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Three Candidates Seek Two AUSD Seats For Governing Board Member

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - As the November 3 General Election approaches, it is important that you know what will be on the ballot. The ballot includes more than just the presidential election; it includes elections for the Senate, Congress, judges, voting on amendments and more. Locally, in Azusa, there are three candidates competing for two seats for Governing Board Member in the Azusa Unified School District.

Helen Jaramillo is a Parent who had previously served one term (2013-2017) on the AUSD Board of Education. She claims that during her tenure the District was able to implement significant changes, including college and career readiness and academic pathway programs. She's running to be a voice for students, parents, and community members. Her motto is "Let Me Be Your Voice."

Yolanda Rodriguez Pena is currently an incumbent and has been a Board member since 2011. She claims that she was instrumental in passing a bond to improve Azusa schools and that during her tenure many programs



Yolanda Rodriguez Pena is endorsed for AUSD School Board by Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales. Photo from Yolanda Rodriguez Pena's Facebook page

have been implemented such as medical pathways, early college, international baccalaureate and STEM in middle schools. She retired from the Garvey District after 40 years as an instructional aide, office clerk, attendance technician and CSEA union job steward. She's a member and officer of several non-profit community organizations. Her motto is "Together We Can Make The Difference"

Dr. Sabrina Bow has lived in Azusa for the past three years. She is a lifelong learner who has spent her entire career in

education. With 22 years of classroom teaching, school administration, fundraising, and consulting, she has direct experience empowering parents, leading teachers and staff, balancing budgets, and maintaining safe facilities. She is the first in her family to graduate from college and she worked full-time while going to graduate school, earning an MBA from USC and a doctorate in education from UCLA.

Dr. Bow claims she is running AUSD Governing Board because "for the past 15 years I've worked with Title I Schools and I know that education whether a degree, certificate or vocational program has an indelible impact on our economic opportunities. What I bring to the table is a strong business and education perspective." She went to further say, "I don't pretend to have all the answers but I am dedicated to sharing what I learned both successes and challenges into making Azusa Unified the most competitive among our surrounding districts."

Her top priorities are to (1). **Strengthen Public Relations,**



Helen Jaramillo is endorsed for AUSD School Board by Former Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha. (Photo from Helen Jaramillo's Facebook page.)



Local leaders endorse Sabrina Bow at her campaign fundraiser at Max's Mexican Cuisine. Left to right: Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, Dr. Sabrina Bow, Max Arteaga, AUSD Board Vice President Gabriela Arellanes. (Photo from Sabrina Bow's Facebook page)

so that all families in and around Azusa know about our award winning programs; (2). **Ensure Robust College and Career Pathways**, to allow every student to find their favorite niche; (3). **Expand Pre-School** to attract new families to make Azusa their home and thus stabilize the declining enrollment; (4). **Invest in Teachers and Staff** to insure they have all of the resources to be the professionals that they are; and (5). **Help and Equip Parents Advocate and Ask the Right Questions** for their children education. Her motto is

"Together We Are Better— Let's Do This."

Dr. Bow closes her all of her weekly virtual community meetings by saying, "No frills, no fuss, and ready to work hard on **YOUR** behalf to expand excellence in every Azusa school. I'm Sabrina Bow, candidate for AUSD Governing Board, and I respectfully ask for your vote on November 3. **I'm here to listen, learn, and share my ideas** on how to make Azusa Unified the most competitive among our surrounding districts."

Rally to End Abortion in Glendora

by Mary Rose

GLENDORA - Around two hundred people gathered last week to rally for an end to abortion in Glendora and across the country. Participants, standing outside the Planned Parenthood at the corner of Route 66 and Glendora Avenue, held signs, prayed, and sang.

Connie Murphy, a rally participant, said that she hoped "for an end to abortion and for the Planned Parenthood employees and their prospective clients to become totally aware of the consequences of their actions."

"Women have cried in my arms, grieving over the abortion they had years before," said Catherine Contreras, another participant. "Other women and teens girls have shared with me their fear and concerns with continuing their pregnancy, and their relief knowing they were not alone in their journey - that we will help them. We know that being pro-life means being pro-woman. There is so much help available."

"We know from testimony of women who were seeking an abortion and saw people praying outside, that they chose life, seeing it as a sign of hope or a message from God that they weren't alone," said Contreras, who is the founder of Vox Vitae, an organization dedicated to raising up teens and families to be "voices for life."

Passing drivers were mostly supportive, with lots of honks and thumbs up, although the gathering dusk made visibility



Participants standing outside the Planned Parenthood at the corner of Route 66 and Glendora Avenue in Glendora.



Participants standing outside the Planned Parenthood at the corner of Route 66 and Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

poor. The rally-goers acknowledged both the positive responses and the occasional middle finger with friendly waves.

Bishop David G. O'Connell, an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Los Angeles, led participants in the rosary.

Other local clergy in attendance included Fr. Ron Clark, Pastor of St. Dorothy's, Msgr. Norm Priebe, also of St. Dorothy's, and Deacon Peter Brause of St. Louise de

Marillac Parish of Covina.

The Glendora 40 Days for Life team organized the event. Like hundreds of other 40 Days for Life campaigns across the country, the Glendora 40 Days for Life volunteers have been praying and keeping vigil outside the local abortion clinic since September 23 - and will continue through November 1.

The rally was held on October 13, the 103rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun and the last apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima is known for her insistence that the faithful pray the rosary daily for peace in families, countries, and the world.

