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Annual Smudge Pot Game Celebrates Athletics, Arts through Friendly Rivalry

LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS – Bedecked in Bearcat green and Saints blue, Bonita Unified community members filled the stands of Covina District Field for the annual Smudge Pot game on Sept. 11, enjoying an energetic display of athletics, arts and activities from Bonita and San Dimas high schools.

The District's two comprehensive high schools faced off in friendly rivalry, following a week of lively activities planned by Associated Student Body (ASB) leaders, including dress-up days that fostered school spirit.

"In a lot of ways, Smudge Pot is the biggest event of the season. It's unlike anything else, with all the people from both cities who come together to fight for the Smudge Pot," Bonita High School student Ghassan Azizeh said. "The Smudge Pot is an iconic piece of our history that was used many years ago, and it's cool how we're still using it today."

The battle for the iconic silver Smudge Pot trophy – an oil-burning tool used to shield fruit trees from frost and a symbol of the two cities' roots in



Football teams from Bonita and San Dimas high schools face off in the Smudge Pot rivalry game.

the regional citrus industry – was accompanied by demonstrations of artistic skill and athletic prowess on the sidelines.

San Dimas High School's Royal Corps and Bonita High School's Marching Bearcats showcased their musical skills as they energized the crowds with lively renditions of "Seven Nation Army" by The White Stripes, "September" by Earth, Wind & Fire, and "Take on

Me" by a-ha. As Bonita High School's spirit squad fired up the crowd and cheered on the Bearcats football team on the home side, San Dimas High's spirit line and dance teams took turns hyping up the audience with rhythmic performances on the visitor's side.

"To me, Smudge Pot means family and coming together to compete," San Dimas High School student Samantha Ghomeshi said. "We're rivals, but we're all here to show our spirit and celebrate our school pride."

Bonita High's marching band and color guard entertained the stadium with a haunting half-time show, followed by a joint performance from Bonita cheerleaders and the D Street dance team.

Amid the performances of athleticism and artistry, both schools dedicated time and space to recognize Patriot Day. Bonita High School invited local first responders and service

members to the field, honoring them in a pre-game ceremony. San Dimas High School

placed thirteen chairs decorated with flowers and American flags field side, honoring the 13 U.S. service members who were killed in Afghanistan in late August.

The evening concluded with a victory for the Bonita High School Bearcats, who retained the Smudge Pot for another year with a 28-14 win over the San Dimas High School Saints.

"Smudge Pot is more than just football and more than just one game to our community," Bonita Unified Superintendent Carl Coles said. "It's an opportunity for everyone to come together, celebrate the pride we have for both of our high schools, and highlight our students' talents in athletics, arts and activities. Congratulations to both of our schools on their hard work and success."



Bonita High School football players hoist the Smudge Pot trophy into the air following a 28-14 victory over San Dimas High School.

TCOGD Guy (Taco God) Returns to West Covina for "Taco Event" at the VFW

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - TCOGD (Taco God) returned to the West Covina Veterans of Foreign Wars, not as a celebrity guest visitor, but to put on an event for himself. Once again, Yvonne Diaz was the coordinator for the event. There were a number of "Taco Food" trucks with followers that showed up at the event.

The afternoon and evening event were a lot of fun. They had a taco eating contest where one guy ate 25 tacos in just five minutes. As he consumed taco after taco, the crowd started backing up for their own safety just in case he blew up. Well, he held it together and won \$500.00.

Diaz of Vita Bonita Vender Mart Pop-Up, has put on a number of events at the VFW Post 8620 to help showcase businesses that have suffered during the government shutdown per the



Yvonne Diaz (left) who is the event coordinator with TCOGD.

COVID issue. Food vendors and family shop owners have suffered dearly. These events have become very successful in helping out the businesses and helping out the community and the local VFW.

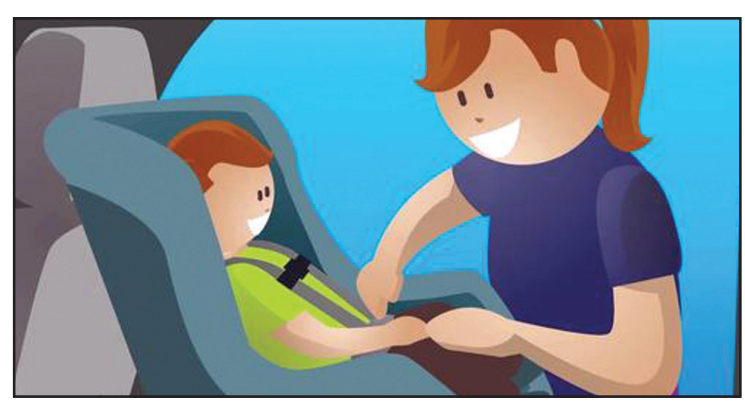
TCOGD who is a Professional

Taco Critic, can be found on Facebook and @TCOGD on Instagram. He has a Pod Cast that is followed by his fans as well and you can find him on YouTube. This was a fun event for the community and vendors

The CHP Engages In 'Big' Safety Effort For 'Small' Passengers

SACRAMENTO – During Child Passenger Safety Week, September 19 through 25, 2021, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will educate the public on the importance of ensuring children are riding in a properly fitted and installed child passenger safety seat.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), car crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. In 2020, 90 children aged 13 and under died as a result of car crashes in California. The NHTSA reports that while most parents and caregivers are confident they have correctly installed their child's safety seat, when checked almost half (46 percent) are found to be installed incorrectly. California law requires all children under the age of 2, or



weighing under 40 pounds and under 40 inches tall, ride in a rear-facing car seat. All children under the age of 8 must ride in the back seat in an age-appropriate safety seat. Safety experts recommend children ride in the back seat until the age of 13. For more information about child passenger safety, visit <https://www.chp.ca.gov/Programs-Services/Programs/Child-Safety-Seats>.

At all CHP child safety seat events throughout the week, child passenger safety technicians will provide free safety seat inspections, education, and hands-on training for parents and caregivers. These free safety seat inspections are also available year-round, by appointment, at any CHP Area office. To locate the nearest CHP Area office, please visit <https://www.chp.ca.gov/find-an-office>.

GCCC September's Youth Recognition and Humanitarian Awardees



Mike Milligan-Scoutmaster; Logan Starr, Abram Schwach, Connor Milligan, Jeff Duerksen-Assst. Scoutmaster, David Fredendall-Assst. Scoutmaster receive their certificates from the GCCC.

Glendora - When a 50-year resident of Glendora was in need of help to clean the overgrown vegetation in her backyard, members of Boy Scout Troop 489 in Glendora stepped in to help. Boy Scouts Abram Schwach, Connor Milligan and Logan Starr together with Scoutmaster Mike Milligan and Assistant Scoutmasters Jeff Duerksen and David Fredendall spent 25.5 man hours in July

removing overgrown vegetation much to this resident's appreciation. It's helping hands like those from Troop 489 that truly makes Glendora the special and unique city, stepping in to help when there is a need. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council (GCCC) is very proud to recognize the youth and adults of Boy Scout Troop 489 with September's Youth Recognition and Humanitarian

Awards. 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 coordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. The GCCC would like to thank Gary Boyer with Southland Properties for being their meeting sponsor.

Four Arrested During Late Summer DUI Checkpoint

GLENDORA – Glendora Police Department arrested four drivers for various charges during the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization campaign period, which was from Aug. 18 to Sept. 6 (Labor Day).

Glendora Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Marijuana, illicit drugs, even prescription and over-the-counter medications, may impair.

