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Old Town La Verne is Revved Up for Its 27th Cool Cruise Car Show

LA VERNE - Car enthusiasts from across Southern California will come together for the 27th Cool Cruise Car Show in Old Town La Verne on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and attendees will be able to walk through rows of buffed up vintage vehicles while enjoying live music and an array of other fun experiences. This year's show will be one of the biggest to date, featuring up to 800 restored cars of which 40 will be awarded Best in Show.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring this event back to the City of La Verne, which is a community I have known and loved for many years," said event organizer Craig Hoelzel of Flying Deuces. "In addition to being a great time, the Cool Cruise Car Show also provides opportunities to give back and contribute to the community."

To that end, the proceeds of the Cool Cruise Car Show raffle will be donated to the La Verne K9 Police Foundation who support the La Verne Police Department by obtaining and training police dogs that assist with keeping the La Verne community safe. The grand prize raffle item is a Snap-on Hot Dog Roller, valued at \$700, that has the outer ap-



Photo courtesy City of La Verne

pearance of a Snap-on tool box. Other prizes include gift cards and unique items of varying value. Additionally, since food bank donations often decrease during the summer months, attendees are encouraged to bring dry and canned foods to donate to the O.C. Food Bank's booth.

Also joining the show from Orange County will be the Orange County Mustang Club, which will

be setting up a dedicated space featuring up to 70 Ford and Mustang vehicles in the University of La Verne's parking lot off of 3rd Street and D Street right behind Mainiero Square. With the stage so close, attendees are sure to rock out to the tunes of The Answer to Classic Rock, who are returning to perform for their 20th year at the show, while strolling down rows of beautiful classic cars, trucks and unique vehicles.

As The Answer performs everything from Sinatra to Santana throughout the day, the Western Antique Power Associates will have displays throughout the

show that feature working old engines, vintage tractors and antique machinery. These educational experiences are sure to delight and amaze guests as they are transported to a completely different era and way of living.

The Cool Cruise Car Show will also feature a number of merchandise vendors, from clothing to e-bikes, for those that enjoy shopping, and the event's central location places it in the middle of some of La Verne's best eats with many restaurants a stone's throw away from all the vintage car action. There will also be a COVID-19 vaccination booth outside of the La Verne Fire Sta-

tion along 3rd Street so individuals can get vaccinated quickly and conveniently.

This event was originally started by LD Johnson while working for the La Verne Public Works Department, where he served for 33 years before retiring. Johnson was inspired by his own love for vintage cars and, based on his experience at other car shows throughout Southern California, thought it would be a great way to bring awareness to and support La Verne's downtown area, local merchants and community as a whole.

"I started out as just the chef that was bringing all these important 'ingredients' of the car show community together to make the event truly shine, and was fortunate enough to build some long-lasting friendships in the process," said Johnson. "But that's what makes the Cool Cruise Car Show truly unique-La Verne's small-town charm, beautiful venue, and casual and intimate atmosphere mixed with participation from significant industry experts."

Over the years, the Cool Cruise Car Show has been made possible by the support and participation from a variety of individuals and organizations, including the iconic "Voice of the NHRA" Dave McClelland, American Classic Cars, Lifestyle Car Club, So Cal Tribe Car Club, Cal-Rods Car Club, Mike Brown and numerous other car clubs from throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.

Traffic Collision Blocks Irwindale On/Off Ramps to Westbound I-210 Freeway



A loaded trailer became detached from a tractor truck striking several Southern California Edison (SCE) utility poles at the intersection of Irwindale Avenue and Camino de la Canterra.

IRWINDALE - An overnight traffic collision occurred when a loaded trailer became detached from a tractor truck and rolled through the intersection of Irwindale Avenue and Camino de la Canterra, north of the I-210 (Foothill) Freeway, striking several Southern California Edison (SCE) utility poles, and coming to rest on one of the poles. The

damage undermined the integrity of the utility poles, requiring extensive repair work.

Crews were on scene to fix the damage and remove the trailer. Power was also out to several nearby businesses; however no residential power outages have been reported.

As of 9:00 am Thursday, Irwindale Avenue between Foot-

hill Blvd and the on-/off-ramps to the westbound I-210 remain closed. This closure remained in place until approximately 5:00 pm Thursday evening.

The driver of the tractor truck was not injured and no other vehicles were involved. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

Vote Centers Open for Voting in Gubernatorial Recall Election

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced 108 Vote Centers are now open and available for voting in the September 14 California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 AM to 7 PM for safe in-person voting, or to return a completed Vote by Mail ballot. All Vote Centers will fol-

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Azusa Rotary Club Presents Field of Glory



The Field of Glory flag display at Azusa City Hall will continue through September 11, 2021.

AZUSA - The Azusa Rotary Club presents the 6th Annual Field of Glory. This annual event features an inspirational display of hundreds of U.S. flags on the front lawn of Azusa City Hall from September 4 through September 11, 2021. In addition to honoring veterans, active military members, and first responders, this year's event has also been expanded to recognize essential workers. In gratitude for Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias service to our country and community and his valued support of the Field of Glory over the years, The Azusa Rotary Club dedicates the 2021 Field of Glory event to his exemplary life of service.

Community members attended the opening day ceremony on September 4 and strolled through the flag display. The field of flags is especially breathtaking when illuminated

at night.

The Field of Glory is also a fundraiser for the Azusa Rotary Foundation. The purchase of a U.S. flag or tribute sign, or personal donation, helps them provide Rotary youth programs for Azusa students, such as the

4-Way Test Speech Contest, the Dan Stover Music Competition, Youth Leadership Camps, and Student Scholarships. Funds raised also help support local organizations that serve student veterans and at-risk youth.