Suspect Crashes Car and Eludes Police, But Forgets His Gun in the Vehicle

By George Ogden

COVINA - On Saturday morning, October 17th, just after 1:00 AM, Covina police officers noticed a vehicle with blacked out windows. Officers attempted a traffic stop so as to inform the driver that the windows of the vehicle are too dark and would need to be addressed. If anything, the driver would be given a warning or possible a fix-it citation.

When the officers attempted to stop the car, it took off from the area of Azusa and Arrow Highway. It headed north on Azusa into the city of Azusa. The driver took to the side streets at excessive speeds. The driver has already run red lights and was running stop signs.

At one point, the vehicle was traveling so fast it hit a dip at Louise Ave and Paramount Street and went airborne. The driver lost control and disabled his vehicle when he went up over the curb flattening two tires. At that time, the driver got out and ran from the vehicle, however he forgot to take his Glock pistol and two loaded magazines, one of which was an extended magazine.

The police set up a containment area, brought in a K-9 and helicopter to assist in finding the suspect. However, it appeared that the suspect was able to get out of the containment area and was not located.

Police recovered the weapon and it will be checked for finger-



Covina Police posted this picture of the recovered weapon.

prints and the police are pretty confident that they will be able to identify the driver. There was also other evidence in the vehicle that will help ID the driver. The vehicle was impounded.



City of Baldwin Park
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HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

CELEBRATE AS A COMMUNITY BY SHOWING YOUR HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WHILE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

Entry deadline due via email by 11 a.m. on Monday, October 26. Decorations cannot obstruct sidewalks or site of traffic and should remain up for Halloween for community enjoyment.

To Register:
 *Send a photo of your decorated home to bpnow@baldwinpark.com
 *Include homeowner names, address, high quality photo and brief description of the entry
 *Will be judged on following categories
Most Creative - used original DIY decorations, unique style or technique
Halloween Spirit - most festive display of Halloween
Judges Choice - top choice, exemplifies all elements

Winners will be selected by Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Winners will receive a lawn sign and home photo will be placed on the City social media platforms. For more information call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 311 or email bpnow@baldwinpark.com.

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Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest

Duarte pet owners, the Parks and Recreation Department invites you and your furry friend to participate in our first virtual Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest. To enter this FREE contest:

- Dress up your pet in their best Halloween costume
- Snap a photo & email it to duarteparksactive@accessduarte.com by Wed., Oct. 28th
- Be sure to include your pet's name, your name, address, and contact number
- Winners will be announced on the City's website and social media on Fri., Oct. 30th
- Winners will receive a \$50 gift card for Chewy.com



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REGISTER ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY OCTOBER 27TH.

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WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND RECEIVE A PRIZE ON OCTOBER 29TH.

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HOW TO ENTER:

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POST A PICTURE ON SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM) USING #LAVERNEHOMECONTEST BY OCTOBER 27TH

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND RECEIVE A PRIZE ON OCTOBER 29TH.

Make A Difference

Community Service Day
Saturday, October 24, 2020

Join the City of Duarte in celebrating Make A Difference Day by signing up to voluntarily work on one of the following community service projects:



To register for any of these projects, visit: Accessduarte.com > Quick Links > Register For Recreation Programs



For more information, contact Daisy Perez at (626) 357-7931 Ext. 206

Watchdog Agencies Release Initial Analysis of Skilled Nursing Homes

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Inspector General and Auditor-Controller each released their initial report detailing their ongoing investigation into skilled nursing homes. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas called it a critical first step towards improving operations at these facilities, which have accounted for about 42 percent of Los Angeles County's COVID-19 death toll.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but the Inspector General and Auditor-Controller's reports provide us with a starting point for tackling complex and deeply-entrenched problems that have plagued skilled nursing homes for decades," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, who is scheduled tomorrow to bring 20,000 donated N95 masks, a decontamination kit, and mobile COVID-19 testing to skilled nursing homes and their employees. "We are undertaking the due diligence required to develop long-term solutions for improving the quality of care at skilled nursing homes while simultaneously tak-

ing timely steps to promote the ongoing safety of both patients and staff."

Overseen by the State of California but regulated locally by the LA County Department of Public Health (DPH), skilled nursing homes have been the epicenter of the pandemic in LA County, with about 16,000 infections and 2,500 deaths among patients and staff. In May, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and Chair Kathryn Barger's motion directing LA County's Inspector General to investigate skilled nursing homes for the first time. They also tasked LA County's Auditor-Controller with monitoring the facilities and creating a public dashboard showing their COVID-19 case totals, testing frequency, mitigation plan status, personal protective equipment supply and other information. The dashboard went live last month.

In his first interim report back to the Board, Inspector General Max Huntsman examined skilled nursing homes' COVID-19 mitigation efforts and provided an overview of existing regulatory and oversight structures. He said subsequent reports will analyze the long-standing, complex issues that left many skilled nursing homes ill-prepared to prevent and control the rapid spread of COVID-19 and the systemic failures that have allowed substandard conditions to persist.

"My office is conducting an exhaustive review of barriers to adequate care that have, in many

instances, left nursing home residents neglected and abused," Inspector General Max Huntsman said. "Our County's most vulnerable residents deserve better, and we are committed to identifying and recommending all reforms necessary to give them the care they need. The pandemic has exacerbated systemic problems, and we need immediate responses and long-term solutions."

After posting the skilled nursing homes dashboard in September, Auditor Controller Arlene Barrera released her own first interim report, which pointed out the number of outstanding investigations into skilled nursing facilities. She noted that in addition to 5,407 open investigations, DPH's Health Facilities Inspection Division (HFID) reported an additional 6,228 in-progress investigations related to other long-term care and short-term care health care facilities.