In addition to roving patrols, Glendora Police Department held a DUI checkpoint on August 27th, which resulted in multiple field sobriety tests and DMV administrative actions for DUI related offenses. No DUI arrests were made.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

So far this year, the Glendora Police Department has investigated 12 DUI collisions that injured 19 people.



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First West Nile Virus Death Reported in LA County

First death of 2021 reinforces need for all residents to take precautions against mosquitoes

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed the first death due to West Nile virus (WNV) for the 2021 season in Los Angeles County. The patient, a resident of the eastern region of Los Angeles County, was hospitalized and died from WNV-associated neuro-invasive disease.

Humans get WNV through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most mosquitoes do not carry the virus; therefore, most people bitten by a mosquito are not exposed to WNV. Those who do get WNV may experience mild symptoms including fever, muscle aches, and tiredness. In some cases, especially in persons over 50 years of age and those with chronic medical conditions such as cancer and diabetes, severe WNV infection can occur and affect the brain and spinal cord

causing meningitis, encephalitis, and paralysis. There is no specific treatment for WNV disease and no vaccine to prevent infection.

A total of 10 cases have been documented in Los Angeles County so far this year (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena as cases identified in those cities are reported by their local health departments). WNV-infected mosquitoes, dead birds, and sentinel chickens have been identified across Los Angeles County. Public Health monitors cases of WNV infection and collaborates with local vector control agencies to reduce the risk of WNV to humans by promoting prevention and mosquito reduction.

Decrease your risk of exposure:

1. **PROTECT YOURSELF:** Mosquito repellents can keep mosquitoes from biting you. EPA-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, 2-undecanone, and oil of lemon eucalyptus are the longest lasting and most effective. They are available as sprays, wipes, and lotions. Find the repellent that's right for you here. Consider wearing long-sleeved clothes and pants when outside.

2. **MOSQUITO PROOF YOUR HOME:** Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

3. **REDUCE MOSQUITOES:** Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water.

- Check for items that hold water inside and outside your home once a week
- Cover water storage containers such as buckets and rain

barrels. If no lid, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito

- Clear standing water in flower pots, saucers, birdbaths and other containers

- Clean and maintain swimming pools, spas and drain water from pool covers

- Cast out (throw away) old items in your patio or yard that can hold water, e.g., old car tires and children's toys

- Call 2-1-1 or visit www.socalmosquito.org to report persistent problems to your mosquito control district.

Where to call with questions about mosquitoes:

- Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District: (562)944-9656

- Los Angeles County West Vector Control District: (310) 915-7370

- San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District: (626) 814-9466

- Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District: (661) 942-2917

- Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District: (310) 933-5321

- Pasadena City Health Department: (626) 744-6004

- City of Long Beach Vector Control Program: (562) 570-4132

Stagnant swimming pools or "green pools" should be reported to the Public Health Environmental Health Bureau at (626) 430-5200, or to a local vector control agency. Dead birds may be reported by calling (877) 968-2473 or online: <https://westnile.ca.gov/report.php>

New Resource for Rehoming Pets: The Launch of Home to Home

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - One of the toughest decisions a pet owner can face is no longer being able to keep their beloved pet. Pet owners have limited options when rehoming their pet - find a new home on their own, without any safeguards or guidance, or bring their pet to an animal care center, which can cause stress to the pet and family. As part of our commitment of being a resource for pet owners in the Los Angeles County area, the Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has partnered with Home to Home™ to bring a new interactive tool to help families that need to rehome their pets. This online resource gives pet owners who can no longer keep their pets the opportunity to find them new, loving homes without bringing them to an animal care center.

Pet owners that need to rehome their pet will fill out a brief on-line form, upload a picture, and submit it to the Home to Home™ website. People inter-

ested in adopting can use the search feature on the website to connect with pets in need of a home. Home To Home™ is free to use and has built in adoption guidelines to promote good communications and practices for rehoming animals.

"Surrendering pets to an animal care center can be a distressing experience for pet parents and stressful for their animals," said Marcia Mayeda, Director. "By using Home to Home™, pet parents can work directly with potential new adopters, communicate more thoroughly about their pet's needs, and find a great new home for their pet."

Home To Home™ pet postings will be promoted on a dedicated DACC website and through Facebook to get the word out to the community. Not only will this tool make transitions into new homes easier for pets, but it will also leave more animal care center resources available to animals with no other options, such as

strays and those suffering from neglect or abuse. While re-homing pets through Home to Home™ will alleviate the need for some pets to be surrendered to the animal care center, it's not a one-size-fits-all solution. As always, animals can be surrendered directly to the animal care center. And, in some cases, DACC may be able to provide resources such as veterinary care, supplies or temporary boarding to keep the pet in the home instead of re-homing. Says Director Mayeda, "Ultimately, we want to help pet owners make the best decision for their pet and their family, by providing resources, information and a helping hand."

Home To Home™ is a national program that is used among animal shelters and rescues across the United States. To learn more about this program, please visit our website <https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/to-rehome-your-pet/>.

Supervisors Passes Landmark Motions to Phase Out Oil Drilling and Protect Frontline Workers and Communities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved two companion motions that sets LA County on path to becoming the first in the nation to ban existing oil drilling and transition fossil fuel workers to family sustaining careers in clean energy and other climate-friendly industries.

Tens of thousands of County residents live in close proximity to an oil well and nearly 73 percent of those residents are people of color. Within unincorporated communities of LA County, there are approximately 1,600 active and idle oil wells. Over half of those wells are within the Inglewood Oil Field alone, making it the largest urban oil field in the nation, located in Los Angeles County's Second Supervisorial District.

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's motion titled Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County co-authored by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, updates the Department of Re-

gional Planning's (DRP) Draft Oil Well Ordinance for unincorporated LA County to prohibit all new oil and gas extraction wells in all zones and designates all existing oil and gas extraction activities as nonconforming uses in all zones. This motion also requests a report back from DRP in 120 days on the financial cost to phasing out oil operations with actionable steps the County can take, read the full motion here.

"Urban oil drilling isn't safe. People who live near active oil wells suffer high rates of asthma, with an even greater impact on people's lungs than living next to a freeway. For the health and well-being of our families and children, we need to end this practice as soon as possible. This motion gets us one step closer to that goal," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

Phasing out oil drilling will require an intentional plan for transitioning workers on these sites into jobs and industries that are safe and provide family sustaining wages. This is the focus of Supervisor Mitchell's

motion: Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels, co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn. This motion helps operationalize the recommendations from the County's Just Transition to Clean Energy Task Force which includes centering the needs and perspectives of workers and frontline communities in workforce transition strategies that include all sectors of the fossil fuel industry.

In 2019, the Board adopted the Our County Sustainability Plan, which included a comprehensive strategy for a more equitable LA County, and two key directives for protecting communities from oil wells: (1) addressing the proximity between oil and gas operations and sensitive land uses and (2) developing a sunset strategy for oil and gas operations. The motions passed today build on the County's progress over the recent years to better regulate oil drilling and prioritize the public health and safety of its residents living near oil wells.

COVID-19 Outbreaks Continue in Correctional Facilities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is investigating 22 ongoing outbreaks in correctional and law enforcement settings; a slight increase from the 20 ongoing outbreaks in these settings reported a month ago on August 17. As of September 10, COVID-19 case counts associated with correctional facility outbreaks increased by 117 cases from the previous week when 176 new cases were reported.