Jan's Towing, one of the Gold Sponsors for the event, provide the lights to illuminate the Fields of Glory at night.

BPUSD Schools Receive Water Bottle Fill Stations



Valley County Water District General Manager Jose Martinez and Baldwin Park Unified Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza meet at the BP STEM Academy to discuss future plans to install additional water bottle fill stations on BPUSD campuses.

BALDWIN PARK - The Valley County Water District's water bottle fill station program is also made possible by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Baldwin Park Unified is encouraging water conservation and sustainability through a long-standing partnership with the Valley County Water District (VCWD) and its water bottle fill station program.

The program, also made possible by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, saw the installation of 18 water bottle fill stations on Baldwin Park Unified campuses before the start of the 2021-22 school year.

"By highlighting the quality and safety of drinking tap water, the program seeks to shift public perception away from bottled

water to a more reliable source at the tap," VCWD General Manager Jose Martinez said.

The water filling stations include tap water and refrigeration systems to provide cold water. The units also have visual meters quantifying the amount of plastic water bottles saved from waste. To use, students press the button at the top of the machine and the water is dispensed directly into the reusable bottles.

Above each fill station is the tagline, Trust the Tap, informing the larger community that the tap water in the area is safe for consumption. Constant testing and maintenance is conducted, helping students, teachers, staff and residents feel confident to drink directly from the tap. To protect against water contamination and ensure safe drinking, VCWD works with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

VCWD also is launching a program in conjunction with the

Water Education - Water Awareness Committee (WEWAC), in which teachers are eligible to submit information on upcoming course projects that include water or are water-themed. Teachers can receive up to \$750 in grant funds.

High school seniors can also apply for a \$1,500 essay-based scholarship through VCWD and WEWAC - an opportunity that is open to all areas of study.

"We are proud to partner with the Valley County Water District to ensure our students have access to clean, fresh drinking water, while also encouraging our students and staff on campus to switch to reusable water bottles," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "We are able to make our community and families stronger when we engage with the excellent local partners around us because together, we can offer the very best resources and services."

Library Card Sign-Up Month

ARCADIA - September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and Arcadia Public Library makes it easy to get a library card or replace a missing one. Given the wealth of free information, entertainment, and enrichment the Library offers, a library card is easily the most powerful card you can have!

Library cards are free! Adults can apply for a card at the Library's customer service desk by completing a simple form, providing a valid government issued

identification card (ID must have current California address) and an additional proof of a California address (utility bill, bank statement, etc. dated within the last 30 days). It's not necessary to live in Arcadia. Adults can also apply for a card online at: <https://www.arcadiaca.gov/NewCard>. Children may apply for a library card, but a responsible adult must be present to sign and take responsibility for the account. Lost library cards can be replaced for

free during September by asking at the Library's customer service desk.

Arcadia Public Library is also celebrating this Library Card Sign-Up Month by offering a special Library Bingo for adults and teens. It's easy to participate - pick up a bingo card at the Library, complete one or more horizontal, vertical, or diagonal rows and bring the card back to enter a drawing for a \$25 In-and-Out gift card.

Duarte City Council Meetings Return to Virtual Format

DUARTE - Given the rise in Delta variant coronavirus cases, Duarte City Council meetings will be held via teleconference for the health and safety of our residents through the end of September, possibly longer.

To be able to speak in the meeting on specific agenda items and/or during oral communications, residents will need to register for a Zoom link to access the meeting. The registration link is in the header of the

City Council agenda which is posted no later than the Friday preceding the Tuesday Council meeting. You can find the agenda by visiting the City's website [accessduarte.com](https://www.accessduarte.com). All comments are limited to three minutes per topic, per speaker.

Public comment will also be accepted by email to duarteinfo@accessduarte.com before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item. The subject line

of your public comment email must contain the Agenda item number and/or title.

If you wish to view the meeting without the ability to make a public comment, residents can view the livestream of the meeting on the City's website under "Agendas and Minutes." Questions about City Council meetings and agendas should be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (626) 357-7931.

Man Kills Parents after Being Released from Jail

By George Ogden

COVINA - On Thursday, Sept. 2 around 2:20, Covina police responded to a 9-1-1 call involving the stabbing of two people in the 700 block of North Grand, which is a large mobile home park. When police arrived, they found 33-year-old Benjamin Chavez in the front of the residence covered in blood. Officers went inside and found two people on the kitchen floor in pools of blood. It appears that

they had been hacked and stabbed a number of times. Paramedics responded but they could do nothing to save the woman in her 60s and the man in his 70s. It was said that the victims were the parents of Chavez.

Chavez has a long criminal record with 7 arrests over the last year. His last arrest resulted in him being sentenced to 18 months in jail for a major felony. He served less than three months before being released. He was

out about a week before he killed his parents.

Chavez stayed at the mobile home with his parents. He was currently on probation for car theft, also has prior convictions for possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, burglary, other car thefts and vandalism.

A knife was found at the scene and recovered along with other evidence. This is still under investigation.



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Case Rates Increased Among Children Ages 5 to 11; Increasing Vaccinations Among Children is Most Critical Step to Reduce Transmission in School Settings

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) reports case rates have been increasing most rapidly among children 5 to 11, who are not eligible for vaccination. Between August 14 and August 21, the case rate increased 50% among children 5 to 11, while the rate increased 13% in children 0 to 4 years old, and 24% in children 12 to 17 years old. Over the last week, as the case rate dropped 2-4% in the oldest and youngest age groups, the rate continued to rise 9% among 5 to 11 year olds. With increased numbers of children not yet vaccinated heading back to schools, layered protections are essential.