The Auditor Controller also confirmed that as of June 30th, HFID reported 10% of the 5,407 in-progress investigations had been prioritized at the level of "Immediate Jeopardy," because the facility's alleged non-compliance with one or more requirements has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident.

Upcoming reports by the Inspector General and Auditor Controller are expected to include recommendations for addressing this backlog and for streamlining the process.

Habitual Felon Arrested for Attempted Murder of Ex-Girlfriend

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Back on Sunday, October 4 at 2:40 AM, Azusa police responded to the area of the 900 Block of W. Foothill Blvd., believed to be at the Foothill Apartments.

They found a victim, a woman who had been repeatedly stabbed as many as eight times and in critical conditions. The unidentified victim is the ex-girlfriend of the suspect who was identified as Octavio Easu Perez.

A full-blown search and investigation was launched for the suspect by the Azusa Police Department. They got a tip on his location and raided that location and arrested the suspect on Wednesday, October 14th. Azusa Police detectives secured the arrest and bail was set for \$1,000,000.00 and he was charged with attempted murder. His next court date is November 10th 2020.

The woman is still recovering. Back on March 3, 2020, Perez was convicted of a felony and given 6 months and served about 2 months, then released only to attempt to murder a woman.

On December 29th, 2019 he was convicted of a felony and was given 5 months and served 1 month.

On October 12th, 2019 he was convicted of felony and sentenced to 4 months and released a month later.

There were 2 misdemeanor arrests prior to the April 2019 arrest where he was sentenced in early May to 18 months in jail and he served only 2 months and was release.

He has 7 arrests with 20 plus charges, with the last 3 three arrests that were critical and dangerous felonies in less than two years that he has been here.

Trader Joe's Robbed

By George Ogden

MONROVIA - A male black armed with a handgun entered Trader Joe's, located at 604 W. Huntington Dr. in Monrovia, just before closing at 9 PM on Monday, Oct. 12th and demanded that the employee give them the money from a safe. Under the threat of being shot and killed, the employee complied.

The suspect entered the store wearing a mask and a backpack and approached the employee and demanded the cash. Once the

robber got the cash, he ran from the store and it appeared he got into a waiting black Dodge Charger, possibly with a get-away driver waiting inside.

Monrovia police quickly responded and started their investigation. No employees were hurt during the robbery.

Investigator will have the opportunity to research the video surveillance recordings in the area. They may be the opportunity to come up with a license plate of the vehicle.

LA County Supervisor Solis & County Registrar Respond to Reports of Damaged Drop Box

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan responded to an incident Sunday night where a Vote by Mail Drop Box located outside the Baldwin Park Library on Baldwin Park Boulevard was damaged by fire. The incident is being investigated as arson.

The Los Angeles County Registrar's office immediately requested an investigation through local law enforcement and has reported the incident both to the FBI and the Attorney General for investigation and to obtain all available footage to determine the cause of the fire.

The Registrar's office has acquired and is reviewing all material collected to determine the appropriate notifications to voters whose ballots may have been impacted and will ensure they can exercise their fundamental right

to vote. Additionally, the damaged drop box location has been closed.

"The arson of an official ballot drop box by the Baldwin Park Library in the First District has all the signs of an attempt to disenfranchise voters and call into question the security of our elections," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "Tampering, or attempts to tamper, with our democracy will not be tolerated. Rest assured, LA County residents' voices will be heard when they vote, including in this election. Every lawful ballot will be counted, and residents can register to vote by today's deadline at LAVote.net. Voters can call the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk if they submitted their ballot at the Baldwin Park Library Drop box to verify their ballot was received and take any remedial measures."

County staff last picked up ballots at the affected drop box

location on Saturday, October 17th at 10:10 AM. The Registrar's Office encourages those who utilized this drop box location after the aforementioned time period to call 562-503-2445 or vbmdropoff@rcc.lacounty.gov for assistance. The Registrar is immediately increasing the frequency of ballot pickup at all other boxes.

"The Los Angeles County Registrar will continue to do everything possible to ensure the integrity of local elections," said Registrar Logan. "Tampering with vote by mail drop boxes and ballots is serious criminal offense and we will vigorously seek the prosecution of individuals who engage in such behavior."

All Los Angeles voters can check the status of their ballot by visiting LAVote.net, and can utilize U.S. Mail or other drop box locations throughout the County to turn in their ballot.

LA County Youth@Work Program Manufacturing Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers

New Workforce Partnership with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator Addresses PPE Shortage and Youth Unemployment During Historic Pandemic

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), in partnership with Goodwill Southern California and the City of Baldwin Park, launched an innovative collaboration with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to essential healthcare workers. This partnership began on August 24, 2020. Through Los Angeles County's Youth@Work Program, youth aged 14 - 24 assemble face shields.

Face shield materials are created with high tech 3D printers, assembled by youth workers, then donated to hospitals across LA County. Over 10,000 reusable face shields have been distributed to date, with another 20,000 expected through this program. To accompany shield production, LACI has designed

an educational series introducing youth to career opportunities in cleantech, including project management, industrial manufacturing and industrial design.

Youth@Work places LA County youth in a paid job that leads to a long-term career pathway in high-growth in-demand industries. LACI unlocks innovation through startups, transforms markets with partnerships, and enhances community to create an inclusive green economy. This program is part of the LA County Works Initiative to train our workforce to get back to full employment.

"This partnership helps to address PPE shortage and youth unemployment" said Otto Solórzano, the Acting Director of WDACS. "We are helping healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic while preparing youth for jobs in the green economy."