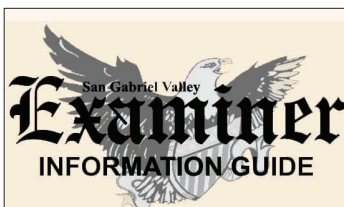
There have been 10,957 cas-

es among people who are incarcerated and staff at correctional facilities. A total of 7,078 cases have been reported in county jail facilities (5,363 among people who are incarcerated and 1,715 among staff), 1,839 cases in state prison facilities (1,513 among people who are incarcerated and 326 among staff), 832 cases in the federal prison facilities (781 among people who are incarcerated and 51 among staff), and 728 cases in the juvenile facilities (265 among youth and

463 among staff).

There have been 47 correctional facility deaths reported; 41 among people who were incarcerated and six among staff.

County, state and federal authorities continue to work to reduce the potential for outbreaks at prisons and jail facilities in Los Angeles County throughout the pandemic. Correctional facilities are required to verify the vaccination status of all workers and comply with respirator, masking, and testing mandates.



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With Newsom Safe, Whither Californians?

California Governor Gavin Newsom easily fought back Republican efforts to recall him from office with a vote tally (63 percent against recall, as of this writing) even more decisive than his 2018 gubernatorial win against Republican John Cox. Much of the post-election media analysis has predictably fixated on what this means for the governor and for Democrats and Republicans across the country heading into the 2022 midterms. CNN panelists immediately set about opining on the fate of "Trumpism" in America.



Farrah Hassen

County, with an estimated population of 30,600 and vaccination rate of 36.3 percent, voted "yes" by about 84 percent.

At the same time, most Californians opposed removing Newsom from office not because they supported him unequivocally, but rather, because they feared the alternative, particularly the polarizing Republican frontrunner Larry Elder. Among other things, he had pledged to repeal mask and vaccine mandates. However, now that the election is over and the "threat" has passed, will these same voters retreat back to their bubbles until the next race?

Clearly, the pandemic has also magnified existing problems. The affordable housing crisis looms larger than ever, as California's median home price hovers above \$800,000. High housing costs exacerbate poverty levels. Approximately 161,000 Californians experience homelessness on any given day. According to CalMatters.org, the pandemic has affected low-income renters more than any other group, and they remain even more vulnerable following the termination of federal unemployment benefits earlier this month and once the statewide eviction moratorium expires after September 30.

Pandemic-induced school and university closures, along with subsequent battles over re-opening and mask and vaccine mandates, continue to create turmoil in education. The consequences for students and their well-being, as well as long-term impacts on

retention, equity, and learning outcomes, are just as concerning.

On top of the pandemic, climate change has intensified drought and fires across the state and extended the fire season. A widespread drought has led to dangerously low reservoir levels and less water for California communities, businesses, and ecosystems. Despite a package of laws passed in 2014 to prevent over-pumping, depletion of groundwater in the state continues because pumping remains largely unrestricted. Dry conditions and rising temperatures in turn have fueled and worsened fires. The massive Dixie Fire has already scorched nearly one million acres in northern California since July, and a pair of lightning-sparked wildfires near Sequoia National Park now threaten some of Earth's oldest trees as well as the largest tree, General Sherman.

In the context of these overwhelming challenges facing California, mass movements must lead the way to meaningful progress. Sustained pressure is needed to realize investments in affordable housing, public schools, and to tackle climate change. Making sure Governor Newsom fulfills the promise of his \$100 billion "California Comeback Plan" would be a good start.

After defeating the recall, Newsom asserted in his September 14 remarks, "Economic justice, social justice, racial justice, environmental justice are the values where California has made so much progress - all of those things were on the ballot this evening." If true, then these gains could not have been made without persistent engagement and contributions from Californians ourselves. It takes more than politicians to achieve progress. It takes all of us.

Farrah Hassen, J.D., is a writer, policy analyst, and adjunct professor in the Department of Political Science at Cal Poly Pomona.

What To Expect From Your City Council Member: A View From My Chair

The role of a city council member is unique. Part micro-version of a member of congress, passing laws, approving budgets, providing oversight, and providing constituent services; part judge hearing cases on appeals of land use and other decisions. Directly elected by residents of each district but have the whole city in our hearts. While we have our own ordinances and policies, it is important to keep in mind that the laws of the State of California control much of what we can -- and cannot -- do.

Constituent services are the most rewarding part of the job. We get to address the wide range of concerns residents have, from tree trimming and road repair requests, to hearing your thoughts on city ordinances, and educating (and sometimes being educated!) on the effects decisions have on the community.

Communication is the most difficult and challenging part of city government. Finding new ways to reach out and engage the citizenry and elicit their involvement is important. Technology has assisted in that, taking meetings now on-line and during the pandemic shut down allowed residents and councilmembers alike to attend meetings even when we could not be together. Certainly not ideal, but this showed our resiliency in the face of obstacles.

But an important requirement of a council member from my viewpoint is the ability to listen in an unbiased way, to understand -- and appreciate -- the needs and viewpoints of the community. It's almost impossible to please everyone; certainly, there will be someone who thinks differently on almost every decision council members are tasked with. However, through good listening skills, one can find good solutions with the enlistment of city staff that promote the overall good for the community.

Below are a few paragraphs taken from our Council Member Handbook to help frame the responsibilities and duties within our State and City laws:

"The Glendora City Council is composed of five Council Members that are directly elected by the voters in the City to serve a four-year term. The City Council appoints the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem annually. Although not granted special decision-making powers, the mayor does represent the city in all ceremonial and official affairs."

"The City Council holds regular meetings, which are open to the public, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Glendora City Hall located at 116 E. Foothill Boulevard. Additional meetings may be held as necessary. The Council Members receive \$700.00 per month compensation (Ordinance No. 1848). In addition, City Council Members also serve as Board Members of the Glendora Community Redevelopment Agency. Board Members receive \$30 per attendance at Community Redevelopment Agency meetings (pursuant to CRA Resolution No. 74-4)."

"The purpose of the City Council is to establish local laws, set policy, reject or approve programs, allocate funds and provide direction, through the City Manager, to City staff to implement its policy and administer to the needs of the City organization. The City Council has the authority to appoint the City Manager, the City Attorney and members to various local and regional committees, commissions and other boards."

"Since the City of Glendora is a General Law City, as opposed to a charter city, its City Council must act within the framework of limitations and procedures established by State Law such as the California Government Code and the Election Code. Local



Michael Allawos
Glendora Councilmember

laws are established by ordinance and are compiled in a book called the Glendora Municipal Code. These laws are enforceable by the City, and violations thereof can constitute a misdemeanor or an infraction. Other directives and policies of the City Council are recorded in Council resolutions and Council minutes."

"While the City Council establishes policies and programs, it is the responsibility of the City Manager to apply and administer those policies to the day-to-day operations of the city. The City Manager oversees the total city operations and is the liaison between the council and the city staff."

"Teamwork between the council and the manager is a key element of the Council/City Manager plan. The pooling of skills is essential to resolve the many complex problems that face the city today. The Council/City Manager plan seeks to enhance the effectiveness of local policy-making and municipal operations by bringing together skilled lawmakers, community representatives, and experts in municipal administration and management."

"The City of Glendora is governed by a five-member City Council elected to four-year terms on a staggered basis. Council members are elected (currently 2 members at-large until November 2022 and 3 members by district every November) in the general election on even-numbered years. After each general election, the City Council elects a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem from its own membership. There are no term limits for council members."

"The mayor calls council meetings to order, announces the order of business as detailed on the agenda, states motions, calls for a vote and announces the results, facilitates and monitors discussions, maintains order, and enforces the council's rules and parliamentary procedures."