Between August 15 and August 21, among the 12 to 17-year-old teens who are eligible for vaccine, unvaccinated teens had 8 times the risk of infection than those teens vaccinated, with 480 cases among every 100,000 un-

vaccinated children in this age group compared with 57 cases among 100,000 of those vaccinated. Among groups ineligible for vaccination, the case rate was 132 per 100,000 children aged 0 to 4, and 293 per 100,000 children aged 5 to 11.

As of August 29, 60% of L.A. County residents 12 to 15 years old have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 48% were fully vaccinated. Sixty-eight percent of teens 16 to 17 years old have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 57% were fully vaccinated. The most powerful strategy for keeping schools open is increasing vaccination numbers as fast as possible. If all eligible children and staff at schools were vaccinated, we would dramatically reduce transmission both in school settings and in after-school sports programs and extracurricular activities.

In K-12 school settings countywide, between August 15 and August 29, 5,207 student cases and 729 staff cases were reported, with the vast majority occurring at LAUSD, which tests everyone weekly.

Most school sites with cases, 849 in all, reported only one case. However, 193 LAUSD and 105 other school sites reported two cases, and 621 LAUSD and 94 other school sites reported three or more cases. Every case identified at a school needs to isolate at home away from oth-

ers for 10 days from their symptom onset or test date. Their close contacts are identified and, if unvaccinated, they are required to quarantine.

An outbreak is when three or more cases with probable transmission occur at schools or school activities. There are many instances at schools where there are more than three cases, but the cases are not linked to each other, and therefore not counted as an outbreak. It is worth noting that of the 17 school outbreaks that opened in August, 47% were associated with school sports. Team athletic activities have some features that make them particularly challenging settings in which to control transmission.

There are approaches that help reduce school transmission, and while every school can't always employ all the best practices, most schools can implement many of the recommended strategies, which include masking, distancing, source and infection control, maximizing airflow and ventilating indoor space, setting up systems to support case identification and contact tracing, and messaging and information-sharing.

Teens 12 and over can receive Pfizer vaccine at any County and city sites without an appointment. Many school districts and individual schools are also offering vaccinations over the next few weeks.

Community Blood Drive

IRWINDALE - In collaboration with Huntington Hospital and Southern California Edison, the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce will be proudly hosting a Blood Drive Tuesday, September 14 at Southern California Edison's Gateway Business Center (6090 Irwindale Ave, Irwindale) from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Be sure to have a balanced meal and drink plenty of water

before arriving. Please bring your driver's license/ID to the event, as well.

Walk-ins are accepted, but priority will be given to those who schedule an appointment.

To book an appointment, contact: Jackie Baca-Geary at jackie.baca-geary@huntingtonhospital.com or (626) 676 - 6881 (Call or Text).

Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Announces \$20 Adoptions

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - It's that time of year again! NBC4 and Telemundo 52 Clear the Shelters™ annual pet adoption and donation drive kicked off on August 23 through September 19, and Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control (DACC) is excited to participate for another year and offer special adoption promotions for the entire month of September!

Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control's seven animal care centers are offering \$20 adoption fees for large dogs over 35 pounds and all cats. The discounted rate of

\$20 includes adoption, vaccination, microchip and spay/neuter.

"A huge thank you to NBC4 and Telemundo 52 for spreading the message that adoption is the best option and helping homeless pets find forever homes," says Director Marcia Mayeda.

Last month, DACC implemented the new Love at First Sight adoption program where members of the public can self-schedule appointments online to visit one of the seven animal care centers. During their visit, potential adopters can view all available animals and adopt on a first-come, first-served basis. This

means no more waiting lists that can delay the adoption process - animals that are spayed or neutered and available that day are listed as "Ready to Go Home." With all these enhancements and NBC4 and Telemundo 52's help, the goal is to Clear the Shelters in September!

To visit DACC's seven animal care centers, please self-schedule your appointment on the DACC website. Click here <https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/all-visits-to-the-animal-care-center-by-appointment-only/> to schedule an appointment.

Board Approves Barger's Motion To Enhance Services For Victims Through District Attorney's Office

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger that will strengthen services and protections provided to victims of crime in Los Angeles County. Through the motion, the County and the District Attorney's office will adopt a series of recommendations included in a June 25, 2021 report by the CEO's office entitled "Protecting Victims' Rights and Strengthening Victim Services."

"Los Angeles County has seen a 72 percent rise in homicides and an 11 percent increase in aggravated assaults, including aggravated sexual assault," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "Now, more than ever, we must devote resources to provide comprehensive and holistic healing by restoring and enhancing the County's victim services programs."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has historically committed to helping victims of crime and protecting their rights through its Bureau of Victim Services, which employs

victim services representatives in courthouses and police stations to provide essential services to crime victims and witnesses. Their roles include crisis intervention, emergency assistance, counseling referrals, court escort and orientation, restitution assistance, returning property, employer assistance, and case status notification.

The motion approved by the Board of Supervisors will enhance and improve victim services by filling vacant positions in the Bureau of Victim Services and evaluating recruitment and retention strategies. In addition, the motion asks that the Chief Executive Office work with the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department to exempt the open positions within the Bureau of Victim Services from the County's existing hiring freeze and to study the requirements to serve as a Victim Services Representative to ensure appropriate qualifications for staff providing trauma-informed care.

