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Glendora Police Shut Down Mansion House Party Violating Municipal Codes And Health Orders

GLENDORA - On August 22, 2020 the City of Glendora and the Glendora Police Department were alerted from concerned neighbors about a planned "Mansion House Party" at 1120 E Sierra Madre in Glendora. The event organizer going by the Instagram handle "@iamkingbell" was promoting a "100 Summers Mansion Party" which included music guests intended to perform, presale tickets and provided off-site bus transportation. The residence is a large exclusive home, which was listed on rental websites such as vacationrenter.com, VRBO and Airbnb as available for short term rentals. The police department has responded to many calls at the residence for loud parties, littering, parking and unsafe vehicle use.

On Saturday, August 22, City staff worked all day to contact the promoter and the homeowner explaining this type of activity was not allowed, and that it also violated the Los Angeles County Health Department Order for a non-essential gatherings. The party



A "Mansion House Party" held at this home at 1120 E Sierra Madre in Glendora.

promoter disregarded City staff and held the event knowingly violating the administrative city permit process and the health department order.

Enforcement of the Glendora Municipal Code and the Health Order occurred. The party promoter was issued two administrative citations for the Municipal Code violation (\$450), and issued a citation for hosting a gathering in conflict with the current health department order (\$1000). At just past mid-

night as the third administrative citation was preparing to be issued, the party host decided to end the function. Although the event ended, it took more than 90 minutes for all guests to leave and vacate the neighborhood.

In addition to the administrative citations issued to the party host, (5) five vehicle code violations were issued to party goers found in the area, one

vehicle was impounded, one arrest was made for a misdemeanor bench warrant and 19 parking citations were issued. Additional police personnel were brought in to address the location once the promoter made it clear he had no intention to cancel the event.

"The City of Glendora, City Council and the Police Department do not condone this type of gathering and willful disre-

spect for the law, Health Department order and the disruption to the neighborhood," stated Interim Police Chief Matt Egan. "Although we were limited by certain legal requirements at the time of this event, the City of Glendora will be pursuing administrative fines, fees and potential litigation against both the party host and the homeowner."

"We at the City apologize for the disruption of our resident's lives; however, administrative actions take time. Staff is continuing to take enforcement action and if new problems are encountered we will act swiftly," said Mayor Michael Allowas. "This flagrant disregard for the sanctity of this neighborhood, willful disobedience of the City permitting process and the Los Angeles County Health Department Order are unacceptable. The City is working closely with our partners to ensure issues like this one do not occur again as well as looking into untapped legal tools."

WWII United States Navy Veteran William H. Christiansen Turns 92



William H. Christiansen and his wife Sue of 71 years surrounded by their family and Glendora Mayor Michael Allowas.

GLENDORA- United States Navy Veteran William H. Christiansen turned 92 this past week, August 2020. On Saturday August 22 the Christiansen family arranged for a Happy Birthday drive by past Bill's home in Glendora. Mayor Michael Allowas presented Bill with a certificate of recognition for his 92nd birthday and he also presented him with a Challenge coin in recognition for his service in WWII on the USS Princeton in the Pacific. The Mayor also presented Bill with a Glendora city lapel pin and stated that Bill could be the Mayor for just one minute.



Glendora Mayor Michael Allowas congratulates US Navy Veteran William H. Christiansen on his 92nd birthday.

There were vintage cars, motorcycles, dignitaries, friends, relatives, and LA County Fire Department Station 151 who drove past Bill and Sue's home. The Christiansens have been residents of Glendora for 68 years and stated this is a memory they will never forget.

Pink Patch Project Face Mask

IRWINDALE - Want to support a great cause while keeping yourself and others safe? The Irwindale Police Department is selling breast cancer awareness face masks as part of this year's Pink Patch Project.

The masks are \$7.00 each and all proceeds from the sale of the masks go to support the police department's Pink Patch Project and City of Hope.

Contact Norma at (626) 430-2249 / nortiz@irwindaleca.gov or

Jackie at (626) 430-2244, ext 347 / jahernandez@irwindaleca.gov to get yours.

Help us support breast cancer treatment and research by buying your Pink Patch Project face mask today!

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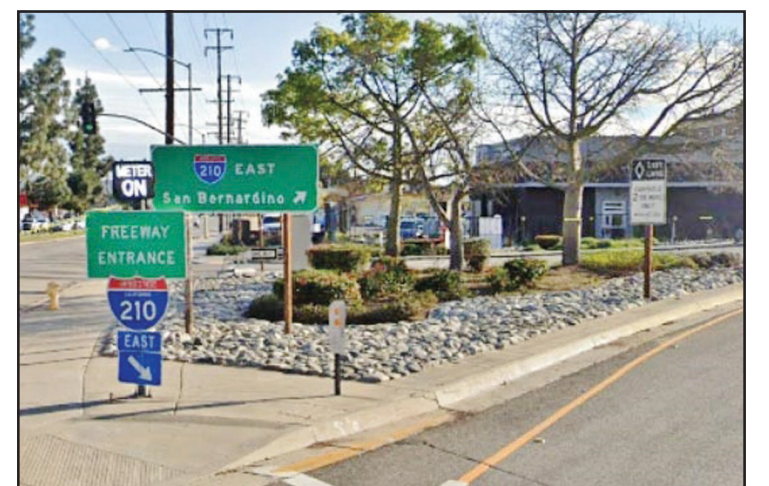
Azusa Freeway Crash Kills One and Injures Another

By George Ogden

AZUSA - On Friday, August 21st a high-speed crash occurred around 2:15 a.m. just off the 210 freeway at the Azusa off ramp. A 24-year-old Rancho Cucamonga woman, who was the driver, died in the crash and her 33-year-old female passenger, who is also from Rancho Cucamonga, was injured.

They were in a 2010 Mercedes GLK 250 SUV headed eastbound on the 210-freeway approaching Azusa Ave. For an unknown reason, the vehicle left the freeway and slammed into a tree and caught fire. The passenger was able to get out of the mangled vehicle; however, the injured driver was trapped in the wreckage. She could not get out and burned to death.

The passenger had a number of injuries including a broken left arm. She was transported to the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center where she was admitted



210 Freeway onramp at Azusa Avenue closed early Friday morning because of a fatal accident.

for treatment.

It is unclear what caused the crash, but speed appears to be one factor. Also, a toxicology report from the driver will be needed to determine if alcohol or drugs were a possible factor as well.

The southbound Azusa onramp to the eastbound 210 freeway was closed for about 3 hours. It

was opened up around 5:30 a.m. People had to detour by going south on Azusa Avenue then make a U-turn and enter the freeway from the northbound lanes.

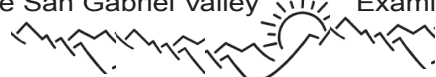
The freeway itself was not affected by this fatal accident. Anyone with information about the crash can call the CHP Baldwin Park area office at 626-338-1164.

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Rotary Club of Glendora

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RotaryofGlendora.org



Azusa Offers Grants To Local Small Businesses

AZUSA - The City of Azusa and the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) opened the application for a Small Business Grant Program available to local businesses (with less than 500 employees) that have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City is offering grants of up to \$10,000 to eligible businesses that create or retain jobs for low and moderate income persons.



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Use of Grant Funds include:

- Employee Payroll
- Working capital to continue operations
- Payment of outstanding business expenses
- Adaptive practices needed to remain open (i.e. equipment and supplies for physical distancing).

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will serve as the administrator of the program on behalf of the City. Businesses can participate by submitting an intake form during the five (5) day application period from August 24, 2020 to August 28, 2020. A lottery will be completed and the selected businesses will be requested to complete an application. LACDA will work with the selected businesses to complete an application, execute an agreement and provide grant funds directly to the business owners. The award of funds is anticipated to take place between September and October 2020. Additional information is available at www.azusaca.gov/

1859/Small-Business-Grant-Program

"We need to support our local small businesses as much as possible," said Azusa Mayor, Robert Gonzales. "The Pandemic has had detrimental effects on many of our favorite local establishments and the City is committed to providing resources."

As a participating city in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the City received approximately \$241,825 in one-time only CDBG Cares Act funds for the express purpose of responding to, addressing, and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Azusa City Council designated these funds to be used for the Small Business Grant Program and an Emergency Utilities

Assistance Program, a program designed to provide utility assistance to income eligible households economically impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is scheduled to launch later this month.