"The mayor also, with council approval, signs all ordinances, resolutions, and other records of proceedings approved by the council. The mayor has no veto power. The Mayor Pro Tem serves in the capacity of the mayor or during any absence or incapacitation of the mayor."

"The mayor is not directly elected by the populace. While the Mayor is the presiding officer of

the City Council, the Mayor's vote does not carry any more weight than other council members."

"The City Council is the elected legislative and policy-making body of the city government. The council is responsible to the citizens for:

- Establishing community-wide goals that address short- and long-range needs.
- Ensuring financial stability and oversight.
- Formulating policies that define a course of action that shape city operations.
- Providing quality services within available resources.
- Acting as a link between the professional staff and local citizens.

• Hire both the City Manager and the City Attorney (The City manager is responsible to the city council and the city Attorney works for the city council and works with the city manager)"

"City Council members are local leaders. The electorate expects the council to set the tone and direction for municipal operations. Strategic planning and goal setting are the tools that enable a council to define their vision and determine methods for accomplishing their goals."

"Members of the City Council will frequently receive requests or complaints. In most cases, the city staff can resolve these problems. The main objective is for the council member to get the basic information, then pass this on to staff or have the person contact the appropriate staff member directly. Staff's goal is to respond to the person within 24-48 hours, or on the first working day following a holiday or weekend, if at all possible."

"The key to answering constituent requests is to be specific in what the City Council member will do, i.e., promise a timely response, look personally at the problem, etc., while avoiding a commitment to "fix anything."

Finally
Do council members agree on everything? "No". Do council members often come to a good resolution? "Yes". Does the city council and staff always agree? "No". Can there be frustration in the government process? "Absolutely". The numerous laws in California assure this.

If there are issues with city resolutions, ordinances, staff interpretations and / or quality of life issues in the city, city council members are there to help foster education and facilitate good quality communication and engage the proper staff personal to help solve the issue or come to a conclusion. City council members are your representative if you wish to engage them.

Michael Allawos was elected to Glendora City Council March 2017.

Are You Watching America? The Marxist Democrats Are Destroying This Nation!

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

Every time I watch the news or open an email I am inundated with examples of un-constitutional government over-reach. Recent destructive acts by our "Democrat leaders" are almost too many to address in such a short article so I will hit some of the highlights mostly ignored by the MSM.

Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi made an accusation that Donald Trump is "crazy". If there is anyone crazy it is Nancy. Her Infrastructure Bill has so many anti-American attachments that it must be the work of lunatic's. This 5000 plus page travesty contains so many riders that are anti-American that it would take pages and months to illustrate.

On Friday the 16th of September 2021 Pelosi was in London England and made this comment: "In America, capitalism is our system, it is our economic system, but it has not served our economy as well as it should," said Pelosi. "And so, what we want to do is not walk away from it, but improve it and make sure it serves us." What does she mean by that statement? Apparently, she wants a Marxists system of government where she and the Democrats run the economy and the government takes all the profits and redistributes them to those who vote for Democrats. What was she doing in London with the House of Representatives in total chaos?

Last week, at a House hearing on the "Infrastructure Bill", Jerry Nadler decreed, "illegal immigrants are to be considered as infrastructure". Really? How can people be considered infrastructure? Why would you make such a momentous edict? Obviously, the Marxist Democrats want to

elevate them above the American Citizens who elected these idiots to Congress.

Has General Marx Milley committed a treasonous act? Milley admitted that he went behind the back of his superior, then President Donald Trump, and contacted the military leaders of Communist China. He made at least one call to let the CCP military know that he 'would inform them if Trump decided to attack China'. Even making such a call without the permission of the State Department and the POTUS probably is a treasonous act. If he were a private citizen it would be a violation of the Logan Act. If the Democrats have their way Milley will be rewarded not punished.

The chaos at the border intensified this week. This chaos is clearly on display under a bridge at the international border in Del Rio Texas. In only a few days a crowd of approximately 4,000 illegal migrants has swelled to over 10,000 with more coming. Are they coming here to achieve the American dream or are they coming to wreak havoc on the American dream? Free food; free health care; no vaccine mandates for them. DHS leaders have said they will return these people to their homeland. It is estimated that more than two million people will invade this country this year. Are they returning illegals from Central America?

White House press secretary Jen Psaki stated that Biden's U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is limiting the distribution of Monoclonal Antibody medication to certain (mostly non-Democrat controlled) states. A spokesperson said "HHS will determine the amount of product each state and terri-

tory receives on a weekly basis." A "more equitable distribution" is the mantra of this administration. Some view this move as a form of revenge against Republican governors. Biden vowed, "If they will not help, if those governors won't help us beat the pandemic, I'll use my power as president to get them out of the way." Is this one of the ways the Biden Administration plans on 'running over' governors that do not comply? What woke Democrat at HHS will get to decide who lives and who dies? The Constitution gives the power to regulate interstate commerce to Congress. But, in a Supreme Court decision in 1824 (Gibbons v. Odgen) it excluded health control from Congress's regulatory powers.


We must not forget the debacle of Afghanistan. Planeloads of people are being imported from Afghanistan, many with no credentials, many who did not even help the US in the fight against the Taliban. Are we importing terrorists? Importing Afghanistan civilians while many American citizens are left stranded in this terrorist controlled country. The Taliban is demanding bribes for passage out only to have our State Department deny them a safe place to land.

For those "patriotic" Americans who voted for Biden and the Democrats - are you proud of the dictatorship you created? Is Obama behind this coup on America? Yes, rigged elections are coups.

Marxism is taking over our beloved America and a new Civil War is once again looming on the horizon!

Are Americans watching? Unlikely!

GLENDORA ALL CLASS REUNION 2021



We had a heck of a good time at the 18th Annual Glendora All Class Reunion. We really missed seeing everyone last year, but we're back! Our 19th reunion will be held:

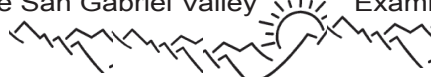
Saturday, October 9th, 2021
We're looking forward to seeing you all there from 10 AM to ???

Where?
In the Northeast corner of Finkbiner Park on Cullen, two blocks north of Foothill in Glendora.

What to Bring:
Please bring a dish if you can. You might also want to bring a cooler with cold drinks, a chair, a camera, your photos (old and new), and don't forget to wear sunscreen, a hat, and a big smile!

What is Special?
There will be a food contest in three categories. They are: main dish, side dish, and dessert. There will be an award for each category.

For more information, contact the Reunion Chairperson, Marsha Mason, at 626-622-6111



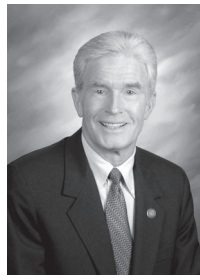
Delta Variant Weighs on Recovery

The spread of the Delta variant in August shook confidence in the recovery. While we have yet to see hard economic data showing any impact on US production and consumer spending, there is evidence of deteriorating sentiment and worsening supply chain bottlenecks. Recently, at the Jackson Hole summit, Chair Powell countered comments from hawkish FOMC members and emphasized the need for further strong job growth before setting a timeline for tapering asset purchases, much less raising rates.

Inflation continued to run hot as the production side of the economy struggles to catch up with strong demand. There are, however, signs of price pressures alleviating in some pandemic-demand related categories. Even with a net decline of nearly six million jobs due to the pandemic, a strong recent nonfarm payroll report, record job openings, and higher wage growth point to a tightening labor market. Survey data for August, however, suggest that the rapid spread of the Delta variant is impacting sentiment among consumers and businesses.