"When the pandemic hit we

knew that LACI had to play a key role in helping our city," said Matt Petersen, CEO of LACI. "Our advanced prototyping center has produced tens of thousands of face shields for essential workers while at the same time continuing to train LA's future workforce. This work has been crucial to LACI's mission and we are grateful to our partners for making this happen together."

"I like knowing that the face shields are going to healthcare workers that really need them," said Julieta G., a Youth@Work participant. "It's really rewarding knowing what we're making them for."

"The City of Baldwin Park is proud to be part of this collaborative effort to employ local youth during the pandemic to manufacture personal protective equipment to essential healthcare workers," said Mayor Manuel Lozano of Baldwin Park.

Glendora Police Department Awarded Traffic Education and Enforcement Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety

GLENDORA - Glendora Police Department received an \$80,500.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a one-year enforcement and education program. The money will fund various activities intended to reduce deaths and injuries on California roads.

"We extend our gratitude to the Office of Traffic and Safety for their continued support of our effort in providing public awareness in preventing traffic related injuries and deaths," said Glendora Police Chief Matthew Egan.

The grant-related activities are for the 2020 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

The funding from the OTS will be used for numerous programs, including:

- DUI/driver's license checkpoints.
- Patrols specifically looking for suspected alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers.
- Patrols targeting violations of California's hands-free cell phone law and vehicle code violations by drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians that put other roadway users at risk.
- Patrols targeting the primary causes of crashes: Speeding, improper turns, running stop signs or signals, right-of-way violations and driving on the wrong

side of the road.

- Patrols specifically looking for seat belt and child safety seat violations.
- Traffic safety education presentations for youth and community members on distracted and impaired driving, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Serving warrants to multiple DUI offenders.
- Creating "Hot Sheets" identifying repeat DUI offenders.
- A statewide prosecutor training network for managing DUI cases and treatment programs for DUI offenders.
- Officer training to identify

suspected impaired drivers and conduct sobriety tests.

"The funding will go toward efforts aimed at preventing deaths and serious injuries on our roadways," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "Our road safety problems are clear. We must work toward improving roadway safety for everyone by changing behaviors to ensure every person, regardless of how they travel, goes safely."

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

Another Azusa Brush Fire

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Los Angeles County Firefighters responded to a brush fire Friday Morning October 15th on the border of Duarte and Azusa at the end of Encanto Parkway. This isn't far from the old shooting range. This is also the same area of the Vulcan Material Company mining area.

When firefighters arrived, they reassessed the situation from a full brush fire response which was originally requested with Air Units and bulldozers,

to a ground control operation. The Air Units and the bulldozers were cancelled.

The fire was contained to about 3,000 square feet and was extinguished in a short time and the fire crew stayed on scene in the event of any hotspots or flare-ups.

The fire is under investigation and there are some concerns that maybe some homeless may have started the fire, however that has not been confirmed.

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Four R's in a Glendora Education

I come from a background that always talked about standards and basics in education being the three R's - reading, writing and arithmetic. Obviously, not a group well-versed in language or award winners in spelling bees but definitely vocal about keeping the basics in education.

Glendora Unified School District has decided to add another R -- something called the RISE Program, an acronym standing for Race, Inclusion, Social Justice, and Equity. All I know of Glendora and most places I go, support the philosophy being promoted with this acronym with no need for a program.

Having worked in a local school district, the first thing that pops into my head when someone says "new program" is how much will it cost and how much is it really needed? School districts I am familiar with have been under the financial gun for a while and are struggling to make ends meet today. Schools in our area are suffering from declining enrollment which affects ADA (average daily attendance) the basis for their budget. No legislator has yet come up with a way to fully fund education without counting each and every head, every day, in each school and then issuing funds based on that head count. Fewer students, fewer dollars. And add in, or subtract out, more dollars to districts with students requiring additional services.

Those in Glendora who want to understand and discuss the need for RISE in GUSD, are told: "As a response to an outcry from our students and staff to address issues of race and diversity following the George Floyd incident this past spring, the Board of Trustees asked Superintendent DeLeon to begin the work of ensuring every single student from every background thrives in GUSD. Dr. DeLeon and her team created the acronym R.I.S.E. after listing the 4 main areas to be addressed- race, inclusion, social justice and equity. R.I.S.E. is not and never has been affiliated with any group or curriculum found on the internet."

To site a far-away, disconnected incident like the George Floyd death as a reason to implement this program in Glendora,



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

while disavowing any connection to Black Lives Matter (BLM) and other organizations involved in the protests because of that death makes it difficult for me to understand why this program would be necessary. I am not aware of any police discrimination or excessive force issues in Glendora, or adjacent police departments, creating any hardships in the education system. I am open to explanation and correction but it seems to me the political, socio-economic and some discrimination issues from other areas have been pulled out to create the basis for a program I don't see supported by this community and especially the parents of students in Glendora School District.

Best intentions sometimes have repercussions like the 2016 bill, AB 2016, signed into law by former Governor Jerry Brown. The Senate analysis of that bill concluded it was unnecessary and redundant because the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) was revising the History-Social Science Framework, that included ethnic studies courses. Envisioned by the legislators was a course that would teach "the history, politics, culture, contributions, challenges and current status of ethnic groups in the United States ... preparing California's ethnically diverse student population to become global citizens."

Forward to March 2020, the San Francisco Chronicle reported in the most ethnically diverse state with 92 languages spoken, the IQC had come out with a draft model curriculum focusing on "four core groups" -- African, Asian, Mexican/Latino and Native Americans. Additionally, the draft "sharply diverged from the

politically neutral AB 2016 [to] partisan political agendas and activism - for instance equating capitalism with racism, lionizing "revolutionary" warriors, and advocating for student engagement in "tactics of resistance" and "direct action" such as protests against police brutality and anti-Israel boycotts."