Additionally, in response to COVID-19, the City implemented a Share Space Program allowing businesses (with guidance from the Department of Public Health) to extend their business operations into private sidewalks, walkways and parking lots. Further, on August 11, 2020, in partnership with Los Angeles County, it opened an indoor COVID-19 testing site available to anyone, regardless of insurance or ability to pay in the City's North Recreation Center (NRC) at Memorial Park, 340 N. Orange Place, Azusa.

Gap Year or Goal Year? Delayed College Enrollment Means Delayed Dreams

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

As colleges and universities across the nation announce suspension of in-person classes for fall 2020, 40 percent of incoming freshmen at four-year institutions say it is likely or very likely they will not attend college this fall.

This decision amounts to a "gap year" without any of the perks. A practice that has long been popular in Europe, a gap year is a time for students to take a break between high school and college for the purpose of travel, work experience or volunteerism. The practice has grown in awareness and popularity in the U.S. in the past decade. For many students, a gap year has become a valuable time for personal growth and an opportunity to deepen professional awareness and explore career interests.

Covid-19 has changed all that. The pandemic has rendered travel nearly impossible, and job and volunteer opportunities are few and far between. At the same time, the increased danger of attending classes on a college campus has prompted many of the nation's most prestigious institutions, such as Notre Dame, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Michigan State, to switch to primarily online instruction for incoming freshmen.

This has left many students and their parents questioning exorbitant tuition rates, when the same high quality of instruction, with fully transferable courses, is available online from a community college at a fraction of the cost.

Recently, students at Rutgers



launched a petition calling for a tuition cut, and it has received more than 30,000 signatures. Princeton has offered its students a 10 percent discount on remote education. The majority of California's four-year colleges and universities are also limiting instruction to primarily online offerings, but at a cost much higher than the same courses at a California community college.

Rather than deferring the start of a college education that could change the course of your future and help you achieve your

dreams, why not give your goals a shot? Enroll at a local community college-and do it now-and make your gap year a goal year instead.

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Foot Care Tips for Those With Diabetes



For those with diabetes, a seemingly insignificant foot problem can produce dangerous consequences. Experts say that managing this risk is an important part of diabetes care.

"Living with diabetes increases the risk of developing a wide range of foot problems, often because of two complications of the disease: nerve damage and poor circulation," says Dr. Brett Sachs, DPM, FACFAS, a Denver foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). "However, you can play a vital role in prevention."

To avoid serious foot problems that could result in losing a toe, foot or leg, follow these guidelines from ACFAS foot and ankle surgeons:

- Inspect feet daily. Diabetes may cause nerve damage, which takes away the feeling in your feet, so a daily visual inspection is important. Check for cuts, blisters, redness, swelling or nail problems. Use a magnifying hand mirror to look at the bottom of your feet. Call your foot and ankle surgeon if you notice any issues.
- Bathe feet gently. Wash your feet daily with a soft washcloth or sponge using only lukewarm water. Dry by blotting carefully.
- Moisturize. Use a moistur-

izer daily to keep dry skin from itching or cracking. But don't moisturize between the toes -- that could encourage a fungal infection.

- Cut nails carefully. Cut nails straight across and file the edges. Don't cut too short, as this could lead to ingrown toenails.

- Never treat corns or calluses yourself. Don't perform "bathroom surgery" or use medicated pads. Visit your doctor for appropriate treatment.

- Wear proper socks. Always wear clean, dry socks. You may want to consider those made specifically for patients living with diabetes, which have extra cushioning, no elastic tops, and are made from moisture-wicking fibers.

- Shake out your shoes. Remember, your feet may not be able to feel a pebble or other foreign objects, so always inspect shoes before wearing them to help prevent blisters and sores that could lead to an infection or non-healing wound.

- Keep feet dry. Change your socks if they get wet. You may also consider using an antiperspirant on the soles of your feet.

- Never walk barefoot. It can be tempting to go barefoot in warmer weather. Never do so, not even at home. Always wear

shoes or slippers to avoid getting scratched, cut or even burned from hot surfaces.

- Be active. Staying active is important. Just be extra careful, particularly if you play sports, to monitor your feet for related injuries.

- Treat your diabetes. Keep your blood sugar levels under control. Untreated diabetes can result in other conditions affecting the feet, including diabetic peripheral neuropathy and Charcot foot, a condition in which the bones of the foot are weakened enough to fracture.

- Don't smoke. Smoking restricts blood flow in your feet.

- Get periodic foot exams. Your foot and ankle surgeon works with your other healthcare providers to prevent and treat complications from diabetes. See your foot and ankle surgeon regularly, or as soon as you notice any problems, to help prevent the foot complications of diabetes.

For more resources and tips regarding foot and ankle health and conditions, visit the ACFAS patient education website, FootHealthFacts.org. "When it comes to diabetes care, don't neglect your feet. Proper preventive care with the help of a foot and ankle surgeon can help keep your whole body healthy," says Dr. Sachs. (StatePoint)

How to Stop Bears from Trashing Your Home or Campsite



Summer is the time of year when hungry bears roam through backyards, rummage through trash bins, and even break into homes to get food. This is especially true in San Gabriel Valley foothill cities. Also, they may roam through campsites searching for food.

Not only can bears be a nuisance, they can also present a danger to pets, livestock, and humans. Did you know that bears can smell food from up to 20 miles away? They can easily tear a house door off its hinges if they smell food left out on a kitchen counter or table. Other wildlife such as mountain lions, deer, coyotes, and raccoons are also drawn to the smell of food and food waste.

Tips for Bear-Proofing Your Home and Campsite

To protect your home, follow these simple tips from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- Wait to put trash out until the morning of collection day.
- Keep your waste and recycling containers clean to reduce odors that draw wildlife.
- Don't leave trash, groceries, or pet food in your car.
- Clean outdoor grills after each use and store them in a garage or shed when not in use.

- Only provide bird feeders from November through March, and try to make them inaccessible to bears.

- Don't leave any scented items outside, even non-food items such as suntan lotion, insect repellent, or candles.

- Install motion-detector alarms, lighting, or sprinklers.

- If you have citrus trees, pick citrus off the trees as soon as it is ripe. Promptly collect fruit that falls and use or dispose of it properly.

- Securely block crawl spaces and other openings around buildings where animals could get in or even hibernate.

For campsites, Fish and

Wildlife has these tips:

- Never keep food or toiletries in your tent. Use bear lockers if available, or the trunk of your car. Check with camp or park personnel first.

- Haul garbage out of camp regularly.

- Clean dishes and store food and garbage immediately after meals.

- Clean your grill after each use.

For more information on discouraging wildlife from searching for food around your home or campsite, contact California Fish and Wildlife at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/>



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Canyon City Foundation Meets Community's Needs In The Face Of COVID-19

AZUSA - The Canyon City Foundation Board of Directors recently approved grants for nearly \$200,000 to address the needs of Azusa residents. Foundation Board Treasurer Marilyn Grinsdale stated, "During this unprecedented time, we are pleased to be able to invest in the lives of Azusa residents."

In an effort to alleviate some of the pandemic's impact on Azusa's youngest residents, two organizations that will receive grant funds are the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) and Neighborhood Homework House. A hallmark of the Foundations' investment in the community has been in the area of education.

The Board of Directors continues to recognize the importance of educational attainment in increasing the overall health of the community. After learning of students' lack of internet access,

the Foundation awarded a grant of \$35,000 to AUSD to ensure that all students in the district were able access their classes online.

AUSD Superintendent Arturo Ortega responded, "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Azusa Unified School District will begin the year in a distance learning format. This will require all students to be connected to the internet in order to access instruction. This generous donation from the Canyon City Foundation will provide internet connection for our AUSD families who lack access. The district will purchase internet connection from service providers, as well as hot spots for families who are unable to install internet in their homes."

Neighborhood Homework House, a partner with the school district in supporting students and their families, received a grant of \$55,000 from the Foundation. The majority of the funds will be used to continue their direct support work. A smaller portion will be used for a challenge grant to raise additional funds to prepare for resuming face-to-face instruction once that is possible.

Neighborhood Homework House has met the Covid challenge by offering online support to students and their families during the pandemic. At the same time, it looks forward to offering support in their traditional model in the future. Foundation Board President Miles Rosedale declared, "The Board of Directors holds the Neighborhood Homework House up as a model non-profit Azusa agency for its ability to offer services in the City of Azusa for more than two decades and, in doing so, to leverage the Foundations' support to garner additional funding from many private donors and larger foundations."

The Foundation Board also awarded \$90,000 to the City of

Azusa to support two key areas that will promote the overall health of the community. Part of the funds will enable staff to continue to offer important direct services to residents through programs such as English as a Second Language, Neighborhood Connections and Citizenship classes.