If Delta is not preventing people from seeking work, what is? It could be the strength of the labor market. Perhaps people think it will be easy to find work. It could also be the lingering strains that have been issues from the start of the pandemic.

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What's up in the Economy?



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Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

Childcare and eldercare challenges, for example. It could also be the skills-mismatch problem that has plagued the job market for years.

The Biden Administration wanted to keep sending extra \$300 weekly checks (on top of state checks, food stamps and an array of other benefits) to out-of-work citizens in all 50 states after nearly a year of \$600 weekly bonus checks. Most Republican governors vetoed the extra \$300 in May or June, while Democrat governors accepted the unearned largesse, so a real-life 50-state experiment was underway during July.

Nearly all states with Republican governors stopped the \$300 unemployment bonus by June 30, and they did not impose excessive lockdowns during the pandemic. Republican-run states also tend to have lower taxes and better-run state finances. As a result, the latest 2020 census has shown that more people are moving out of high tax states to live in lower-tax states. Many busi-

nesses are making the same move.

The end of federal unemployment supplements on September 6 is central to the FOMC's tapering discussion. Since March, Fed Chair Powell has urged his FOMC colleagues to wait and see what happens when millions lose benefits after Labor Day. Most of the discussion about federal unemployment benefits swirls around the \$300 per week supplements paid to state unemployment recipients being a potential disincentive to work.

Twenty-six states cut off some or all federal benefits early, in June and July. Between the last week of May and the last week of July, unemployment rolls fell by 3.9 million. In the last two weeks, they rose by 437k. The implication is that few people losing benefits stopped collecting unemployment and found work until forced to do so. With that in mind, job applications could soar in the next couple of months as the last 9.2 million federal benefit recipients are forced to choose between finding work, applying for relief programs like food stamps, or learning to make do with a considerable loss of income.

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I welcome your questions and comments:
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Your Money - Ask Julia

With the recent earthquake in Carson, we're thinking we'd better do some planning for emergencies. We're not interested in becoming survivalists or doomsday preppers, just short-term emergency planning. Where do we start?

Do an online search for earthquake preparedness. FEMA has some very good information. Discuss your plans of action for minor and major damage to your residence. Will you stay home, go to a hotel, or leave the area? What's your plan if there's a 3-day (or longer) power outage? Store a backpack with emergency supplies in your vehicle trunk in case you can't get home. Have some emergency cash on hand, as ATMs might not be an option.

Early in the pandemic, I lost my job as a restaurant manager and my bank let me put my home in forbearance. What happens when forbearance ends?

Re-read the paperwork you were given when you were approved by your lender to take advantage of the hardship forbearance made possible by the CARES Act. Talk with your bank. Go online to the very informative Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (cfpb) site at consumerfinance.gov. Also, check your credit report to make certain the lender is obeying the CARES Act rule of not submitting any negative reports to the credit bureaus.

We are in our mid-30s, recently married and have two incomes for one household. What are your suggestions as a



Julia Yoder

good place to start our financial planning and saving for retirement?

Write down a budget (all your income, and all your monthly and annual expenses, including savings). Agree on a definition of 'emergency,' and create an emergency savings account. It should cover several month's expenses if there was no income, plus unexpected car and home repairs. Pay off debt (credit card, car loan, student loans). Each of you should have a life insurance policy to cover at least some of the loss of income if one of you were to die prematurely. Some life insurance policies include a cash account, often used while you are alive, for retirement income.

Very late last night, I got a call from my grandchild saying they were in the hospital and needed me to get some money to them for treatment. Thankfully, my grandchild had come for a visit and was spending the night, so I knew this was a scam. Are there other scams I need to be aware of?

Yes. The number of scams, in general, and especially against seniors, has escalated recently. Medicare is running ads regarding the scam of a friendly caller who asks for your Medicare number. Common scams: The call from a grandchild urgently requesting emergency money, call from the police telling you that you are the "in case of emergency" person listed by someone who needs your insurance information as they are waiting to be rolled into emergency surgery, unsolicited (you did not ask for it) call from tech support regarding your internet or computer, or an email that looks like it's from your bank which instructs you to click here to log-in. Also, there are scam calls or emails that request donations for someone's dying relative, or for support of police families, victims of natural disasters, etc. Some have had their entire life savings stolen overnight! Seniors tend to be more trusting and friendly to strangers, and therefore are easier for scammers to scam. Thank you for sharing your story. I'm so glad you were not scammed!

Ask Julia by email:
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Car Talk by THE CAR DOC
What You "AUTO" Know
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialist

How Are Your Shocks/Struts?

Shocks and struts take a beating so we don't have to! They help us ease the pain of driving over less than perfect roads and stabilize us over bumps, when we stop quickly and when we go around corners. We pretty much take them for granted. Our owner's manuals tell us they need to be replaced every 30,000 to 90,000 miles, depending on our driving habits. That is a wide range!

We would like to recommend that you take some time when you are out driving around to notice a few things about your vehicle. If your car is bouncing a bit after you hit a bump in the road, is nose div-

ing after you brake or is swaying around corners you need to have your shocks replaced.

Struts basically perform the same function as shocks except they also are an integral part of your suspension system. When you are out and about in your car and notice the same symptoms as above and also notice noise while you go over those bumps or turn corners you might also have an alignment situation.

Shocks and struts also give you another symptom if they are ready to be replaced...they leak fluid. They do a lot for us and we certainly take them for granted until we notice our ride is just not as enjoyable or com-

fortable as it could be. Bad shocks and struts also cause wear and tear on our tires and our suspension components.

Make sure your shocks and struts are ready for whatever condition the roads you drive on happen to be in. Whatever your car may need, at Certified Auto Specialists we want your vehicle to always be ready to go when you are!

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Citrus College To Require Proof Of Vaccinations Or Weekly COVID-19 Testing For Students And Employees

GLENDORA - Citrus College students and employees will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly testing in order to be on campus.

The college's board of trustees approved the requirement on Sept. 7 in an effort to protect the community and minimize the potential spread of COVID-19. It applies to all district buildings and facilities, including classrooms, offices, libraries, gymnasiums and other indoor settings.

By Nov. 1, employees and students enrolled in fall on-campus classes must either provide proof of vaccination or agree to regular testing and produce proof of negative results. For students enrolled in winter or spring on-campus classes, the requirement will be in effect no later than Jan. 3, 2022.

The latest safety measures follow a number of practices already in place, including daily self-assessments for COVID-19-related symptoms and location check-ins on the CitrusMobile app for students and employees who are on campus; mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing; and the wearing of masks when inside any college building.

"At Citrus College, it is our duty and responsibility to provide our students, faculty and staff with a safe learning and working environment," said Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "By embracing these measures with a focus on safety and equity, we can do our part in the fight against COVID-19."

How COVID-19 safety measures work

Before a student or employee arrives to campus, they are required to complete a health screening on the CitrusMobile app (www.citruscollege.edu/techs/Pages/SafeReturn.aspx). Located on the app's home

screen, the "Daily Pre-Screening" feature asks users a series of health-related questions. When the answers indicate that a user is healthy, they will be given a green "You are clear!" pass. Users who do not receive a green pass may not come to campus.

Upon arrival, students and employees are also required to scan a QR code to check in before entering a campus building. Users do so by tapping the icon in the upper left corner of the app and scanning the QR code located at the entrance. Members of the public who would like to enter buildings will also have to scan a QR code at building entrances and fill out an online health screening form. By checking in, the college will be able to effectively contact trace potential positive COVID-19 cases.