The Board of Education received 20,000 public comments, 19,000 were critical of the draft with thousands from outraged ethnic groups not included in the new curriculum. Angry legislators that supported AB 2016 called the draft "a setback" in need of revision; and, the Board of Education said most of the draft will remain unchanged and used in California classrooms. And perhaps, as the Senate Analysis reported, without additional funding for the cost of this new course.

As currently proposed, the RISE Coalition will be made up of students, staff and interested community members who will meet monthly to design a Framework for Change defined as:

- Identifying core values and beliefs - self-reflection
- Teaching cultural understanding and modeling mutual respect
- Improving and/or instituting inclusive practices
- Removing barriers to success
- Leveling the playing field-equitable distribution of resources (both human and fiscal)
- Providing forums for open discourse
- Celebrating diversity, potential, growth and the unique contributions of everyone from every race, religion, gender, ethnic background

Anyone who wants to know who the Glendora School District is and if the students are learning can take a look at the Single Plan for Student Achievement that is called "a blueprint to improve the academic performance of all students ... and to coordinate all educational services at the school." This plan is reviewed by a School Site Council and identifies students by gender, race, ethnicity, grade level, disabilities ... it is a summary of each school's make-up and performance.

The American Spirit

As we come down the home-stretch, it is obvious that for the last few months we have properly been fixated on a series of critical issues and their political implications. Among them: health insurance, "Black Lives Matter," two hundred thousand deaths from an almost uncontrolled pandemic, jobs, economic justice, America's role in a troubled world, and the implications inherent in climate change and global warming.

For many of us these have been the foci of the political debate. At least that has been Biden's agenda, while Trump has brushed past all of these issues, and instead his focus has been riveted on urban violence, law and order, a wall on our southern border and opening the economy no matter how many additional thousands it might kill

While ALL of these issues are important, perhaps it is time to step back, take a deep breath, and think about what is more profound than any of them. I speak of the American spirit. Just what is the genius that undergirds who we are, and what are the implications as we are now face to face with perhaps the most important election in the last hundred years?

I believe that in the coming election the American genius will be unveiled. And it is here that we might see the real chasm between the philosophies of our two parties. Of course, I do not take on these observations from a neutral perspective. I have not tried to hide my political preferences. I am a Joe Biden Democrat, and like Biden, a few steps to the left of center, which makes me not progressive enough for some Democrats and too far left for others. Just where we must stand is an honest future debate, but right now our total effort must be focused on winning the election.



Charles H. Bayer

What do you see as essential to the American ethos and spirit? Here are two divergent viewpoints.

#On one hand America is an arrogant bitter nation facing the rest of a troubled world with an iron fist.

#A self-righteous people ready to discount and to see as potential enemies any nation that does not acknowledge our power

#Science and scientists are discounted if they do not agree with our political goals, even when these goals fly in the face of human survival.

#Name-calling replacing common decency and respect#Fear is used as a bludgeon on political enemies

#Giving lip-service to racial and ethnic equality while holding to white privilege#Keeping the affluent suburbs free from being contaminated by urban poverty or urban populations# Walling out those considered either unworthy or just different

#Securing the biggest piece of the pie for those who already have the lion's share

#We essentially are an angry hopelessly divided nation focused on Orwell's dark epigram: "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than other animals."

On the other hand
*America is a hopeful nation

with a positive agenda for a troubled world justice. * We are a creative optimistic force always ready to be aligned with other nations as together we seek peace and harmony as together we stand with The United Nations addressing world-shaking issues of violence, hunger, poverty and injustice

*Even so, we clearly reject violence, burning and looting, believing that they have no place in international affairs or in the domestic uprising of citizens seeking a "redress of grievances"

*Science and scientists take preference over politics and economics in addressing issues such as climate change and the pandemic

*We are a gracious people, seeking the good will that treats others with dignity and respect

*We resist the divisiveness that uses fear as a way to control political enemies

*We acknowledge that white male privilege often prohibits us from confronting racial, ethnic and gender inequality

*We seek to further enshrine the call for "one nation, under God with liberty and justice for all"

*We acknowledge our heritage as a nation of immigrants, and seek ways to welcome a responsible number of others seeking a gracious welcome to our shores

*We seek economic justice in tax reform, and stand in solidarity with organized advocates of those America's left out and marginalized

*We essentially reflect a positive gracious spirit that unites our varied populations, and affirms with John Donne that "no one (nor any nation, race, gender or political party) is an island entire of itself"

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Social Media is Getting Out of Hand

For those of you that use Social Media, you know what I am talking about when I say it is turning into a nightmare. It has turned into a political fiasco and all kinds of bad mouthing and trash talking of candidates from the local level to the presidential level election contests.

I will talk about Facebook as almost everyone knows about that. I was asked if my organization and facility have the sports channel on. I commented that we cancelled it because of the disrespect these players have against



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

our country, flag, veterans and citizens. They take a knee and don't stand for the National Anthem, turn their back on the flag,

a complete disrespect of our country. Politics doesn't belong in sports in my opinion. I thought it was unique that when they start the sports program, the people around me would stand for our National Anthem with some singing along. The crybaby athletes have taken this away from us.

After I made the comment that we will not and don't plan on showing sports because of this, I get raked over the coals by, well, let's just call him "Cody" and he starts trashing Trump. He starts narrating all kinds of crap about what Trump did, like this disrespect is his fault. This has nothing to do with Trump, so here is this "Cody" using anything to get his voice out there against our President. So, this Cody/Karen combination seemed to be tweaking out. Not once did he defend our country, flag or National Anthem. So, where does he stand? Obviously, he appears to be in the same ranks of the terrorist groups of the ANTIFA and the BLM and other groups like this.