Additionally, the motion will expand expenses for the Unclaimed Victim Restitution Fund

and will transfer eligible unclaimed restitution funds from the Probation Department to the District Attorney. The motion will ensure newly implemented policies will result in the use of one-time Unclaimed Victim Restitution Funds to cover expenses for victims and victims' next of kin for funeral and burial, relocation, food, costs for necessities, and security expenses. Additionally, the motion asks the CEO to submit a request during the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget to expand funding for victims' services programs including restitution collection assistance. The motion will also evaluate AB 109 as a funding stream for victims' services, explore additional grant opportunities, and foster collaboration with other County departments to leverage existing resources.

Finally, the motion requests the District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services to resume and institutionalize recurring meetings with relevant departments to ensure collaboration and partnership to broaden and strengthen services to support victims.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Drop Under 1,600

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As of September 4, 2021, Public Health identified 1,416,919 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,434 deaths.

There are 1,593 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, a decrease of 115 people over the past week and the first time daily hospitalizations dropped under 1,600 since August 11. These declines are welcomed news and may reflect both the decline in new cases and the likelihood that cases among fully vaccinated individuals are not as likely as cases among unvaccinated individuals to require hospitalization.

Testing results are available for more than 8,201,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. September 4th's test positivity rate is 2.8%.

The Delta variant now accounts for nearly all the COVID-19 strains seen among samples sequenced in the Los Angeles County area. Delta variants accounts for 99% of all

sequenced strains. This variant is more efficiently transmitted between people, likely due to its faster replication, higher viral load, and greater affinity for lower respiratory tract cells compared with earlier COVID-19 strains. While emerging data affirms that fully vaccinated people are well protected from severe infections with Delta variants, it now is clear that fully vaccinated people can become infected, and if infected with Delta, can infect others.

"We wish healing and peace to the families and friends grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "While we have seen small increases in post vaccination infection during this Delta variant surge, vaccinations have clearly been a game changer by offering extraordinary protection from COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths. Among the nearly 5.3 million fully vaccinated people in L.A. County, less than 1% of all those vaccinated have

become infected with COVID-19, only 0.02% of those who tested positive were hospitalized, and among all fully vaccinated people, death from COVID is exceedingly rare with 0.0022% having passed away. However, because COVID-19 transmission remains high in L.A. County and because a small number of fully vaccinated people can become infected and infect others, we all need to take steps to celebrate the Labor Day holiday weekend safely, especially if you are unvaccinated. Please continue to take COVID-19 risk into consideration when making plans and always mask up when indoors and in crowded places. If you aren't fully vaccinated, please follow the CDC advice to avoid all travel. Vaccination clinics are open all across the county this holiday weekend, so if you aren't yet vaccinated, take advantage of uncrowded clinics and get yourself protected before the fall holidays roll around."

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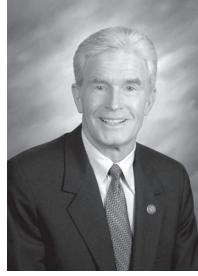
Obviously last week was extremely tragic for many people in Afghanistan as well as in the USA and the entire free world! As the chaos at the Kabul airport spun out of control 13 of our brave soldiers were savagely killed by an ISIS-K suicide bomber. Afghanistan's safety crisis will likely persist for many weeks as American citizens and other refugees hope somehow to escape the Taliban's captivity. Obviously, President Biden lied when he promised multiple times in recent months that "If there are American citizens left, we're going to stay until we get them all out."

Another unexplained mistake keeps coming up in my mind. With only 2500 soldiers in Afghanistan why did we have so many armaments which were also abandoned, that the Taliban now owns? This terrorist group is now one of the most well-equipped armed groups in the world! Could this have been pre-planned?

If the U.S. is now effectively out of nation-building it will be interesting to see how the Defense Department budget will change in the future. Many significant recent battles have been economic wars, where China has been perceived to be the big winner. Theoretically future defense-spending might plunge, allowing the stock market to benefit from what many have called a "peace dividend." However, in this now much more dangerous world, future President's should understand the value of peace through strength. So, assuming America can remain free from communism, don't count on any peace dividends!

U.S. stocks spent most of last week inching up as investors waited for Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's Jackson Hole speech on the econo-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

my, specifically hoping for clues on the Fed's plan to taper asset purchases. That muted activity changed on Friday (the 27th) when Powell said the central bank could start tapering its purchases of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities by the end of the year.

The 10-year Treasury bond yield declined a bit during the Afghanistan crisis (normal flight to quality trade), so all eyes are now on the Fed to see how new realities will impact monetary policy. The Wall Street Journal last week published an exclusive report that Fed officials "are nearing agreement to begin scaling back their easy money policies in about three months, if the economic recovery continues". The Journal implied that the Fed may announce the start of curtailment of its \$120 billion per month in quantitative easing (QE) at their September 21-22 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting.

Frankly many don't think the Fed will curtail QE until 2022 (even though record inflation keeps getting worse). When the Fed curtails QE Wall Street bets that the FOMC will merely "downshift" to approximately \$80 billion per month in QE, or about one-third less than now. Aside from Wall Street's guessing game, the big fear concerning economic stability is the many new Covid variations effecting global populations. New global

COVID case rates began to rise from its most recent low in June, but the US case rate did not noticeably rise until the Fourth of July weekend.

It was not until two weeks later that news stories on the Delta variant raised public awareness about breakthrough risks - that is, vaccinated people getting sick - and the CDC stepped up its vaccination campaign. By the end of July, the 7-day average new case rate had increased to 75,000. It is currently above 150,000 and still rising. However, there also is good news as COVID death rates in the USA have been significantly declining.