While inside campus buildings, individuals are required to wear a mask that completely covers their nose and mouth and rests securely under their chin.

Weekly rapid COVID-19 tests, which are provided at no cost, are also mandatory. Employee tests began in early September and student tests will be required beginning Sept. 13.

"As more students and employees return to campus, we must remain vigilant and continue prioritizing the safety of

students, faculty and staff," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Requiring a vaccination or negative test to enter campus facilities shows that Citrus College is willing to do what it takes to stop the spread of COVID-19. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the campus community for following our comprehensive health measures."

Services available for on-line students

The college's COVID-19 safety measures are only for students and employees who will be on campus during the fall semester. Students taking solely remote courses are not required to be tested or use the app to complete a daily screening or check in.

Remote students have access to a handful of resources, which are outlined on the college's website at www.citruscollege.edu/remotelearning. For example, the Owl Success Hub offers tips on computer-based learning, studying in the home environment, and managing health and wellness.

For additional COVID-19 information as it relates to Citrus College, visit the college's COVID-19 webpage at www.citruscollege.edu/covid19.

L.A. County Health Officer Order Requiring Vaccination Verifications Prior To Entry To All Event Venues

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order was modified to require vaccination verification or a negative test prior to entry to all mega events and event venues by October 7; children under 12 years of age are exempt. The Health Officer Order will also require vaccination verification for customers and employees at indoor portions of bars, lounges, nightclubs, breweries, wineries, and distilleries.

The requirement for vaccine verification or a negative test within 72 hours prior to attending an outdoor mega event aligns with the recently announced national strategy and includes venues and events with more than 10,000 attendees that are ticketed and/or have controlled points

of entry to a well-defined area, such as sport and music arenas and theme parks. This is similar to the requirement for vaccination verification or a negative test prior to entry at all indoor events and arenas with more than 1,000 participants; this requirement has been in place since August 18. Many mega event venues established verification systems during the spring in response to previous capacity restrictions and Public Health will offer large venues and organizers of mega events technical assistance to assist with implementation.

The requirement for vaccine verification for customers in the indoor portions of bars, wineries, breweries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges and their em-

ployees applies to drinking establishments with either no restaurant permit or a low-risk restaurant permit and requires that all customers and employees have at least one dose of the vaccine by October 7 and full vaccination by November 4. These establishments primarily serve adults and already require patrons to show proof of age; and while children do not usually enter these establishments, children under 12 are exempt from these requirements. Full vaccination verification for services in the indoor portions of restaurants is strongly recommended.

This modified Order aligns with the continued need to reduce risk for transmission and increase vaccination coverage offering a reasonable path forward.

Around the Valley & Senior News

The Recall Election Farce

You all have to be still smiling at this joke of an election or recall effort. California is a Democratic State.



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

in place" and within 4 months, he dismantled the death chambers and basically commuted over 750 death row inmates.

issues didn't apply to him, his family, his friends or his winery businesses. Oh well.

The main topic was the COVID issue.

Apparently there were no other valuable Democratic candidates in the mix of those running.

So, the Republicans didn't have a chance in hell and still they went forward with this recall farce. What a joke. Wasted our time and money on this so called election.

It is sad that many of us can't trust either the Republican or Democratic Party anymore. "That's Just the Way It Is!"

Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed Torres

1. California state universities have been slow in developing "N.I.L." policies that allow student athletes to be paid, if their "Name, Image, Likeness." are used to promote commercial products and services - some non-California universities, though, have quickly established protocols, under which student athletes can profit greatly, as a by-product of their college athletic prowess...

2. During WW II, this country had the good fortune of having great generals and admirals, who led superbly, all-the-while under the direction of the nation's elected civilian leaders... General "IKE" Eisenhower later was elected president; another, General George Marshall, after the war became America's Secretary of State, and was instrumental in "Reconstructing" Europe, via the Marshall Plan...

3. America needs military leaders in the highest echelons who are superb military leaders, not ones who are primarily caricature-politicians... And let there be no doubt, "non-politician" superb military leaders, can-still-be-found in all military branches.

4. Seemingly, many people are not averse to stating, animatedly, while sipping wine, that they are in favor of NO additional clarifications being made to the "ROE V. WADE"(1973) court decision

- because they claim that many "of those" being aborted, would have turned out to be school drop outs, criminals, ne'er-do-wells, or generally grow up living in abusive homes... So it's better to-nip (the future problems), in-the-bud.

5. Some people erroneously, and haughtily (yes, haughtily; yes, it's a word, yes!) state that only TRUMP supporters are against President Biden's order to force employers to require employees to be vaccinated... Evidently, those people are not aware of Constitutional provisions, nor of court rulings, that limit the power of the Executive Branch, and that give power to "the States" and to the Legislative Branch.

6. Seen "in the Valley": a red Tesla, red, including the wheels - - with a "spoiler" on the back.

7. Significant numbers of people, reportedly, place great value on being told by a "Fact Checker" when and what to believe - - by the way, where do the erudite and virtuous fact checkers live, who pays them, and what are their names?

8. Reportedly, some folks have been hesitant about hiking the trails on Lone Hill, overlooking the 210 Freeway in Glendora, because of ominous looking hillside homeless en-

campments.

9. The Corona Virus, although tough and opportunistic, is also very smart, and considerate - - whenever people enter a restaurant, they must wear a mask because the virus loiters there and is prone to attack them at the door... But as soon as the patrons sit to eat or drink, and remove the masks, the virus gives them elbow room to enjoy and partake... The virus will not attack at that point, just waits politely, listening to the conversation at the table, without interrupting... How thoughtful.

10. University of Southern California head coach Clay Helton was recently fired by the university - - U.S.C. football has declined for years, since the Reggie-Bush-football-debacle, when reportedly he and his family received money and other things of value, that were not allowed under collegiate rules... Consequently, the university football team, for years, has suffered... But Reggie, for years, has prospered and has been financially rewarded in various ways, in spite of the misfortune he brought to his alma mater - - and apparently, to this day, he has not apologized.

For comments/suggestions: honnod1@yahoo.com

Public Health Inspectors Continue to Visit L.A. County Businesses

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) inspectors continue to visit businesses across the county every day to ensure compliance with required safety measures and masking guidelines, provide technical assistance, and respond to complaints of non-compliance.

September 10, Public Health inspectors visited 909 restaurants, 45 bars, 214 food markets, 1 brewery, 25 hotels, 45 gyms and fitness centers, 73 hair salons or barber shops, 51 food manufacturing plants, 25 garment manufacturing plants, 170 personal care businesses, 29 retail stores, 25 warehouses, 12 office sites, 6 family entertainment venues and 7 large

outdoor and indoor venues with a capacity for more than 10,000 people. Overall, the compliance inspections revealed that while the majority of businesses were in compliance, there continues to be room for improvement with employee and customer masking at fitness centers, garment manufacturing plants, and retail stores.

Between September 4 and September 10, eight citations were issued to businesses, including fitness centers and restaurants, for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Violations of safety requirements and dangerous conditions can be reported anonymously to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

Homeless Prevention And Diversion Program

DUARTE - County of Los Angeles's eviction moratorium ends on Thursday, September 30. After this date, tenants who have fallen behind on rent or other payments to their landlord will no longer be protected from eviction.

provides a number of resources to Duarte community members who are either currently unhoused or at risk of becoming homeless through the City's homeless prevention and diversion program.