I don't think I could ever feel comfortable to do business with him or any company that he might be affiliated with.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

What is the Democrat Agenda for this Country?

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

We have seen much discussion on this subject recently. The rhetoric that is on display in the media is one where the Democrats want to play Robin Hood. They will steal from the haves and redistribute this wealth to the impoverished masses. Almost everything will be free just elect us in November. But is this the real agenda? No it is not! The real agenda is TOTAL POWER at all costs. Once they have this power our country will be forfeit.

What is there plan? Firstly, win back the Senate and the White House. Then when in power take these three steps: Step one) do away with the Filibuster rule thus allowing a simple majority in the Senate to pass any law that they want; Step two) pack the Supreme Court with Liberals; Step three) add new states that will be Democrat controlled thus assuring a super majority in the senate. With these three steps the fate of this country will be sealed.

The Filibuster has two major features: First is the ability of any Senator to ask for the Senate floor and once given permission to speak the Senator can talk as long as they are able. This tactic is sometimes used to delay a proceeding so that more votes for their side can be gathered. The Second and even more important part is, for the Senate to pass most important legislation a 60 yea vote is required. This rule has been in effect for about 150 years. If only 51 votes would be

all that is required the Senate could pass any law they wanted to as the minority party would have no say in what happens. Just like here in California.

Pack the Supreme Court: If the Democrats get total control of this country their real objective is to do away with the Bill of Rights. The Democrats will use the Supreme Court to achieve this goal. In the recent confirmation hearings for prospective Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett Senator Ted Cruse said; 'if the Democrats win they will pack the court with enough liberals so as to make the Supreme Court an extension of the Congress'. What happens then? If Congress feels they cannot pass legislation because it might be unpopular with the people they will gin up a lawsuit, bring it before the Supreme Court and have that august body legislate it for them. Senator Cruse cited two examples, to illustrate just it will happen. They are:

Several years ago the city of Washington D. C. passed a law that no person can have an operable fire-arm within the city limits. This law also prohibited the possession of a handgun in any home. A police officer by the name of Heller brought suit (District of Columbia, et al. v. Dick Anthony Heller) in the Federal courts. His suit stated, even though he was a police officer, he could not bring his service weapon home. His contention was that this law was a clear vio-

lation of the Second Amendment. Fortunately, by a five to four vote the Court ruling came down in favor of Heller. Had there been only one more Justice that agreed with the City of DC the Second Amendment was dead. Why? Because any state, city or community could have declared themselves a gun free zone and prohibited the possession of firearms.

His other example was: the Obama Department of Justice sued a company called Citizens United for producing a movie critical of Hillary Clinton. In the Obama's Judicial Department's view a then setting Secretary of State could not be criticized. Again, by a five to Four ruling Citizens United won. One of the Jurists asked the government lawyer if this meant that the government has the right to ban books. The answer was "YES" the government can ban books and movies or other such entities if it was critical of the government. Had this decision gone the other way, this ruling, would have been the first step in ending the Freedom of Speech clause in the First Amendment. Do you see where this is going? If the Democrats regain total power in November they will pack the Supreme Court and destroy the Bill of Rights.

Lastly, as allowed for in the Constitution, the plan would be for the Senate to add Puerto Rico and Washington D. C. as states. As these Territories are primarily Democrat controlled it is presumed that the Democrats would have four additional Senators making it almost impossible for the Republicans to ever have a voice in the Senate.

The question is "Does this country continue to be free or will it go the way of Socialism?". The decision is up to the American voters.

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How Certain Are Fourth-Quarter Market Gains?

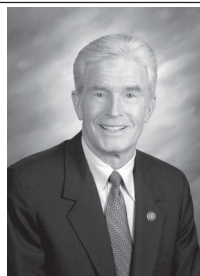
Investors survived the third quarter, which included September's dismal results. But, how optimistic should we be about the coming historically strongest calendar quarter? Past fourth quarters have usually been filled with positive drama. During the last 20 years, according to Bespoke Investment Group, the Dow Jones Industrials 4th quarter gains have averaged 4.5%! During those same years gains in the first three quarters COMBINED have averaged less than 4%.

The fourth quarter has generally been where annual gains have been solidified. The third quarter is where market doldrums often occur. Over the last 20 years the fourth quarter was the best, and the third quarter was the worst. Fourth quarter opportunities seem to be expected. Even going back further, from 1950 through 2017, the first nine months of the year averaged combined gains of +4.53% for the S&P 500, while the final three months averaged +4.05% (according to Stock Trader's Almanac).

There are some technical reasons for this anomaly. During the fourth quarter, when third-quarter earnings are reported, companies start announcing guidance for the coming year. Also, some investors start filling out pension plans before year end. Gift purchase at Christmas also benefit 4th quarter results. It also can't hurt that a more festive spirit is felt around the holidays. Many parts of the economy are now enjoying a positive recovery, with the most damaging Covid-19 restrictions being reduced. Assuming the current pro-business administration continues, a return to a vibrant economy in 2021 looks probable.

The stellar fourth-quarter average market performance over the last 20 years even includes controversial / financially challenged election years of 2000

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
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and 2008. The 24% market drop in the fourth quarter of 2018 also negatively impacted 20-year averages (for the 4th quarter). Big Money generally sells stocks in September and then piles back into stocks just before and after the election, especially when the outcome appears to be clear.

