are more than 6,000 crashes annually that are attributed to drowsy driving.



Driving while drowsy is similar to driving under the influence of alcohol. Motorists who feel fatigued while driving in CA, are encouraged to take advantage of the more than 80 safety roadside rest areas maintained by the CalTrans throughout the state.

Some suggested tips to avoid drowsy driving include:

- Getting enough sleep before driving.
- Driving with a passenger and switching drivers before you start to feel drowsy.
- Taking regular rest stops even if you are not tired.
- Avoiding alcohol or medications that can cause drowsiness.
- Stay alert and drive without distraction not only to protect yourself, but to protect your pas-

sengers and other motorists.

If you feel fatigued while driving on California's roadways, motorists are encouraged to take advantage of the more than 80 safety roadside rest areas maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) throughout the state. To find a rest area or to check for the latest travel information on state highways, visit Caltrans' QuickMap at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

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Glendora Kiwanianes Supporting Seniors At The Glendora Gardens

GLENDORA - Glendora Kiwanianes Kandy Nunn and Janet Dial delivered 110 Fall Treat Bags to Glendora Gardens Community Manager Cynthia Palomares in October for distribution to the seniors living at the Gardens. The Kiwanianes have continued to support the Glendora Gardens residents and annually sponsor a complimentary Valentine's Dinner for them. The treat bags contained candy and fruit.

The Kiwanianes are a non-profit community service club affiliated with Kiwanis International whose goals are to raise

funds to support projects for the youth and seniors in Glendora. The club members are looking forward to sponsoring their annual Community Tea where guests sit at decorated themed tables and enjoy a tea luncheon next year. Funds raised from that event help fund scholarships for local students. Designer Bag Bingo is currently being planned for 2022.

For more information about the Kiwanianes and their projects, visit their website at www.glendorakiwanianes.org.



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NOVEMBER 19 - 29, 2021

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
 As a part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project, KPJV crews will be working at Route 66 to build the new light rail bridge foundations. The drill shaft installation work requires a full closure of Route 66 between Hunters Trail and Compromise Line Rd. for 10 days.

WHEN
 Beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 19 and continuing thru 5:00 AM on Monday, November 29, 2021 (10 days total), Route 66 between Hunters Trail and Compromise Line Rd. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) 24 hours a day.

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

- Full closure of Route 66 to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) 24-hours a day between Hunters Trail and Compromise Line Rd. for 10 consecutive days (Nov. 19 - 29). Use detour routes.
- Access to businesses and residential areas will be maintained at all times.

PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND BE PREPARED

- A detour route (see map below) will be in place during the 10-day full closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists, trucks and pedestrians. Please follow detour signs.
 - ✓ Gladstone St. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open and serve as a detour route, see details below.
 - ✓ Lone Hill Ave. and Grand Ave. (northbound and southbound) will remain open and serve as detour routes.

NOTE TO RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS

- Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones. Work hours will be 24-hours a day.
- Foothill Transit Bus Line 188 stops on Route 66 between Loraine Ave. and Lone Hill Ave. will be temporarily relocated to:
 - Route 66 at Elwood Ave.
 - Foothill Blvd. at Lone Hill Ave.

For more information:
 • Foothill Transit Bus: (800) RIDE-INFO/(800) 743-3463 or foothilltransit.org
 • Metro Bus: (323) GO-METRO/(323) 466-3876 or www.metro.net

STAY SAFE
 Please obey all posted construction signs and do not enter the construction work zone.
Para información en español por favor llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a (626) 513-5788.

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City of Hope -- 2022 Rose Parade Float Decorating

DUARTE - City of Hope's annual tradition continues as this will be their 48th year participating in the 133rd Rose Parade. Your help in decorating would be greatly appreciated and registration to volunteer begins on November 8 at 9 AM.

As a reminder, volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and any volunteer under the age of 18 must be accompa-

nied by an adult. The decorating location is 5400 North Irwindale Ave. Irwindale. Registration information, event dates, and shifts could be found at <https://event.cityofhope.org/cohdecorating>.

Slots fill quickly and all sign-ups will be first-come, first serve. For more information, please call 1-800-826-4673 or visit cityofhope.org.



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