The remainder of the funding will go to support the launch of the All in for Azusa Initiative for a second year. This initiative aims to create a broader safety net of programs and services for the residents. The City of Azusa has been identified as a "prototype" of Healthy San Gabriel Valley, a program that has worked for a decade to improve health and decrease violence in the region.

Healthy San Gabriel Valley has earned the distinction of being one of 13 sites across the State of California to transform the health of our communities, with funding from some of the largest private foundations in the state. The City, supported by the Foundation, will now be able to facilitate All in for Azusa, using evidence-based models that ensure "no wrong door" for social and health services for residents. The Director of Community Resources Dr. Miki Carpenter stated, "This work is crucial, as we must do much more work upstream to prevent poor health in our most vulnerable residents and to improve the quality of life of all Azusans."

Canyon City Foundation was established in 2005 as an outcome of the sale of Monrovia Nursery property. The Foundation awarded its first grants in 2006 and continues to annually award grants to qualified organizations. More information about the Foundation and its work can be found at www.canyoncityfoundation.org or inquiries made to info@canyoncityfoundation.org.

Los Angeles County COVID-19 Rent Relief

Arcadia Residents Are Eligible to Apply

ARCADIA - In an effort to assist renters with limited means affected by the COVID-19 crisis, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has provided \$100 million in CARES Act funds to create a COVID-19 Rent Relief program, operated by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA). Residents of all cities and unincorporated areas located in Los Angeles County, apart from the City of Los Angeles which operates its own program, are eligible to apply for the funding. The City of Arcadia is partnering with the LACDA to promote and administer this program. The program is accepting applications through August 31, 2020. Approved applicants are eligible to receive a one-time grant of up to \$7,500 - \$10,000 for residential rent.

The emergency rental assistance program is intended to meet the needs of low-income renters

who have struggled to pay their rent and/or who are behind on paying rent due to the economic impacts caused by the pandemic. The program's goal is to assist between 8,000 to over 9,000 households. Eligible renters must qualify based on income and have struggled to pay rent, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Their landlord must provide a W-9 and sign a participation agreement in order to have the rent paid on behalf of the tenant. This program will exclude units located in the City of Los Angeles.

A residential tenant must complete an online application www.211la.org/lacounty/rentrelief or by calling 2-1-1, where a representative can assist in completing an online application on the tenant's behalf. For more information on the program and its requirements, please visit www.211la.org/lacounty/rentrelief.

Public Health Sees Increase in MIS-C Cases in L.A. County Children

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is reporting nine additional cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). This brings the total cases of MIS-C in L.A. County to 25 children.

Twenty-eight percent of these cases were between the ages of 0 and 5 years old, 44% were between the ages of 6 and 12 years old, and 28% were between the ages of 13 and 20 years old. The majority of cases (68%) were Latino/Latinx.

No children with MIS-C in L.A. County have died.

MIS-C is a condition that af-

fects children under 21 years old across the country who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or had COVID-19. Different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs and there can be life-long health impacts.

"Our hearts go out to the many families who are experiencing the sadness of losing a love one to this pandemic," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Today we report another death that occurred in a young adult under the age of 29. This is a reminder that the risk for having negative outcomes due to COVID-19 is for

all ages. No matter how young you are, this virus can be deadly. We continue to see more young people drive new infections and have more severe adverse health outcomes to COVID-19 including children with multisystem inflammatory syndrome. We must continue to work together to lower transmission among people of all ages, so please continue to wear a face covering, stay home when sick, wash hands frequently, and do not gather with people you don't live with."

Public Health advises physicians to consider for MIS-C in patient children under 21 years old and to notify the department immediately of any cases.

LACoFD Deploys Resources To Assist With Statewide Wildfire Emergency

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In response to the widespread and unprecedented wildfire activity in Central and Northern California, and the state of emergency as declared by Governor Gavin Newsom, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) has deployed resources to assist communities in and around Santa Cruz as part of the California Fire Assistance Agreement.

As of August 22, 2020, the LACoFD has sent five engine strike teams that have been as-

signed to the Scotts Valley area to help battle the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire. Each engine strike team consists of five engines and one battalion chief; in total, we have 23 engines and 101 personnel deployed to assist with firefighting operations. Many Southern California fire agencies are providing assistance and aiding in the battle.

This week, Northern and Central California experienced unusual weather, including lightning strikes, that have

sparked hundreds of deadly and destructive wildfires. Please be assured this deployment to assist with the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire will not impact the delivery of emergency services to our Los Angeles County residents and communities.

With dry conditions, and as we get closer to the fall windy fire season, the LACoFD encourages residents to be prepared for wildfires. Please visit fire.lacounty.gov/rsg for Ready! Set! Go! safety tips.

West Covina Galster Wilderness Fire

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Along with the Ranch 2 fire above Azusa, West Covina's Galster Wilderness Park fire was stubborn and burning in underlying brush and vegetation in the various hillsides of the park. This is off of Azusa and Aroma Drive in West Covina. Because of the nature of the fire, at times it was hard to see were the various "burns" were happening. The fire got dangerously close to homes and forced evacuations of the residents. The fire was beat back with the assistance of a water dropping helicopters and ground firefighters.

As of Thursday evening, some residents were allowed back in to the area, however, there were some areas that needed to be restricted because of firefighting equipment and apparatus parked in the street and to also maintain an open road in case of a flare up.

The fire worked its way up towards Hillside Dr., and this is where the homes were threatened. The roads were close off to through traffic from Aroma and residents had to access the area from Grand Avenue or Citrus Avenue to the east.

Los Angeles County Fire Crews aided the West Covina

Fire Department fighting the fires. Although less than 5 acres burned, it was stubborn because of the thick foliage and terrain of the area.

As of Saturday, most responders had left the area with only a few watching for possible flare ups. There were no homes lost or damaged but there was one injury to a firefighter. This was reported as a minor leg injury but the firefighter was required to go to the hospital for treatment.

Investigators are looking for the ignition point of the fire and the cause of the fire was not immediately available.

Health Spa Shut Down by La Verne Police

LAVERNE - On August 18, 2020, the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, headed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, along with La Verne Police Department, conducted an operation at a local business spa located in the 1400 block of Foothill Blvd in La Verne.

During the operation, the manager of the location and a masseuse solicited an undercover Detective to perform sexual acts.

Xiuquin Zong, 57 year old female, of Hacienda Heights and Kangqiu Liu, 50 year old female, of San Gabriel were arrested and cited for violation

of 647(b) PC, Solicitation of Prostitution.

An administrative inspection was conducted, and additional violations of the State, County, and La Verne Municipal Code were identified. The City of La Verne is in the process of revoking the business's permit.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Fighting Joe Hooker

By Joe Castillo

Sonoma Connection... General Joseph Hooker was a Union general during the Civil War who fought in a number of key battles in the war between the states. A brash, innovative tactician on the field of battle, Hooker received his share of promotions while in the Army but was also bypassed on other promotions after he suffered defeats to General Robert E. Lee and other Confederate generals. When things didn't go his way, Hooker would resign his commission only to return a few months later and return after he was recruited back into service. His nickname of "Fighting Joe" was applied through a clerical error and even though Hooker did not initially accept it, his popularity grew with the mistaken nickname and he decided to

just keep it.

With his reputation now established as a "fighter", Hooker was assigned to guard Washington D.C. He was known as a hard-drinking ladies' man, and a division of women usually accompanied Hooker and his own division of soldiers. In addition, his military divisions were known to have rather lively parties with lively ladies and even livelier gambling opportunities.

While stationed in Washington D.C., Hooker drew a large number of prostitutes which gathered close to where Hooker's men were available. The prostitutes became known as "Hooker's Division" and the name "hooker" was applied to working ladies of the evening. Whether or not this was the first use of the term "hooker" to describe a prostitute is un-

known but it seems more than a coincidence that General Joseph Hooker and "hookers" had a similar connection.

When the Civil War ended, General Hooker relocated to Sonoma, California, and bought a mail-order cabin and built it on land which was once part of General Mariano Vallejo's land grant. Hooker's wild parties followed him to Sonoma and with the parties came a loyal following of "Hooker's Division". Fighting Joe Hooker left his legacy on the battlefield but his own name made for a much livelier existence on the east and west coast...

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DID YOU KNOW?
Mosquitoes in LA County can spread West Nile virus but do not spread COVID-19

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

YES! On Prop 20 to Fix California Crime

There is no ballot measure with more history creating more angst than Prop. 20, formerly titled Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018, now titled Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNS Collection. Known as the Prop 47 and 57 "fix-it" measure, it has ardent supporters, like Democrat Jim Cooper (AD-9, Elk Grove) and those with a passionate penchant to see it defeated, like former Gov. Jerry Brown.