During the chaotic elections of 2000, 2008, and 2016, there was no incumbent. It was a choice between two new candidates, coming after the 8-year terms of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. Since 1950 incumbents running for re-election have won almost every time. Each time an incumbent ran for re-election, we saw full-year market gains – and all but 2012 delivered a positive fourth quarter.

Recent fourth-quarter returns aren't any better (or much worse) than the average +4.05% returns for the fourth quarters from 1950 to 2017 as charted by Stock Trader's Almanac. In presidential election years where young or unproven first-time presidential candidates were running during a recession, like 1960 and 2000, 4th quarter gains did not occur. After the Nixon vs. Kennedy election the market declined -9.3% during that 4th quarter. In 2000, after the Bush vs. Gore election, markets declined -6.2% for the full year and -8.1% in the fourth quarter, possibly more driven by the tech bubble crash than the election. During the most serious contraction in modern times (2008 which in-

cluded the Obama vs. McCain election) markets fell -38.5% for the full year and -22.6% in the fourth quarter. Generally, the market tends to be much calmer in election years with an incumbent running (but that may also be because the incumbent almost always wins reelection).

As for the once-scary pre-election month of **October**, there's not much to fear. 1976, 2012 and 2018 brought us minor declines, while all other Octobers in this list were up slightly or little changed. There also seems to be less uncertainty when an incumbent is running for re-election. Like him or not, any incumbent is a known commodity. Most Presidents have grown into their challenging responsibilities after four years in the pressure cooker.

Even with all of the media politicizing and extreme economic disruption caused by the CCP's Covid-19 driven recession, 2020th fourth quarter could follow past positive trends. President Trump has not only shown definitive action steps as a leader, he has driven the left-wing radicals crazy with his America first results. Most patriotic Americans also recognize that it is critical to reelect Donald Trump for four more years. Antifa riots and the Chinese Communist Party's anti-America efforts have not gone unnoticed by most USA patriots. Constant fake news and Democrat advertising lies are not believable for average American's who treasure their safety, ongoing freedom and could never support a Green New Deal. Most lovers of the USA also understand that their future and the future of our children depend on Trump's reelection!

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I've been getting SO MANY phone calls and so much mail about enrolling in various Medicare Supplement and Prescription drug programs. How can I know if these guys are for real or if they are fakes?

If you suspect that you are being taken advantage of, have questions about an insurance offer, scheme, or agent, call the Dept. of Insurance 1-800-927-4357, or go to www.insurance.ca.gov Open enrollment is from October 1 to December 7, 2020. Here are some tips: 1. Make sure the person is a licensed insurance agent. 2. Don't accept uninvited sales calls of any kind. 3. Never give out personal information (Medicare Card number, Social Security number, bank account numbers, or credit card information) over the phone. 4. Be aware: Medicare has no official sales reps. 5. Federal regulations prohibit marketing of Medicare products wherever healthcare is delivered. 6. Federal regulations prohibit offering free meals for listening to a sales presentation or for signing up in a particular plan. 7. Federal regulations prohibit selling additional insurance products during any sales or marketing presentation for a Medicare Advantage or prescription drug plan. 8. Read and understand the plan.

My sister just entered a rehab/nursing home center to get her strength back and get some rehab from having a mild stroke. Now she's being told that if she had spent 3 days in a hospital first, followed by the



Julia Yoder

doctor's orders to go to a rehab/nursing home, Medicare would pay up to 80-percent of the bill. However, since she didn't have a hospital stay, Medicare will pay nothing. She's also a veteran, but never got her VA card. Is there anything we can do now?

Her medical doctor should be fully aware of the 3-day-hospitalization rule; talk to him about the situation. As far as getting her VA Medical Card, she needs to find out the location of her local VA office (often at a VA hospital), make an appointment, present her 214 Discharge papers, and fill out an application. Also make an appointment with a VA patient advocate.

Can I take money from my annuity to help a relative?

It depends on the rules in your annuity policy. You can contact your agent, or the annuity company to ask them the particulars about your policy. Some policies allow you to take out up to 10% per year after the first year (up to a pre-set amount of your ini-

tial investment), waiving the usual early-withdrawal contractual penalties and fees. AARP recently stated that annuities can be great, but can also be a nightmare. Annuities are great, and only become a nightmare if you do not follow the policy's rules. The most common mistake heirs make is to cash out an inherited annuity, sometimes losing thousands of dollars.

Last year we had to pay capital gains on our mutual fund's distributions. Is there a way to decrease the amount of capital gains tax we must pay?

With investments like mutual funds, stocks, CDs, and savings, your earnings are taxed annually. You might want to consider moving at least some of your mutual fund's dollars to a tax-deferred investment, or to an insurance product. With a tax-deferred investment, you'll pay taxes only when you withdraw funds. Some insurance products offer "loans" which are not taxable, and which could be re-paid from the death benefit.

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California Secures Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to Support State's Response to Wildfires

SACRAMENTO— Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the President has approved California's request for a Major Disaster Declaration to bolster the state's emergency response to wildfires across the state and support impacted residents in Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, San Bernardino, San Diego and Siskiyou counties.

"Just got off the phone with President Trump who has approved our Major Disaster Declaration request. Grateful for his quick response," said Governor Newsom.

A Presidential Major Disaster Declaration helps people in the impacted counties through eligibility for support including crisis counseling, housing and unemployment assistance and legal services. It also provides federal assistance to help state, tribal and local governments fund emergency response, recovery and protective measures.