Learn more about the program: http://ow.ly/8mKd50GdfGO

For those still in need of assistance, the City of Duarte

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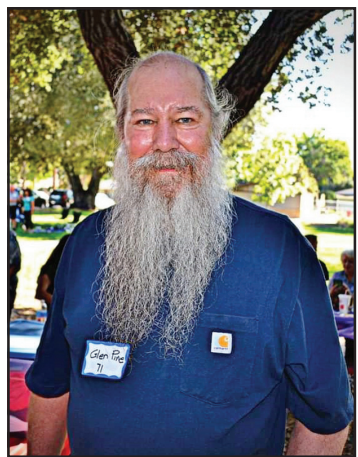
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19th Annual Glendora High School All Class Reunion Picnic



A group photo from a previous Glendora All Class Reunion held at Finkbner Park.

GLENDORA - Glendora is one of the few cities that annually holds an ALL CLASS REUNION. This year their annual event is October 9th, 2021 in Finkbner Park near the bandstand. It's an all-day Picnic from 10:30 to 4:30. Anyone who at-



Glen Pine, class of 1971

tended school in Glendora is invited whether you graduated or not. It is a Potluck event with everyone bringing food and beverages.

The original founder of this

event is Glen Pine, class of 1971. Glen held the first All Class Reunion Picnic 20 years ago. This year is the 19th Reunion because the year of Covid shut all events down and we had to skip a year. But they are back! Glen retired as chairman of the reunion for health reasons, but he will be greeting everyone at the registration table when you check in. The new Chairperson that has picked up the gavel to lead them all into their 19th Annual All Class Reunion Picnic is Marsha Mason (Marti Edwards) class of 1968.

Bring a chair, sunglasses, cooler, ice, beverages and food. Don't forget a camera and a smile. There will be music, fun, prizes and raffles. You'll want to bring some cash for raffle tickets and surprises. You'll make lots of new friends that you never knew you knew. There might even be dancing if you don't mind kicking your heels up in the dirt.

A big surprise is from Ron Jewett, class of 1975. Ron has donated an Alaskan trip for two

for 6 days and 5 nights at the McDougall Lodge on the river, accessed by private plane. Tickets are for sale for \$25.00 or \$100.00 for 5 tickets. The trip is valued at \$9,380.00. Raffle tickets will be available until the drawing date of December 25, 2021. Contact Marsha Mason, Reunion chairperson at Martiworld@aol.com or text at 626 622-6111.

There will also be a food contest in the categories of main dish, side dish and desserts. A first and second place prize will be awarded. Be a contender. Bring your dad's BBQ ribs or your grandma's macaroni and cheese. Enter and win!

The 19th Annual Glendora All Class Reunion Picnic promises to be an all-day fun event. Bring your Tartan memorabilia. Who has an extra class annual, ring, sweater, jacket? Bring them. Show them off or sell them to a classmate.

Share the memories and the happiness. See you there!

Bonita Unified Names Jim Elliot as Provisional Appointee to Fill Vacant Board Seat

LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS - The Bonita Unified Board of Education appointed Jim Elliot to fill an open seat on the Board during a special meeting on Sept. 15.

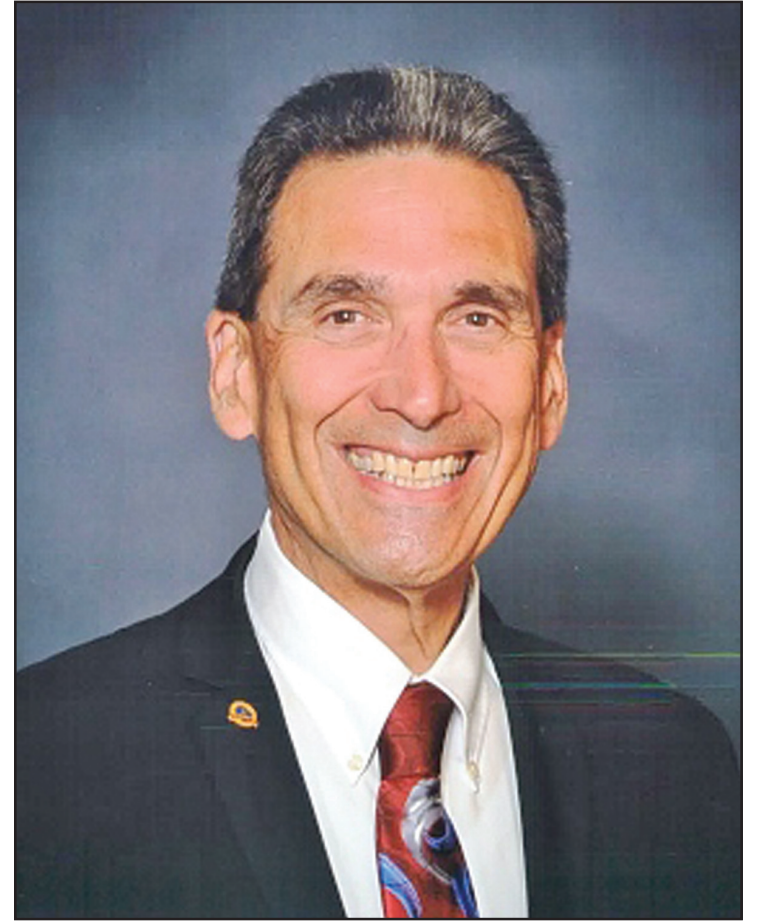
After a lengthy interview process, Elliot - a former BUSD board member - was selected to fill the seat vacated by Krista Chakmak when she resigned in August. Immediately after the selection, Board President Chuck Coyne administered the Oath of Office. Elliot's appointment will run until the general election to be held in Nov. 2022.

"I am honored to return to the Bonita Board of Education and I am proud to be part of this process at such a critical time for the District," Elliot said. "I have an unapologetic love for the District and am committed to focusing on what is best for our children."

Elliot previously served 14 years on the Board, from 2003 to 2017. Elliot is CEO of California Correctional Health Care Services, a position he has held for 11 years.

The Board interviewed seven candidates for the position, asking a series of questions and allowing each candidate an opportunity to give a closing statement. Candidates were sequestered during the interviews so that they could not hear each other's responses.

Speaking to the Board, Elliot cited his leadership experience and passion for serving his community, listing his top three



Jim Elliot will serve as a provisional appointee to the Bonita Unified Board of Education.

priorities for Bonita Unified as a continuing comprehensive response to COVID-19, management of long-term fiscal health, and preparing the District to transition to a by-trustee election process.

Elliot has two children who are Bonita Unified graduates. He has served on the BUSD Finance Committee, the Allen Avenue School Site Council and the Budget Development Advisory Group. Elliot is active as a community volunteer in San Dimas, and serves as a board

member for several organizations, including the McKinley Children's Center and the San Dimas Festival of the Arts.

"I wholeheartedly welcome Jim Elliot back to the Bonita Unified Board of Education," Superintendent Carl Coles said. "I know Jim to be a man of great integrity, with tremendous passion for education and serving his community. I want to acknowledge all the candidates for their courage and dedication. Among all of them, the commonality was a focus on how we, as a District, can continue to positively impact the lives of the students of BUSD."

Following the interviews, Coyne thanked the candidates for their thoughtful responses and commitment to the District.

"We had a group of very qualified candidates who did a tremendous job and showed a genuine dedication to the students of Bonita Unified," Coyne said. "We would have been lucky to have any one of them serve on our Board."

Rising to the Climate Challenge

By Thomas Wong, Board President, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

We are at a confluence of crises. The global pandemic and Delta variant continue to wreak havoc, but our region is also hampered by the devastating impacts of the climate crisis, with massive wildfires blazing, extreme heat, and severe drought conditions spreading across the state. We need to act boldly, commensurate with the scale of the climate crisis, before it's too late.