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
tions and who wouldn't vote for safe schools. But what voters unknowingly approved were reductions in drug laws and theft putting the burden on local law enforcement. Felonies to misdemeanors are:

- Illegal drug possession of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines.
- Shoplifting, forgery, fraud or theft if the value of the property is under \$950 and with that comes a citation and no jail time.
- Persons already convicted and jailed of those crimes were allowed to petition for early release. Another 13,000 criminals were on our streets.

ADDA Michelle Hanisee on Prop 47: "In a devastating investigative series titled "Meth Mayhem," Fox 11 examined the drug and homeless crisis on L.A. streets, as well as Prop 47's contribution to that crisis." During an interview, George Gascon, one of the authors of Prop 47, and now running for L.A. County District Attorney against Jackie Lacey, said, "We can't have [a] person as D.A. who has no clue how to treat drug addiction." In that article, Hanisee commented that during Gascon's tenure as San Francisco D.A. that city had 50% more drug addicts than high school students.

In 2016, Prop 57 appeared and Attorney General Becerra titled it Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act. 30,000 non-violent offenders became eligible for parole and were back on our streets. Non-violent offenses, according to Prop 57, are hate crimes, arson on forest land, assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, human trafficking of a minor, rape by intoxication, drive-by shooting, corporal injury on a child and active in a street gang to name a few. Gov. Gavin Newsom supported passage of Prop 57

along with Gov. Jerry Brown's Ballot Measure Committee - \$4.138 million and the California Democratic Party - \$1.174 million with a total of \$18 million to see Prop 57 passed.

Prop 20 proposes to fix three problems:

1. Reform the parole system so violent felons are not released early from prison; strengthen oversight of post release community supervision; and, tighten penalties for violations of parole. The parolee will be released to the county of his last residence unless it is in the public's interest to locate him/her in another county. Considerations will include work opportunities, availability of intervention and treatment and friends or family support units.
2. Reform Prop 47 theft laws to restore accountability for serial thieves and organized theft rings and change them from misdemeanors to "wobblers" meaning they could be charged as felonies. Included are thefts of a firearm, from an elder, and a vehicle, and unlawful use, sale or transfer of an account - debit or credit card.
3. Expand DNA collection from persons convicted of drug, theft and domestic violence related crimes to solve violent crimes and exonerate the innocent. When Prop 47 was passed it changed felonies to misdemeanors not requiring DNA samples. Prop 20 would restore and require DNA samples from shoplifting, grand theft, receiving stolen items, forging a check, bond or bill, domestic violence, prostitution with a minor, and causing bodily harm to an elder or dependent adult.

From Shade's Perspective: I see the California leadership - Governors Brown and Newsom are top of the list - dodging their responsibility to uphold the criminal justice system and the age-old philosophy - do the crime - do the time. The citizens and our local governments have become victims of that irresponsibility whether it is a leftist social agenda or a budget balancing act. I will be voting YES on Prop 20.

I will be voting for incumbent L.A. County D.A. Jackie Lacey and not San Francisco's reject, George Gascon. I don't want to see L.A. turned into another San Francisco.

Guest Commentary: RISE to the Occasion, Glendora!

By Linda Boyd

Public education is foundational to our modern American way of life. It is a powerful equalizer and has the capability to help each of our children realize their full potential. Here in Glendora, it has always been one of the most important parts of what makes us a community of hometown values.

In 2020, we said goodbye to longtime Superintendent Dr. Rob Voors, who shepherded Glendora Unified School District (GUSD) for many years. Our School Board hired Dr. Penelope DeLeon to replace him. DeLeon comes from four years as Superintendent of the Oxnard Union High School District in Ventura County. Prior to that, she was Chief of Secondary Schools for the Fontana Unified School District. DeLeon started out as a teacher before becoming a High School Principal and then moved into district administration. She holds a Doctorate in Organizational Studies from the University of La Verne. Welcome, Dr. DeLeon!

Parents received an email from GUSD last week informing them that Dr. DeLeon would lead a virtual Zoom session on Wednesday September 21, 2020 at 6 PM on something called the RISE Coalition. RISE stands for Race, Inclusion, Social Justice, Equity. Apparently, this program is being introduced to our District at least in part because of the protests that developed after the horrible killing of a black Minneapolis resident, George Floyd, by a white police officer. Protests developed all over the country and resulted in a reexamination of race relations, including a large dose of discussion of racism in America's past. Leftists aligned with Sen. Bernie Sanders and many others in large cities across America, including BLM and Antifa, made the argument and continue to make it today that rampant police racism and brutality, along with "institutional racism", runs throughout American society right now and wholesale changes including defunding the police, tearing down historical statues and "canceling" American heroes and history is necessary to fundamentally transform

America into an equitable society.

We strongly disagree with these premises, and think it is appropriate to ask some questions about whether the RISE program is needed in Glendora on the theory that "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" (with apologies to English teachers everywhere.)

Let's start out with whether there is rampant racism and police brutality in the Glendora Police Department. We see no evidence that there is - Glendora police are great, and defunding the police in general is a recipe for violence and crime. Just ask residents of Portland, Seattle, Chicago, New York and Minneapolis.

The next question is whether Glendora is full of racists, and the GUSD a hotbed of institutional racism?

The 12 slide presentation from RISE that Dr. DeLeon will present on September 21 should be prominently featured on the GUSD website now, and we hope to see it soon. One slide is entitled "A Framework For Change". It includes "Removing Barriers to Success" "Leveling the Playing Field" and "Teaching Cultural Understanding and Modeling Mutual Respect" among others. Are these problems in Glendora? If not, why are we "fixing" them?

Another one is entitled "Teaching Cultural Proficiency" and includes "Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies at the High School Level". Readers are invited to check out the websites of any state college and examine the curriculum offered right now to college students in various kinds of ethnic and gender studies. Do you want this at Glendora High School and if so, what do you want it to replace? Real History? Math/ Science? Sports? Foreign Language? The fact is that curriculum changes mandated from the state over the past decade have ensured that plenty of material on civil rights and the importance of ethnic groups is already part of our curriculum right now. So what's the need we'd be filling?

A third highlight is the one entitled "Leveling The Playing Field", and asks how to ensure equitable distribution of human, fiscal and time resources. What does "equitable" mean? You might think it means equal - it doesn't. It means giving different groups of people different amounts of these resources according to a perceived need. Did you know Glendora is already part of a new "equitable" school fund-

ing formula established by former Governor Jerry Brown throughout the state? Extra money is allocated to districts like the Los Angeles Unified School District because of greater perceived need for dollars and those "extra" dollars are taken away from...you guessed it! Glendora and other suburban school districts. Do you want to do that sort of "equity" inside our school district as well where some students get more resources than others?

Glendora schools treat everyone fairly now, and focus on individual success for every student without pitting groups against each other. It is suggested that whether or not you have kids in Glendora schools now, we all need to watch this developing situation closely and look beyond the soothing and happy big education-speak words and see the business end of what's about to happen to our kids. We have an excellent school district now, and don't need the Los Angeles, Seattle or Portland style "solutions" to problems that don't exist here.

GUSD recently divided itself into individual Trustee areas. The map is almost impossible to find on the GUSD website, so please use this link to access it. <https://4.files.edl.io/d3ea/06/09/20/153557-ecaa2f3d-177e-4fb4-a251-7b0be3686bb1.pdf>

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These are your elected representatives and they will decide whether or not to implement the RISE program. They would love to know what you think, and emailing them is the easiest way to do that....

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Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule And How It Will Change Your City

My Opinion
By D. B. Shimel

Most of us have heard of the 1968 Fair Housing Act (FHA). This act was passed by during the administration of Lyndon Johnson and was intended to further desegregation by enabling poorer peoples in the inner cities to migrate out of the highly populated areas to move to the suburbs where there is less crime and more job opportunities.

It is highly unlikely any of you have ever heard of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule that the previous administration appended to the FHA. In July 2015 the Housing and Urban Development administration (HUD) promulgated the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule (AFFH). This rule requires that cities and towns, which receive federal money for any housing or urban development related purpose must perform an evaluation to examine whether there are any barriers to fair housing, housing patterns or practices within their city. They must identify bias based on any protected class under the Fair Housing Act. From this evaluation the city must create a plan for rectifying fair housing barriers. The stated intention is to promote equal housing opportunities and level the playing

field so that all neighborhoods provide the quality services and amenities that are important for people to live successful lives.