Many on Wall Street fear that the Delta variant will affect the economy in three ways. First, lockdowns in Asian economies critical to the global supply chain will extend the duration of shortages and shipping delays already slowing US growth and boosting US inflation. Second, people will likely be more cautious about crowds, even small crowds. Service consumption could be hurt as a result. Finally, the Delta spike has undermined some people's faith in vaccines' ability to protect them, which may further undermine economic confidence.

We have vaccines, of course, but they may not be as effective against new strains. Remember those annoying experts warning since last year that COVID would keep mutating, requiring more boosters that may not always be fully effective? Those experts now appear to be right. There will be more. The rest of the Greek alphabet is sure to arrive at some point.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

September 11 marks the date in 2001 that terrorists successfully attacked America.

It was a shocking surprise! It was so unexpected, and many were not prepared for the personal and financial losses that followed. All those lives mattered. America had the power to take action. Some people don't have the same opportunities and options to be more financially prepared for disasters. Some governments aren't positioned to help. And even philanthropists have limited funds. What are you doing to be more prepared for disasters?

Fires, Hurricanes, Flooding, Earthquakes, Mudslides, Tornados, and Pandemics!

It is much, much better to be prepared for the worst while hoping for the best. There is an abundance of information on being physically prepared. Stocking up on food, water/beverages, lighting, medications, sanitizer, gloves, masks, and toilet paper can be done methodically by buying a little each time you go grocery shopping. An emergency savings account and insurances can help you be more financially prepared.

I noticed that my life insurance policy states that it does not pay if death was caused by an act of terrorism or act of war. Was that true on 9-11-2001? Is it true for Antifa which has been called a group of terrorists?

Regarding 9-11, it took a request by then-President Bush for resistant life insurance companies to pay benefits to the beneficiaries. Nowadays, more insurance companies include the clause that they will not pay if



Julia Yoder

loss of life was due to terrorism or act of war. Those survivors whose loved ones had no insurance, or who were under-insured, were left with adjusting their lifestyle by, among other things, modifying goals for their children's education, and altering their retirement plans. Some life insurance policies with cash accumulation accounts make those funds (not the death benefit amount) available to the beneficiaries. Some properly-set-up annuities pay out to beneficiaries.

My wife and I are looking for tax-advantaged investments that will also be tax-advantaged for our beneficiaries. What do you offer?

There are three tax-free investments: municipal bonds, Roth IRAs, and permanent life insurance. Municipal bonds pay very little interest. Roth IRA's have income limits. Permanent life insurance is often the best place to save retirement dollars because it offers tax-free living benefits and tax-free money for beneficiaries. The second-best tax-advantaged place to save retirement dollars is in a fixed-indexed annuity. This type of annuity can offer bonuses, access

to your money, and living benefits, as well as being tax-advantaged for your beneficiaries. Whether insurance or annuity, both carry guarantees, (based on the strength of the company), that you cannot lose the money you put in.

I have about \$120,000 in CDs that mature in October. I don't foresee needing this money anytime in the near future. Is there a better place to invest?

Definitely! You have a couple of different options that would give you the safety you're used to, with good returns. Some of my clients choose fixed-indexed annuities (not variable annuities), while others choose to purchase paid-up life insurance. Both can have tax-deferred growth. The advantage folks like about using life insurance as an investment are: 1. The cash account of this life insurance can be accessible, tax-free, to you if you find you do want it during your lifetime, 2. the amount of the life insurance benefit is more than the amount of money you pay into it, so you'd leave more to your beneficiaries, and 3. your beneficiaries will receive these funds in a timely manner, and income tax free!

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When and How to Use Direct Contact for Reaching Out to Potential Clients

Many freelancers and service providers market in broad strokes, hoping to catch the attention of a large number of people and praying that several of them will be motivated enough to actually give their services a try.

However, in order to get clients, you usually have to answer their unspoken question, "What's in it for me?" This might require more direct input, helping you forge connections with potential clients. Through developing a relationship with them, they are much more likely to be willing to give you a try. If they give your business a try and like you, this could be the beginning of their becoming loyal to your brand.

There are several ways to use direct contact to connect with prospective customers. Here are just a few suggestions.

Your Customer Service Box

Pay attention to the people who contact you directly, treating every one of them like a prospect. Be polite and courteous. Set up a reminder for yourself, or your assistant, to contact them again in a week to see if they have any further questions. This kind of follow-up will stand out in their mind.

Face to Face

Carry business cards (I use to not do this) with you everywhere. Take business cards from others as well. Write notes on the back as to what your follow-up steps should be. Sticky notes and a pen will also work to remind you of the person's contact details and the information you promised to send, such as a special cheat sheet or hand-out. Always position yourself as a problem solver.

You can meet prospects anywhere, including standing in line for coffee, so pay attention to your appearance (80% of the sale) even if you



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can help them in some way. Also, catchy short (30 seconds) entertaining video's showcasing your products and services can get you notices but be creative.

Email Marketing

Take advantage of your email marketing lists by sending out useful newsletters once a month (kind of like this one), with special offers and the latest news - such as new services you are offering. Of course, you have to get them on the list first, so be sure to offer a free eCourse or eBook that helps solve a common problem in your niche. When you connect with people on social media, you can also give them the landing page for the free item and invite them to check it out.

On the Phone

Personalize your approach in getting new clients using these ideas, and you will find more people who will be willing to give you a try. Continuous self-improvement is the key to success in anything that you set your mind to.

Social Media

Trade shows and conferences are ideal places to meet clients and mingle with important people in your niche or industry. Even getting just a small booth gives you (and your staff) the chance to get walk-by traffic and increase your visibility. Remember, people do business with people they like, so be personable and sincere.