Climate change is evidenced in the San Gabriel Valley by the return of intense drought conditions. In August, the federal government declared a water shortage on the Colorado River for the first time ever, triggering painful water cuts for southwestern states. Also, the Edward Hyatt Power Plant at Lake Oroville was shut down for the first time since it opened in 1967 due to unprecedented low water levels, and the state took unprecedented action to force farmers to cut back on water they use from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed. This year, the State Water Project, a source of water for 27 million Californians, is only delivering 5% of requested allocations.



The San Gabriel Valley depends on water from the State Water Project and the Colorado River, as well as local rainfall, to meet our needs. Local rainfall from July 2020 until June 2021 was the lowest July-June period in recorded history, and 16 of the past 20 years have featured below average rainfall. Urgent action is needed.

We must build out more resilient sources of water supply if our region is to thrive in the decades to come, including accelerating and expanding investments in water recycling, stormwater capture, and water use efficiency, which includes replacing old appliances with water efficient models. Fixing aging infrastructure in homes, businesses and utilities is critical: 10 percent of homes in the U.S. have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day; and 10 percent of all urban water deliveries in California are lost to leaks annually.

The U.S. Senate's recently passed bipartisan infrastructure package is a small step in the right direction. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act sets aside \$8.3 billion for western water infrastructure investments, \$3.3 billion for wildfire response and mitigation, and \$2.1 billion for ecosystem restoration. The bill also sets aside \$55 billion to help replace lead pipes and to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), harmful chemical contaminants which are found in some of our water supplies locally. More investments are needed, and optimism abounds for further federal action to address the climate crisis.

The country and the San Gabriel Valley need these investments urgently, and our local governments, including our water districts, must be ready to implement these investments effectively and equitably. Our cities and residents answered the call for water conservation during the most recent historic drought and LA County voters signaled their support for investments in resilient water supplies by approving Measure W in 2018 to build out multi-benefit stormwater capture infrastructure.

Climate models, including the recent United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, show that current conditions may be here to stay, and without significantly stepped-up action on climate change, conditions will worsen even more. We need to adapt our communities and our infrastructure to these conditions. Our leaders at the global, federal, regional and local levels must act urgently and collaboratively to address the climate crisis and ensure the sustainability of our communities. We have no time to waste.

Thomas Wong is president of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors (www.sgvmwd.com), representing his home community of Monterey Park.



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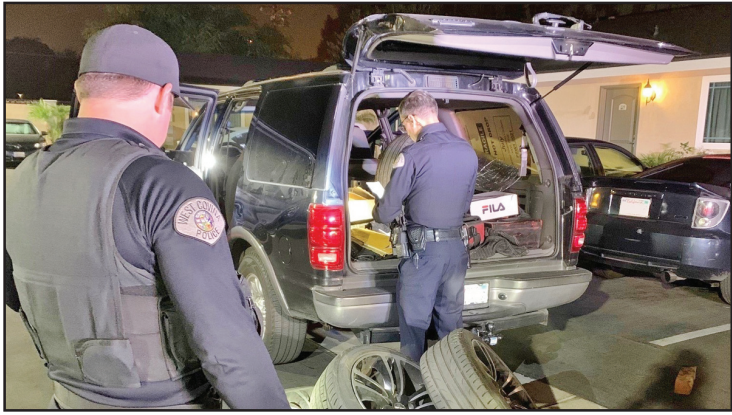
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Two Arrested for Grand Theft in West Covina

Photo courtesy of the West Covina Police Dept.



WEST COVINA - On Friday, September 17th at approximately 2 AM, West Covina Police officers were patrolling the area of a local motel when they observed a vehicle in violation of multiple vehicle codes. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the two occupants. During the contact, it was discovered one of the occupants was on probation. The officers conducted a probation

compliance check and discovered four Dodge Charger wheels, wood and cement blocks, battery powered impact wrench, gloves, and a car jack inside the vehicle. Officers recalled of a recent theft that occurred where all four tires of a Dodge Charger were stolen. Neither of the occupants could provide proof of ownership or purchase of the tires. Both were arrested for grand theft.



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NOTICE: Full Street Closure

CATARACT AVE. AT RAILROAD CROSSING AT BONITA AVE. (SAN DIMAS)
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 - JUNE, 2022

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

As part of Phase 3 of the 4-Phased construction plan for the Bonita Ave. & Cataract Ave. intersection realignment and light rail bridge construction, crews will **fully close Cataract Ave. north and south of the Bonita Ave. intersection for approximately nine (9) months.** Bonita Ave. traffic will remain open in both directions and the eastbound Bonita Ave. to southbound Cataract Ave. movement will also remain open (see illustration below). Work will take place continuously during daytime hours.

WHEN

Beginning Sept. 17, 2021 and continuing daily thru June 2022. Cataract Ave. north and south of Bonita Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic 24 hours a day/7 days a week (with the exception of eastbound Bonita Ave. to southbound Cataract Ave. movement, that will remain open). Access to homes and businesses on either side of the closure will be maintained at all times.

- Work Hours: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Monday thru Saturday. NOTE: Occasional longer work hours and construction on Sundays may be performed during the closure period.

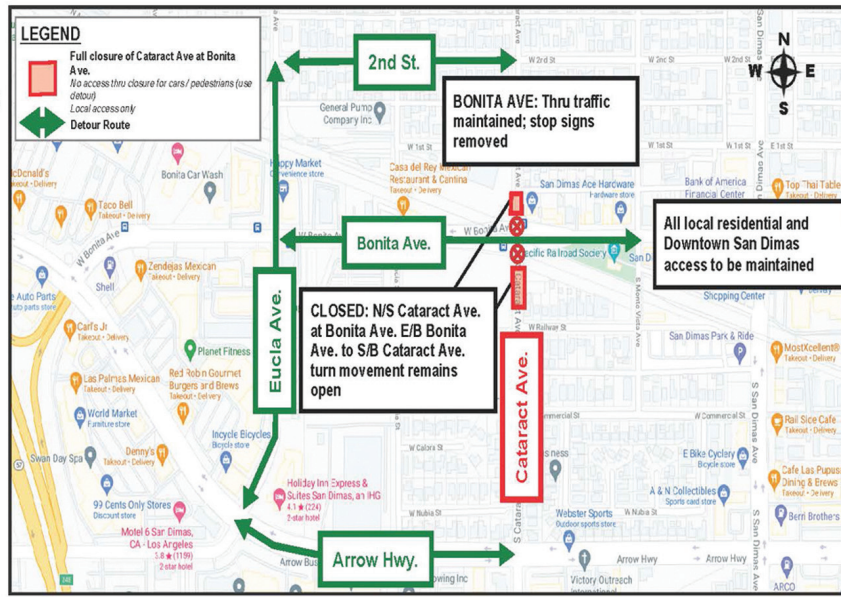
PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND BE PREPARED

A detour route (see map below) will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians. Please follow detour signs.

- ✓ Cataract Ave. will be closed to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic (with the exception of E/B Bonita Ave. to S/B Cataract Ave. turn movement, which will remain open).
- ✓ Eucla Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route.
- ✓ Bonita Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open and the existing stop signs at Cataract Ave. will be removed.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Typical noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones such as construction vehicles.
 - Foothill Transit Line 492, stops on Bonita Ave. and Cataract Ave. will be temporarily relocated to:
 - Bonita Ave. and Eucla Ave.
 - Bonita Ave. and San Dimas 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.
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