What was not disclosed in this AFFH Rule is that any city that receives HUD monies must fill out a detailed assessment of every neighborhood within their city assessing the diversity of the neighborhood and provide an affirmative plan on how the city will mitigate any "perceived" segregation within any area of the city. If the city fails to complete the plan in a manner that is acceptable to the HUD bureaucrats the city would be liable to a major law suit. To mitigate those areas of the city where there is not a balance of affordable housing along with the already established demographics the city would be forced to purchase land and build at taxpayer expense affordable HUD housing. Then the city would be required to, again at taxpayer expense, advertise the HUD housing in the inner cities to get low income (and probably under educated and unskilled people) to move out of the inner cities. Finally, the suburbs would be required to furnish local taxpayer funds to the inner cities to help reduce poverty in the urban areas.

To even make things worse

for the suburbs Senator Cory Booker wanted to deny any city federal highway money if the city decided not to take HUD moneys and did not submit to the AFFH Rules.

This entire AFFH Rule was a power grab by the administrators in HUD to take over zoning laws of the cities and impose Washington DC rule.

On the bright side under the current administration the AFFH Rule has been terminated. Under the leadership of HUD Secretary DR. Ben Carson this unwieldy and costly rule was scrapped. Carson said that implementation of the Obama legislation had proven "to be complicated, costly, and ineffective" saying: "After reviewing thousands of comments on the proposed changes to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulation, we found it to be unworkable and ultimately a waste of time for localities to comply with, too often resulting in funds being steered away from communities that need them most... Washington has no business dictating what is best to meet your local community's unique needs."

This administration is replacing the AFFH rule with the Preserving Community and Neighborhood Choice rule, which

Carson said will offer state and local government the benefit of the doubt to maintain fair housing practices. "This brand-new rule...defines fair housing broadly to mean housing that, among other attributes, is affordable, safe, decent, free of unlawful discrimination, and accessible under civil rights laws. It then defines 'affirmatively furthering fair housing' to mean any action rationally related to promoting any of the above attributes of fair housing," the HUD secretary's statement read

One may well ask "if this rule has been rescinded why should anyone care". A good question indeed and here is the answer: If the Democrat Party is returned to total power this draconian rule will be resurrected from the dead where it belonged. The Federal Government will take over the zoning laws of all cities and municipalities across this nation. Your neighborhood will be destroyed and replaced with a new version of the inner city that these people claim to want to make more just and equal.

Is this great nation to become just another victim socialist ideals or will it remain on the path of freedom and opportunity for all? We the people must make that momentous decision.

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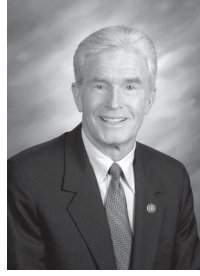
America's Ongoing Not So Civil War / Market Impact?

It appears that the USA is in a civil war over the future of our country! Are ongoing riots just another round in the globalists' push to unseat President Trump? While Donald Trump may not be perfect, he has done a lot right for America and most Americans. Our opportunity to continue benefiting from his America First agenda may never exist again. How many Americans will remain on the sidelines while our country is literally being burned and destroyed by radicals who apparently have been taught to hate the America most sane adults love?

Today's civil war is also a struggle between a Constitutional America and the globalist elites who hate Trump. I have read that anti-American groups appear to despise all successful freedom based countries (not just Trump's America). These very wealthy and powerful individuals apparently want to control societies on a worldwide scale. It also appears that these globalist elites are comfortable aligning themselves with the Chinese Communist Party, as long as one end result is gaining control of America's White House (again) next January.

Conrad Black stated over a month ago that "The movement to tear down and deface monuments to famous people and events in American history is a metaphor for the even more sinister ambitions of the militant perpetrators". He went on to say "The Democrats have allowed violent and bigoted elements to infiltrate them, and are elevating a completely implausible nominee to deal with an almost unprecedented state of political disorder. The national interest will require rejection of the lassitude and sub-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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versive evasion of many Trump enemies." Mr. Black added "Americans should see BLM clearly, and the threat of its New York leader (Hawk Newsome) to burn society down".

Conrad Black concluded "Unless what Lincoln called the better angels of our nature prevail, the United States will enter a possibly irreversible decline on November 3". Conrad Black has been one of Canada's most prominent financiers for 40 years. He also was one of the leading newspaper publishers in the world. He also recently authored "Donald J. Trump: A President Like No Other". Shouldn't lovers of America and our constitutional freedoms at least consider Conrad Black's concerns about our future?

What exactly is the shape of this recovery? In April, Jay Powell said, "The only certainty in the economic outlook is uncertainty". It was true then and it is just as true now. There's just no way to make an economic forecast without some spectacular assumptions. The biggest in all of Wall Street's forecasts revolves around vaccines. Here's their baseline:

1. COVID vaccine deliveries start no later than in the fourth quarter.
2. Vaccines are readily available by the first quarter (some

earlier).

3. Most people opt in, because vaccines don't work unless most of the population gets them.

4. The vaccines are at least as effective as flu shots (40-50%), and safe. Of course, for a vaccine with that kind of effectiveness to work well, almost everyone must be vaccinated.

One high risk to confidence, and the markets, may be a potential breakdown somewhere along the chain of vaccine development and deployment. The latest news suggests vaccine trials will conclude soon enough for delivery to begin in the fourth quarter. Effectiveness depends on the outcomes of Phase II and III trials, but some companies were so confident after Phase I that they have already started production. None of that effectiveness is a guarantee, of course. The history of vaccine development has far more failures than successes.

The other huge forecasting unknown is the November election! Trump and Biden tax and spending proposals are miles apart! Additionally, there is little doubt the Biden / Harris combination would add risk to our ongoing individual freedoms, personal safety, as well as the potential expansion of corruption. Just look at what has been happening to American freedoms and safety in most Democratic run states and big cities recently. Maybe it is time to consider a very old saying: "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death".

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Your Money - Ask Julia

A few words about disasters:

"Disaster" is a relative term, usually considered worse when it affects you personally. Covid, the economy, wildfires, tropical storms, Antifa, sex-trafficking, and even the possibility (.41%) of an asteroid! Just when we think it couldn't get worse, something else comes along. Living in southern California (the "shake and bake" state of earthquakes and fires), it is critical that you be prepared! Are you ready to evacuate, or to hunker in and live without electricity or running water? Many are longing for the good ol' days of 2019! Others are learning to garden, preserve food, and even move to more rural areas. And some are in denial. Beware: Along with disasters come scammers. Know to whom you are donating so that your dollars are most effective.

Coming Soon: Life Insurance Awareness Month

Use Life Insurance Awareness month (September) as your incentive to review your policy (-ies) or purchase life insurance. Since you are reading this right now, it's not too late for you to look into the costs and benefits of today's various policies.

As a husband and dad, should I get term life insurance or whole-life life insurance? Besides the cost, how do I figure how much life insurance to



Julia Yoder

get?

Term life insurance expires at the end of the term selected. Whole-life insurance costs more, but does not expire as long as you continue to pay your premiums. Whole-life insurance, and Indexed-Universal Life insurance, can build up a cash value that you can use during your lifetime. To calculate how much insurance you'll need, estimate how much your heirs will need, over and above other sources of income, to maintain their lifestyle without you. Include childcare, higher education, inflation, etc.

I have group life insurance at work, but the rest of my family has almost no life insurance. I know we cannot afford the expenses if one of us passes on, but I don't think we can afford the premiums. What do you suggest?

First of all, if you lose your

job, what happens to your life insurance coverage? (Call your Human Resources department and find out!) Now, ask yourself if you can maintain your lifestyle, either without that second income, or when you're faced with hiring help to fill the vacancy left by the passing of a family member. Life insurance is an essential part of a sound financial plan that can help provide much-needed security in the event of an untimely death. Mourning family members should not have to beg for donations and do fundraisers to help with funeral costs. And, don't forget the children; a child's policy is very inexpensive, and when you are already grieving such a loss, you really don't want to have the additional financial strain at the same time. Getting a free quote will let you know whether or not life insurance is affordable for you and your family.

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Tips for Handling Your Finances During a Crisis

With record numbers of Americans filing for unemployment and many facing income loss, the financial impacts of COVID-19 are far-reaching.

"Times of financial crisis can be overwhelming," says head of Wells Fargo & Company's Innovation Group, Lisa Frazier, who learned this lesson at a young age when her family struggled to make ends meet on the farm. "But you don't need to navigate these waters alone. Numerous resources are available, so don't be afraid to ask for help."