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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

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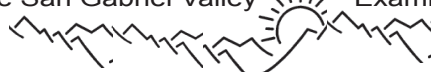
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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Fire Season Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

Danger on the Horizon... This summer has already begun the dangerous fire season and it's expected to get much worse with the windy months still ahead.



Joe Castillo

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do to prevent wildfires. Trying to prevent fires caused by campfires left unattended, debris burning on windy days, uncontained hot and BBQ ashes, and operating equipment and faulty wiring causing sparks is Smokey's never-ending message.

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By Ed Torres

1. President Biden in his speech to the nation about the American military withdrawal from Afghanistan, in one breath stated he accepted full responsibility for the pitiable manner in which the action was carried out.

2. Sirhan Sirhan, (who assassinated Senator Robert Kennedy in 1968) is seeking to be paroled from his life sentence in prison - - way back when he was convicted of the crime, he had been on the verge of being executed for the assassination, but the Kennedy family intervened to spare his life.

3. At Dover Airforce Base, President Biden, inexplicably, continually told the parents of the service personnel who were killed at the Kabul airport that his own son died of cancer (as if seeking sympathy from parents who were there grieving for their own sons and daughters) - it seems the president did a poor job of consoling the parents who tragically had lost their children.

4. Because of the reported lack of sympathy shown by President Biden to the parents of the military men and women killed-in-action, some have suggested it would have been better if Vice President Kamala Harris had been assigned the solemn duty of meeting with the parents... But, wait-a-minute, it could have been even worse with V-P Harris, because, she might

have said something like, "Sorry for your loss, ha ha ha ha"... (By the way, Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego, and is Kamala Harris with her?)

5. General Milley, the United States top military leader, has continually suggested that racist White People are the main problem facing America's military forces, as well as being the ones threatening the peacefulness of American society - - General Milley seems to be a mediocre politician in military uniform, more interested in espousing a dubious political ideology than concentrating on protecting American interests and personnel in this country and in foreign lands.

6. Cam Newton (a Black American), professional football player, was dropped from the New England Patriots football team, for various reasons, including, supposedly, because he declined to be vaccinated for the Corona Virus... Some news reporters claim that those who do not get vaccinated, do so because they are taking orders from President Trump - - but it is doubtful that Mr. Newton nor any non-vaxxers are obedient followers of Mr. Trump.

7. A judicial court recently decided that once a "heart beat" can be detected in an unborn infant, the pregnancy cannot legally be aborted... Some insist, though, that at any point in a pregnancy, aborting a pregnancy is best, under any circumstances, especially for poor mothers - - because if a baby in such cases is allowed to be born, the child would probably grow up in an environment full of hardship and failure.

8. Those working on extending the Gold Line in the eastern

part of Los Angeles County seem to be doing fast, good work, with no extraordinary disruptions to regular street traffic - - those who have not seen the roadside illustration sign (at the southeast corner of Lone Hill Avenue & Auto Center Drive in Glendora), which depicts the future "flyover" rail bridge configuration at the intersection, are encouraged to visit the grand illustration.

9. Distinguished U. S. House of Representatives, such as Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar, continually state that urban police departments need to be abolished, in order for crime rates to be reduced in the inner cities - the proof they cite for their assertions is that if anyone wanders out to the suburbs, they will find that there is less crime in the 'burbs because, they have fewer police officers there... So, consequently, they say, if people want less crime in the inner cities, they should abolish police departments... Huh?

10. Reportedly, it has become a head-scratcher for some people when a biological WOMAN, who has "transitioned" to being a MAN, for personal reasons chooses to become pregnant and has a child - - a head-scratcher, because, you silly goose, the claim by some is that a MAN gave birth to a baby... And, if anyone points out that biologically, in the human world, only women can have babies, the powers-that-be say that if anyone DISPUTES that men CAN have babies, those "deniers" are haters who are violating the civil rights of trans genders - - and must be punished, one-way-or-another.

(For comments: honnod1@yahoo.com)

September is Pedestrian Safety Month: Be Predictable, Look Out for One Another

IRWINDALE - As part of Pedestrian Safety Month, the Irwindale Police Department is supporting efforts throughout September to improve pedestrian safety and help reduce crashes and injuries.

Pedestrians are more and more at risk on the road. Based on data from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), 2020 had the largest ever annual increase, 21 percent, in the rate at which drivers struck and killed pedestrians.

"It's simple: slow down and stop for pedestrians. They have the same rights to the road as everyone else," Chief of Police Ty Henshaw said.

For the safety of everyone walking or driving, the Irwindale Police Department will have additional officers on patrol throughout September specifically looking for California Vehicle Code (CVC) violations per-

taining to drivers and pedestrians. These violations include right-of-way at crosswalks, illegal turns and not stopping for signs or signals (e.g., right turn on red or red light running), and speeding.

The Irwindale Police Department offers steps drivers and pedestrians can take to greatly reduce the risk of getting injured or in a crash, including staying off the phone when behind the wheel or walking:

- Pedestrians:
• Be predictable. Use crosswalks.
• Take notice of approaching vehicles and practice due care.
• Do not walk or run into the path of a vehicle.
• Be visible. Make it easy for drivers to see you - wear light colors, reflective material and carry a flashlight, particularly at dawn, dusk or at night.
• Be extra careful crossing streets or entering crosswalks at night when it is harder to see, or when crossing busier streets with more lanes and higher speed limits.

its.