To get a handle on your finances, consider these tips and resources from Frazier and the experts at Wells Fargo:

1. Guard against fraud. The Federal Trade Commission and other agencies have warned consumers to watch out for scammers exploiting the crisis. Be suspicious of messages claiming to be from creditors, employers or charities you do not recognize. Don't respond to these emails or phone calls directly. Only contact phone numbers or email addresses you know are accurate, like the contact information on a creditor's or charity's website.
2. Bank online. As banks and retailers adjust in-person services and hours, consider managing finances online or through mobile banking. With most digital tools, you can easily check account balances, pay bills and

make transfers. Consider direct deposit of your tax refund this year, which is faster than a paper check. Digital banking may also allow you to more easily send money to family in need or to receive funds from people who may be in a position to ease your financial burden.

3. Know your credit score. Many banks and other services allow you to access your credit score online. Take advantage of this feature to ensure the information is accurate and look for areas where you can improve. A financial coach can help you understand which money decisions will impact your score and how to preserve it as best as possible.

4. Use credit wisely. If you need to carry balances or borrow more, make a list of your current credit sources, including current balances, credit limits and annual percentage rates (APRs). Note the end date of any zero percent introductory offers.

If your credit is good, consider requesting higher credit limits, which can soften the impact of higher-than-usual balances on your credit score and reinforce your safety net.

5. Seek free expert help. Feeling uncertain about which bills to pay first? Struggling to pay rent and other household needs? There is help available.

A financial coach can help

you tap government benefits and other resources and get on track. This is why the Wells Fargo Foundation is supporting the following nonprofits that provide free, confidential financial coaching over the phone and online to anyone facing financial hardships:

- Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education: Sign up to meet with a certified-financial coach at yellowribbonnetwork.org/afpecovid19.
- National Disability Institute: Visit the Financial Resilience Center at NationalDisabilityInstitute.org/financial-resilience-center for accessible financial health resources and to connect with a certified-financial coach with disability-related experience.
- National Foundation for Credit Counseling: Call 1-844-865-1971 or visit nfcc.org/locator to connect with a financial counselor for assistance with managing creditors or debt.
- Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund: Visit fecpublic.org/about for a list of locations in cities across the U.S. offering virtual financial counseling as a free public service.

As you take steps to protect your health, be sure to also take steps to protect your finances. (StatePoint)



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Oil Filter Warning

The oil filter is one of the most important parts of the engine. Its job is to filter out any contaminants created by the normal wear and heat of the engine. When your car has the oil changed, most likely the oil filter is also changed, at least I hope so.

Years ago, we all knew that the oil and filter was changed at 3,000 miles, it was just the way it was. Enter the new age of cars, oils and filters; especially synthetic oils which last much longer as stated in some of my previous articles. Many oil changes can last 5,000 to 10,000 miles depending on the type of car, type of oil and how many quarts of oil are in the oil pan.

Back in the day when we rec-

ommended the 3,000-mile service, any oil filter would easily protect the engine for that mileage, but not many oil filters would protect your car for more than 5,000 miles. If you are driving longer than 5,000 miles between oil changes and using a low cost oil change shop, you may be damaging the engine and not even know it.

Let me explain. Oil filters all look the same on the outside, but are very different on the inside. The difference lies in the amount of filtering material used and type of drain back valve used inside each filter. Less expensive filters, as you would suspect, have less filtering material and a less reliable drain back valve.

This may seem insignificant,

but the results can be catastrophic. When you drive longer than 5,000 miles on one of the low cost filters, the filter starts to lose the ability to keep the contaminants contained and they slip into the engine bearings, causing premature wear. The eventual outcome is engine failure. It does not pay to have an inexpensive oil change and an inexpensive oil filter put on your newer model car.

Currently, there is not a standard or law that says what part or quality of part, needs to be put on your car. If you have an engine failure that should be covered by a warranty, and you have been using cheap oil/filter, this is not only scary for you, the consumer, but it could get downright ugly as the manufacturer may deny the claim. Ultimately, the consumer should be aware of what is going on with the car and use a service center you trust.

A cheap oil change may save you money short term, but will not save you money in the long run.

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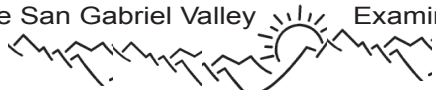


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Around the Valley & Senior News

Seen or Heard Around Town and in the Valley

By Ed Torres

1. The delay in California fully opening schools, colleges, bars, beauty salons and the overall economy is politically motivated to help politicians get elected and re-elected.
 2. During the current heat wave, California has joined the esteemed governments of Iraq and North Korea in being the few governments in the world who regularly shut down power to its electricity-starved citizens... Well done Governor Newsom...
 3. Some drivers with "disabled" designations on their license plates, rather than setting good examples, more and more are seen unsafely changing lanes, speeding, "running stop signs" and making other unsafe maneuvers

on the freeways and byways...
 4. Rich fashion designer Mossimo and his actress wife Lori Laughlin, after for over a year swearing on a stack of bibles that they had done nothing wrong, finally "fessed" up to illegally getting their educationally deficient "kids" into USC, and are going to prison...
 5. Overheard, continually, that because some have a college degree, they are automatically smarter than those who do not.
 6. Some "dog lovers" are still walking their pooches in the extreme heat of August!
 7. News people in major print and broadcast media are the ones creating divisiveness in American society, because the more of the hateful viewers these "talking

heads" and writers attract and influence, the more money they and their companies make...
 8. Most parents and grandparents can influence their "kids" not to attend violent demonstrations against police officers, but fail to assert themselves.
 9. Some churches are exercising their religious duties and constitutional authority by suing Governor Newsom and the State of California to open church doors, with reasonable CDC restrictions - all clergy should do so...
 10. Teachers should not indoctrinate their pupils with the teachers' political views.
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California Is Still A Mess, Why?

Well, it is beyond me and I don't understand why California and the other 2 West Coast States are doing what they are doing. California itself was relentless with their restrictions on small businesses and other operations throughout the state. This includes churches, almost any place where you can congregate such as veterans' halls, senior citizen facilities, and so on.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

When I take a look around at other states across the nation, there is nothing going on like it is in California. Couple of months ago I flew to Texas to have a sit-down dinner. The whole thing cost me tens of thousands of dollars by the time I was done, because I came back with a one-of-a-kind motorcycle.
 We have to ask ourselves when is this going to stop, and why is it happening to us? How come the other states aren't reacting the same way California is?

thing was left alone this entire pandemic would be over with by now.
 Look at other countries and when they got affected and how they are doing now. Sweden is a good example who basically did absolutely not much of anything. They allowed everybody to continue on as normal and to get together as they normally would. They call this "herding" and their lockdown-free attitude seemed to actually work very well. They did make some concessions however, they limited mass gatherings at such things as sporting events. Another thing they did was not allow people to come into their country during this pandemic. There are statistics that show that they had a very minor spike and it fell off drastically. Their percentage is very low. They did not incarcerate their people and they let them live their lives how they wanted to. If they wanted to take precautions such as wearing a mask or anything else, they were very welcome to do that. Maybe

we should have learned from them.
 As for our state, many of you small business owners are now screwed. You will have no help and probably will not be able to recover from your losses. I'm sorry the government did that to you; however, your hands were tied. The one thing I take a real good look at is the many veterans' organizations that are out there. Many of them have a rental hall for wedding receptions, birthday parties and just whatever. Most of their facilities were rented out for the coming year, and then the government started implementing the restrictions. They put this fear to the people and they quickly started canceling all their events. This became very costly for these organizations as they had to pay back tens of thousands of dollars to those people who rented the hall for their future events. This basically bankrupted many of them.
 So, for all of those people that have lost their businesses, lost their jobs, you need to know, you are not alone. For those of you that will continue to work through this pandemic scare, take care of yourself and do what you think you need to do to keep yourself and others safe.
 Why this state has gone to these extremes, one can only speculate. But for now, we're all in it together.
"That's Just the Way It Is!"

FilAm Creative's "Strength in Community" Is Back On!

LOS ANGELES - FilAm Creative will present an online charity event for COVID-19 Relief. It will be streaming on Twitch, Facebook, and Youtube on August 29, 2020 (10AM-10PM).
 Hosts include: Patricio Ginelisa - Filmmaker, Kidheroos Production, A.J. Calomay - XYLOPHONE Films, Arnold Basingat & Sharon Apple - Super Random Report, Kaitlyn Fae, Jenapher Zheng & Earl Baylon - Pangeekery Podcast, Nicki Sun - Technickspeaking, Jannelle So - So

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 FilAm Creative is proud to bring back Strength in Community online after 6 years! Strength in Community will be a 12-hour live stream featuring performers, interviews, and more to help raise funds, tell their stories, honor those they have lost and create a space where they can be together,

er, even though they are apart.
 This charity stream will be raising funds that will go to Pilipino Worker's Center's COVID-19 Relief Program. Funds will be used for care boxes and cooked meals that will be delivered to those affected by COVID-19 in the Historic Filipinotown community and beyond.
 The stream itself is free for everyone to tune into. To register for the event, RSVP at <http://bit.ly/2CIFYaO>

Half Day After School Camp

ARCADIA - Are you looking for a safe and enjoyable after school camp for your child? As the 2020-2021 school year begins, Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department will be offering a Half Day After School Camp that will follow approved modifications by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19. These guidelines are subject to change, based on the local protocols related to COVID-19 and will be sent out to parents at registration.
 The Half Day After School Camp will be offered at Baldwin Stocker Elementary School and Camino Grove Elementa-

ry School from 1-5pm beginning August 24, 2020. Camp will be fee based at \$92 per week and registration will open on a monthly basis. Camp will still offer a variety of organized recreational activities for ages

5-12, led by trained Activity Leaders. Registration is now open for camp taking place August 24 - October 2 online at ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation. Don't wait to sign-up as space is limited!

Virtual Classes

ARCADIA - Stay active, stay enriched, and learn new things all from the comfort of your own home this Fall by joining a virtual class. Classes are available for all ages and interests including Zumba, soccer, video game design, piano, art, and more! To browse and

register for virtual classes, please visit arcadiaca.gov/recreation. Fall online registration for Arcadia residents begins Monday, August 17 and non-resident registration begins Monday, August 24.
 For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

5 Ways to Heat Up Your Financial Protection Plan this Summer

The lazy days of summer are often a carefree time, but this year is a bit different given the pandemic and a volatile stock market. Many Americans are feeling things like their health, job and retirement savings are at risk.
 U.S. adults are most concerned about protection in times of economic uncertainty, according to a June 2020 Protection Study by Lincoln Financial Group and CivicScience. Specifically, the study found the pandemic has increased Americans' concerns around having enough money saved for emergencies (39%), the impact of market volatility on their investments (30%), as well as having enough money for a comfortable retirement (29%).
 "This year's volatile market, along with the pandemic, has re-

inforced for many consumers just how important it is to have a well-rounded financial plan, one that can help weather these challenging times and set you up for success in the long-term," said Jamie Ohl, executive vice president and president, Retirement Plan Services for Lincoln Financial Group. "Make it a priority to have open conversations about your finances and your retirement goals with your loved ones so you can create a strategy to protect your future."
 Now is the perfect time to explore how to best protect against risk. Don't get burned—apply SPF (Save, Protect, Fund)! Here are five suggestions from Lincoln Financial on how consumers can create a more robust financial protection plan:
 • Fund the Future. Life insurance can be more than just a death benefit, with some types of policies offering income replacement for unforeseen events. It can also protect your financial security from the impact of taxes, market volatility and longevity. It's not just for individuals and families either, but businesses too.
 • Protect Your Paycheck. Go beyond health insurance and look at disability, accident and critical illness coverages, especially those available through your employer, to prevent income gaps and keep you from paying out of pocket for covered expenses.
 • Add Protection to Your Portfolio. Consider diversifying your portfolio with an annuity. It can provide protected growth and monthly lifetime income for a

portion of your portfolio – to help cover expenses in retirement and ensure you have a stream of income throughout retirement.
 • Reimagine Your Retirement Plan. As a result of the SECURE Act, in-plan guaranteed income options can serve as a powerful tool to protect savings during periods of market volatility, while still benefitting savers when the market goes up. Savers should also stay focused on the long-term, and remember that saving for retirement is a marathon, not a sprint.
 • Create a Cushion. The expense of an unexpected long-term healthcare event may not be something you've considered in your plan. Unfortunately, these events can come on suddenly, and be very costly, so don't wait -- make sure you have a strategy to cover the cost of care if you or a loved one needed it.
 Visit www.lincolffinancial.com for more tips and resources.
 To protect your future, it is important to have a robust, multifaceted financial plan in place, particularly during times of economic uncertainty. (StatePoint)

Azusa Pacific University Names Rukshan Fernando Provost

AZUSA - Azusa Pacific University President Paul W. Ferguson, Ph.D., DABT, named Glendora, Calif. resident Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., provost and chief academic officer at APU, effective immediately. Fernando's expertise lies in leadership identity, higher education administration, and inclusive excellence. He becomes the university's fifth provost after a six-month nationwide search.

"Dr. Fernando is an exceptional leader who will champion and advance liberal arts, professional, and graduate education," said Ferguson. "He brings a deep understanding of APU and a strong commitment to work alongside all members of the APU Community with a passion for our shared goal of Christ-centered academic excellence, realized fully through implementation of the university's new Strategic Plan."

As the Chief Academic Officer of Azusa Pacific University, Fernando will lead and advocate for APU's academic mission, overseeing 11 schools and colleges, a seminary, and 3 libraries. Reporting to the president and serving as a member of the President's Cabinet, Fernando will provide strategic leadership and oversight of academics and broad university initiatives.

"I am honored to be named as APU's provost as I believe strongly in APU's commitment to empower our diverse student body to reach their God-given potential, achieve their academic dreams, and graduate to make a positive impact in the world,"



Dr. Rukshan Fernando, provost and chief academic officer at APU

said Fernando. "I look forward to working with APU's exceptional faculty who provide nationally recognized research and teaching expertise to advance's APU's mission."

Fernando assumes this role after serving as APU's interim provost, where he worked to ensure the university's commitment to quality academic programming, faculty welfare, and fiscal discipline in times of increasing global and national disruption. Fernando came to APU eight years ago as an associate professor and Bachelor of Social Work program director. Subsequently, he served from 2015-19 as professor and associate dean in the School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences. In 2018, he was selected to participate in the APU

Leadership Development Program for Emerging Leaders. Fernando previously served as interim head of University Libraries from 2018-19 and interim dean of the School of Business and Management in 2019. In these positions, he developed additional leadership and management experience in faculty development, curriculum development, fiscal management, and accreditation processes.

During his career, Fernando has participated in the WASC Senior College and University Commission Assessment Academy and the Harvard Institute for Higher Education's Management Development Program. He has held leadership roles supporting the Council of Christian Colleges & Universities Multi-Ethnic Leadership Development Institute and continues to serve as a mentor to faculty and administrators of color across the country. Dr. Fernando has also served as a Program Reviewer for the U.S. Department of the Treasury Community Development Finance Institutions Fund.

Fernando maintains active involvement in the local church and community by serving on the National Board of Administration for the Free Methodist Church and as a school board member for the Glendora Unified School District.

Fernando earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Taylor University; Master of Social Work with a concentration Community Organizing from the University of Michigan; and Master of Arts in Community Economic Development with a concentration in Policy and Doctor of Philosophy in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University.

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical, Christian university committed to God First and excellence in higher education. With 68 bachelor's degrees, 48 master's degrees, 18 certificates, 10 credentials, and 9 doctoral programs, the university offers its more than 10,000 students a quality education on campus, online, and at seven regional locations throughout Southern California.

El Monte Union Measure HS Facilities Bond Fuels New Construction at Schools



A rendering of South El Monte High School's revamped quad, which will be constructed over fall 2020.

EL MONTE - Construction of a new multipurpose building and gymnasium at Fernando R. Ledesma High School is moving forward as El Monte Union plans a host of new Measure HS-funded projects, including a new Community Education Center and synthetic track and fields.

Approved by voters in November 2018, Measure HS authorized \$190 million in facilities bonds that are funding enhancements of learning facilities at each high school. The first series of bonds was sold in June 2019 for \$56.7 million. It is anticipated that the next series will be sold in 2021 or 2022.

Among the first large-scale projects funded by the bond measure is the multipurpose building and gymnasium, which aims to promote healthy living, collaboration and sustainability. It will include a full basketball court and bleachers, classrooms, weight room, restrooms, kitchenette and offices. The anticipated completion date is summer 2021.

El Monte Union will unveil a new Community Education Center at the District Office this fall.

Rosemead High School's athletic stadium will receive a new synthetic track and field and concession buildings, with construction to begin in January 2021 and

be completed in July 2021. Meanwhile, South El Monte's quad will be revamped over fall.