- Drivers:
• Follow the speed limit and slow down at intersections. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks.
• Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
• Never drive impaired.
Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Duarte Celebrates 64th Anniversary With Picnic

DUARTE - Join the city of Duarte at Duarte's 64th birthday picnic celebration! This year's picnic will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Royal Oaks Park (2627 Royal Oaks Drive) from 11:00 AM

- 3:00 PM. It will feature live music/ entertainment, food booths, a beer and wine garden, carnival games and rides for kids, community resources, and much more.

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1. Sweeney Todd's weapon
6. It's in the hole?
9. Plural of #6 Across
13. Soft palate dangler
14. Each one for himself?
15. Red Cross supply
16. Short skirts
17. Flightless bird
18. Wavelike patterned silk
19. *Philip Banks' wife
21. *Dre Johnson's wife on "Black-ish" and occasional site around rain storm
23. 31st of the month, e.g.
24. E-mailed
25. Digital audio workstation
28. Essence of idea
30. Mouth infection
35. Fusses
37. Burden or load
39. Official language of Lesotho
40. Choose politically
41. Sashay
43. Thailand, formerly
44. All worked up
46. One assigned menial work
47. Rancher's unit
48. Blue jeans
50. Famous Scottish lake
52. A cause of inflation
53. Number one
55. Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's guitar
57. *Stars Hollow Luke's love interest
61. *Louise Jefferson's husband
64. Like a solitary player
65. Government Printing Office
67. Home to BYU
69. Request to Geico
70. Calendar mo.
71. Gladdened
72. 36 inches
73. *Jake and ___ of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine"
74. Rub off
DOWN
1. Cuba Libre ingredient
2. Tel ____, Israel
3. Pueblo tribesman
4. Good will branch
5. Leveling to the ground
6. Congregation's echo
7. *Mitch's husband in "Modern Family"
8. Accustom
9. Long, long time
10. Baby container
11. German currency
12. Old World duck
15. The ____, an English rock band from the '80s
20. Goodbye to amiga
22. Marching insect
24. Classroom attendee
25. *Patrick's fiancée on "Schitt's Creek"
26. Dig, so to speak
27. King of the gods in Wagner's
"Das Rheingold"
29. Barber shop sound
31. Civil Rights icon
32. Ancient city in Africa
33. *Javen's companion on "Temptation Island" or Lamb Chops' puppeteer
34. *Marge Simpson's husband
36. Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence
38. Kind of gin
42. Follow as a consequence
45. Bald Eagle to Americans, e.g.
49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
51. Capital of the Republic of Macedonia
54. Fraternity letter
56. Trial's partner
57. Like a doily
58. Paella pot
59. Big cat sound
60. Blyton or Bagnold
61. Like a bloody horror movie
62. Romantic painter Francisco
63. December 24 and 31, e.g.
66. *Jim's co-worker and wife on "The Office"
68. Type of poem

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Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias Passes

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Longtime Councilman Uriel E. Macias died Tuesday, August 31. He is survived by his wife Angela and their four children - Ethan, Natalie, Cecilia and Andrew - and other family. He was 51 years old.

The city put out the following press release:

"It is with deep sadness that the City of Azusa announces the sudden passing of City Councilmember Uriel E. Macias. Mr. Macias was currently in his fourth term on the Azusa City Council, having first been elected in 2007. During his tenure on the Azusa City Council, Councilmember Macias served as the Mayor Pro-Tem, as a representative to the Foothill Transit Authority, the Gold Line Joint Powers Authority, the Azusa-RMC Joint Powers Authority, and as the City's representative on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Mayor Robert Gonzales issued the following statement on behalf of the City, "Today, the City of Azusa lost a true public servant with the death of City Councilmember Uriel Macias. Mr. Macias honorably served our city for close to two decades as Councilmember,



Mayor Pro-Tem, Personnel Board member, and former City Treasurer. He was also a proud veteran, having served our country in combat in Afghanistan. He always represented the City and City Council with passion and devotion, and he will be greatly missed in our community. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Macias' family during

this difficult time." The City of Azusa is requesting privacy for Councilmember Macias' family at this time. Flags at all City facilities will be lowered immediately in his honor."

Macias is a Navy Lt. and in 2013 and 2014 (while on the council) served an eight-month deployment in Afghanistan,

where he augmented Army and Marine Corps troops as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

There is no information at this time as to his services and they are pending at this time.

People from all over the area are offering their condolences along with the San Gabriel Valley Examiner Family.

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Board Approves \$10K Reward for Diamond Bar Hit-and-Run

DIAMOND BAR - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for the death of 72-year-old Bruce Bodel, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on the Fourth of July in Diamond Bar.

"This crime has devastated the Bodel family and the Diamond Bar community," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "Someone out there has information about who did

this and what happened, and I urge them to come forward. The Bodel family deserves answers and Bruce Bodel deserves justice."

Mr. Bodel, a Diamond Bar resident, was taking a stroll on the evening of July 4, 2021 and crossing the street on Penarth Ave at the intersection with Lycoming Street when a silver or gray sedan traveling west on Lycoming Street, struck Mr. Bodel in the intersection. The vehicle continued west on Lycoming

Street to southbound Lemon Avenue, and out of view. The driver never stopped to render aid to Mr. Bodel who passed away from his injuries on July 8, 2021.

"On behalf of the Diamond Bar community, I would like to thank Supervisor Hahn and the Board of Supervisors for recognizing the importance of solving this tragic crime," said Diamond Bar Mayor Nancy Lyons. "We hope the increase in the reward will raise awareness and assist in bringing the individuals responsible to jus-

tice."