"We have been moving very swiftly to push projects forward while our students and staff are not on campus, including our HVAC installations that took place throughout the school dismissal period," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "We are very excited to get these projects off the ground and ensure that we continue to provide our students with high-quality learning and play environments that are safe and welcoming."

Board-approved Measure HS projects (Series A) include:

- Community Education Center at District Office (completion date: fall 2020)
- Over 250 HVAC Replacement at all sites (completion date: fall 2020)
- Roof Replacement at various sites (completion date: fall 2020)
- Multipurpose building and gymnasium at Fernando R. Ledesma High School (completion date: summer 2021)
- New synthetic track and field and concessions buildings at Rosemead High School (completion date: summer 2021)
- South El Monte High School

quad upgrade (completion date: summer 2021)

- New artificial track and field and concession buildings at Arroyo High School (planning & design phase)
- New concessions buildings, restrooms and bleachers Mountain View High School (planning & design phase)
- Full modernization at Mountain View and South El Monte high schools (planning & design phase)
- New campus at Granada Transition Center (Sites assessment phase)
- Artificial track and field replacement at El Monte and South El Monte high schools (planning phase)
- Solar-equipped parking covers at El Monte High, Ledesma and other campuses (planning phase)

Additional planned projects include repairs to leaky roofs, aging walls, plumbing and bathrooms; security, emergency communication and fire safety upgrades; safe drinking water; expansion of science, engineering and computer labs; and more.

An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee oversees and monitors project expenditures.



A rendering of Rosemead High School's planned concession buildings. The school will also receive a new synthetic track and field, with construction to begin in January 2021 and be completed in July 2021.



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Team Red Holds Freedom Rally in San Dimas



A crowd of roughly 300 participants during the four hour Freedom Rally in San Dimas.

By Roxane Sheng

SAN DIMAS - On Saturday August 22nd, we held our first Freedom Rally in San Dimas. There were roughly 300 participants during the 4 hour rally. Some left and some joined later that it was impossible to count accurately. We had signs for causes like Trump 2020, support law enforcement, stop child trafficking, pro-life, No on Prop 16, Recall Newsom, and most of all, American flags to show our love for the great USA. Some Republican Party candidates also came and showed support: Joshua Scott for California's 32nd Congressional District, Kathleen Hazelton for California State Senate District 25 and Robin Hvidston for California State Assembly District 41. So many cars, trucks, and motorcycles that passed by showed their support by honking, giving us thumbs up, shouting slogans, some even chanted with us. Of course, there were also a few who disapprove and showed the wrong fingers and/or cursed at us, totally expected. The support was way more than the disapproval. We set up a signing booth to recall Governor Newsom and collected 170 signatures in 4 hours.

The San Dimas Freedom rally was an energized symphony. It all started from an app called Nextdoor. It's a platform for neighbors within a few miles radius to share information and communicate. In the last couple of months there have been some

discussion over the political issues. It becomes frustrating and tiring when every conversation would turn into a "debate" between the liberal and conservative neighbors. Some of us on the conservative side are tired of being called "racists" because we are not. As if the definition of "racism" has been made to include just about anyone or any idea that liberals don't like.

Marla, a passionate, loving and kind conservative friend who I only met on Nextdoor at the time, and myself, decided to start a group of our own called "Team Red". Its purpose is to provide a sanctuary for the local "silent majority" to freely express their opinions without being harassed. The group has grown from 2 members to 100 members in only a couple of days. We have made a handful of member admins to help manage the incoming requests. Inside the group the members get to virtu-

ally meet, share and laugh together.

I met Cynthia in the group when she posted information on recall Newsom locations for the weekends. She's an experienced activist and a competent executive. A few people from the group including myself have helped Cynthia with the recall. Then the success of the #Walkaway rally in Beverly Hills hosted by Brandon Straka on Aug 8th was shared in the group. We were encouraged and inspired and started planning our own. Time and location were quickly agreed upon among members. Cynthia made the poster, contacted the sheriff's department and invited local Republican candidates. Information about the rally were shared on Facebook, Nextdoor etc. This was our first rally we didn't know what to expect. Hundreds of patriots showed up and it was mind blowing. The silent majority is real and we don't have to be silent.



Participants wave their flags and signs along Arrow Highway in San Dimas to show their support for President Trump and Law Enforcement.

Traffic Stop Yields Short-Barreled Shotgun and Illegal Drugs

AZUSA - On the night of August 18, Azusa Police officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop, the Officer learned that the male passenger, Michael Lopez, 25 years old, was concealing a single-shot short barrel shotgun. The officer located the loaded shotgun inside the backpack in the vehicle. Along with the shotgun, the officer found a baggie of methamphetamine, a meth pipe and 2 baggies of Marijuana. Lopez admitted to being a gang member and was arrested for the numerous offenses.



Photo courtesy of Azusa Police Department

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- Stay in your vehicle with windows closed, if possible

ESGV Republican Women Support Glendora Police Department



Interim Police Chief, Matt Egan (third on right) and his command staff were there to receive the Thank You Baskets from ESGV Republican Women Federated, the Republican Center and the 48th Assembly District Republican Central Committee standing behind the Blue Lives Matter flag.

By Lois M. Shade

GLENDORA - Thank You For Your Commitment & Service Baskets were put together by the East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated, with the support from the Covina Republican Center and the 48th Assembly District Republican Central Committee and were presented to the Glendora Police Department Officers and Staff to let them know our groups appreciate them and support fully their efforts each and every day they come to work.

Representatives from each organization, along with former Mayor Judy Nelson who is a Republican Federated member, went to the Glendora Police Department on Wednesday to give them the baskets with snacks and nibbles to make sure they know we think very highly of them in our communities and are on their side in these chaotic days.

Glendora Police Department will tell you their "... primary mission is to enhance the safety and security of the community by providing professional, frontline law enforcement services ..." and those services include Child Safety Seat Inspections, a Volunteer Auxiliary, Glendora Safe Schools Program and the Explorer Program. The Department encourages residents to sign up for emergency Nixle alerts and follow Glendora P.D. on social media to be aware of the latest

events in town.

Glendora Citizens Academy is an 8-week, one night a week, outreach program to introduce the average citizen to the duties and activities of the police officers and provide an understanding of the Criminal Justice System.

And that system allows for orderly protests as a way of speaking to government agencies and its leadership. Glendora had protestors, just as other cities did, protesting the death of George Floyd and supporting Black Lives Matter. Glendora Police took to the street in downtown Glendora to monitor the protest to ensure it stayed orderly. With back up from La Verne Police Department, it was a peaceful display with no rioting or damage done.

One of the frustrations of all law enforcement officers are some of the current policies including some of those brought on by Prop 47 and, additionally, by COVID 19 that restrict jail time or provide no incarceration time at all. Glendora had the experience of arresting one person three times in one day and pulled in help from other agencies.

A man was caught trying to break into a vehicle and was cited and released. An hour later, Glendora Police received a call about man vandalizing and stealing property from a yard in town. They responded and it was the

same man. They confiscated the stolen property and cited and released the perpetrator again. Later that night, a car was reported stolen and was tracked down in La Puente. L.A. County Sheriff's Department responded as well as California Highway Patrol and eventually arrested that same man in Pasadena.

Prop 47, passed by the voters in 2014 said property stolen under \$950 gets a citation, no jail time. More recently, the Judicial Council, due to the COVID 19 situation, set bail for most misdemeanors and low-level felonies at zero. Both of those mandates tied the hands of Glendora Police Department in this situation. All law enforcement agencies are faced with the same frustration, not to mention the citizens who become the victims of this policy.

On Glendora PD Facebook: August 22, the Police were alerted about a planned "Mansion House Party" in Glendora. The organizer, "@iamkingbell" was promoting the event with music, presale tickets and off-site bus transportation to the house listed on vacation rental sites. More on that later but just another wrinkle law enforcement is now faced with these days.

Again, we appreciate Glendora Police Department and all our law enforcement personnel and support staff.

We Need Your Input!

COVINA FIRST/LAST MILE TRANSIT STATION PLANNING

The City of Covina First/Last Mile Transit Station Planning (FLMTSP) will focus on active transportation improvements along Citrus Avenue to help connect the existing Metrolink Covina Station and Foothill Transit's Covina Transit Center with nearby destinations.

THE FLMTSP WILL FOCUS ON

- Walking
- Biking
- Wayfinding Signage
- Other

Tell Us What You Think!

We invite you to learn more about the FLMTSP and share your feedback using the project's story map.

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