This latest reward offered by the LA County Board of Supervisors is in addition to the \$10,000 reward offer announced earlier by the City of Diamond Bar.

Anyone with information about the suspect or the suspect's car should call (909) 859-2817. Anonymous tipsters can call L.A. Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or use the website lacrimestoppers.org

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Assemblymember Holden's 'George Floyd Law' Passes Legislature

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Chris Holden's police reform legislation, AB 26, cleared its final hurdle in the legislature on the Assembly Floor. AB 26 establishes clear guidelines for police responsibility and accountability when witnessing excessive force by another member of law enforcement. Governor Newsom has until October 10th to sign the legislation.

"Today's vote is a big step forward for police responsibility and accountability," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Instituting these core values are paramount to building public trust that has eroded between law enforcement and communities across California."

California law requires police officers to intercede when observing another officer using

force that is beyond that which is necessary, but there are no universal measures used to determine that an officer has in fact interceded. In the case of George Floyd, a lawyer for one of the accused junior officers argued that there was intervention because the junior officer asked the supervising officer if they should turn Floyd on his side.

If AB 26 becomes law, police officers would be required to intercede when witnessing excessive force under the updated guidelines and report the incident in real time to dispatch or the watch commander. The officer's due process will be protected as the employing agency would review evidence and determine if the offending officer met the standard for intervention. Retaliation against officers that report violations of

law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor would be prohibited.

Last year, Governor Newsom's Policing Advisors released their recommendations which included legislation to "Require officers to intervene to prevent or stop other officers from engaging in excessive force, false arrest, or other inappropriate conduct."

"We were outraged when we watched the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer from a knee to the neck," continued Holden. "Equally disturbing, was the lack of intervention from the police officers who witnessed a clear use of excessive force. This lack of action is exactly what my bill addresses, and I look forward to seeing Governor Newsom sign it."

Baldwin Park Man Tries to Kill His Mother with an Ax, Victim Critically Injured

By George Ogden

BALDWIN PARK - On Tuesday, Aug. 31 just before 1:00 p.m., a 9-1-1 call to the Baldwin Park Police reported that a man with an ax had attacked people, one being his mother, in the 14900 block of Jeremie Street.

When police arrived, they found a 51-year-old woman with extremely serious injuries from being hacked up with an ax by her 20-year-old son. Paramedics arrived and performed lifesaving procedures on the woman to save her life and she was transported to the hospital. A gardener was also attacked but was able to get


away from the assailant without injuries.

Police found Adrian Feregrino, 20, of Baldwin Park still in the area. When they approached him, he put a knife to his own throat and threatened to kill himself if police came near him. The man is only 5'5" tall and 110 lbs. but still the police used caution. Officers negotiated with the man and were able to talk him into dropping


the knife. He was taken into custody without incident or injuries. The weapons were recovered.

The mother remains in the hospital and there has been no motive for the attempted murder.

Feregrino is being held with a \$2,010,000.00. He has a previous arrest 18 months ago with a \$15,000 bail, but was released with a citation.




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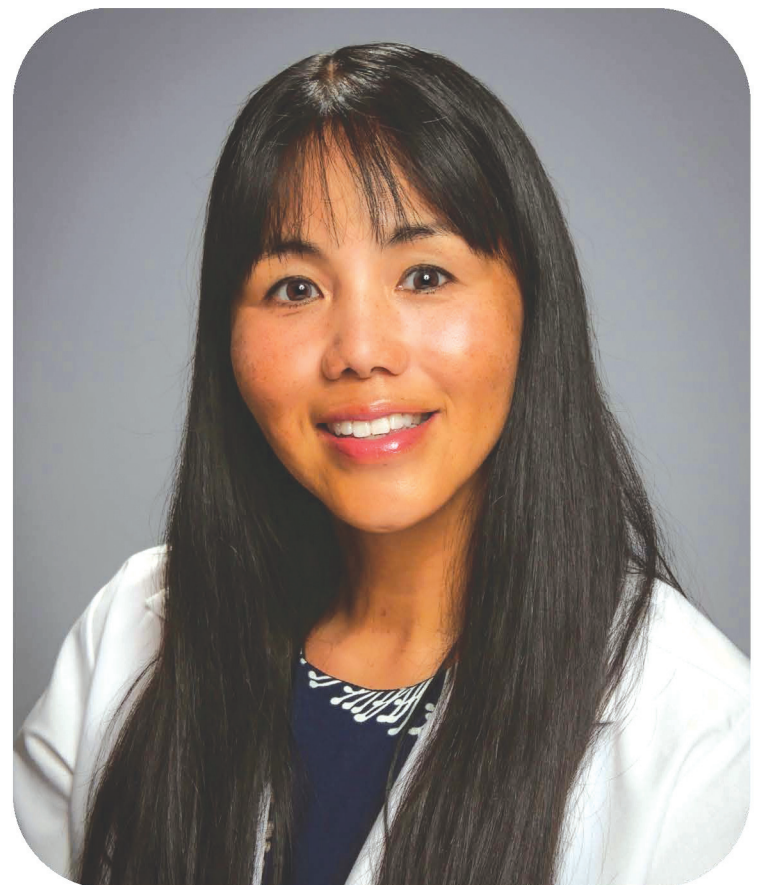
Welcome Ann Terai Escamillo, M.D.!



We are pleased to announce the addition of **Ann Terai Escamillo, M.D.** to Emanate Health Medical Group. Dr. Terai is well known in the community and has a diverse background in obstetrics and gynecology, including high risk prenatal care, family planning, adolescent issues and management of abnormal bleeding. Call **626.732.8396** to schedule your first appointment today.

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