California previously secured a Presidential Major Disaster

Declaration to bolster the state's emergency response to the Northern California wildfires as well as Fire Management Assistance Grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support the state's ongoing response to fires burning across the state. Governor Newsom has declared a state-wide emergency due to the widespread fires and extreme weather conditions and signed an executive order to streamline recovery efforts in communities impacted by the devastating fires. The Governor last month signed a package of bills to improve the state's emergency preparedness and response efforts, support wildfire survivors and safeguard communities in high fire hazard areas.

With another dangerous wildfire season underway amid the ongoing pandemic, the state is hiring 858 more firefighters and six California Conservation Corps crews to bolster firefighting support. California has tak-

en major action and made critical investments to fortify wildfire preparedness and response capabilities since the Governor took office. CAL FIRE completed the last of its 35 emergency fuels management projects in May, making 90,000 acres safer ahead of wildfire season and protecting 200 vulnerable communities.

Major investments include augmenting the CAL FIRE air fleet with new FIREHAWK S-70i helicopters and C-130 airplanes, and bolstering firefighting surge capacity and pre-positioning capabilities. The state also launched an Innovation Procurement Sprint to develop early warning technologies and place fire detection cameras across the state. This year's budget included \$85.6 million in new, ongoing dollars to fund permanent firefighting positions, and continues the funding for CAL FIRE to procure innovative technology that allows us to model fire behavior.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Do I Have To Use A Dealer To Keep My Warranty In Effect?

When a customer buys a new car, they are always concerned that if they keep coming to my shop for routine maintenance and repair it will void the warranty. I always tell them to relax because the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) the nation's consumer protection agency says NO! It is illegal for a dealership to even suggest that they might deny your warranty coverage because your routine maintenance and repair is done by an independent repair shop.

Oil changes, fluid exchanges, tire rotations, brake pads, belt and hose replacements and other services are considered "routine" maintenance and are essential to keep your car running well for years to come. A complete list of these services

can be found in your owner's manual.

Customers also are concerned that the use of aftermarket parts may void their warranty. This will not void your warranty and you can even use recycled parts and your warranty will still be good. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act states emphatically that it is illegal for a manufacturer or dealership to void your warranty because you chose to use an aftermarket or recycled part.

The only time a dealership or manufacturer can deny you coverage is if the following occurs:

-A part was improperly installed and caused damage

-If the aftermarket or recycled part was defective and caused other parts to be dam-

aged

Keep in mind that if these two things should occur the dealership or manufacturer must demonstrate or prove that this did, in fact, cause damage.

We always encourage our customers to keep a record of all services/repairs but if you fail to do so, or have misplaced them, rest assured that we have those records should you ever need them.

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Landlord Outreach, Education, and Incentive Program

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia is participating in the Landlord Outreach, Education, and Incentive Program. The program aims to identify landlords interested in renting units to people experiencing homelessness. This supports local landlords with reliable income

streams, and shortens the time it takes someone to move into permanent housing once they have a voucher. San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is partnering with Union Station Homeless Services, SGA Marketing, and the City of Arcadia to carry out this

outreach.

Calling all rental property owners and managers of San Gabriel Valley! Participate in this survey before October 31st for a chance to win a \$25 Visa gift card! Please go to <https://bit.ly/33Fj271> for the survey. This survey is intended to help us better understand the needs and desires of rental property owners and managers of San Gabriel Valley and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

Charter Oak Unified School District Now Accepting District of Choice Applications

COVINA - The award-winning Charter Oak Unified School District (COUSD) is now accepting District of Choice applications for nonresidents for the 2021-2022 school year.

Applications are available for all school sites and all grade levels, including Oak Knoll Virtual Academy, on the COUSD website at www.cousd.net, at all District and school offices, or call the COUSD Department of Student Services at 626-966-8331 x 90556.

Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2021. Due to the Winter Break, applications submitted after December 18, 2020 can be left in our drop box at the District

Service Center or can be mailed to the Charter Oak Unified District, attention Department of Student Services, at 20240 E. Cienega Ave. Covina, CA 91724, emailed to Donna Maeda-Reyes, Student Services Technician, at dmaedareyes@cousd.net or Maria Thompson, Student Services Director, at mthompson@coud.net before December 31, 2020.

Charter Oak Unified School District is unable to accept applications from students living in the Pomona, Azusa, and Rowland school districts. Students residing in those districts can apply for an inter-district transfer. Please contact the

Department of Student Services at 626-966-8331 x90556.

Charter Oak Unified School District is a hidden gem in the San Gabriel Valley. Established in 1894, Charter Oak Unified has become home to nearly 5,000 students and counting! With top-notch educators and professional staff who contribute to our District being recognized with California Distinguished Schools, high quality STEAM programs, exciting pathways in Project Lead the Way, unparalleled performing arts, competitive athletics, and high achieving academics, Charter Oak Unified is the school district for all student interests!

CHP Reminds Parents To Be Role Models For Teen Drivers

SACRAMENTO – Teen drivers can face challenges with every new experience. During National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 18-24, 2020, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) joins the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to encourage parents and guardians to discuss driver safety with their young drivers.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, ahead of any type of injury, disease, or violence. According to preliminary data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, 255 people in California were killed last year in crashes involving drivers aged 15-19.

"Teen drivers do not have the experience needed when confronted with new challenges on the road. This can create a potential danger to themselves and others," CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "Through open communication and by setting an example with their own good driving habits, parents and guardians can help keep their young drivers safe."

Discussions about safe driving include avoiding distractions such as cell phones, using seat belts, obeying speed limits, not driving impaired, and limiting the number of passengers. Parents and guardians must be aware that their own driving behavior and following the same rules is as important as

any conversation they may have with their teen.

The CHP provides education to help keep teen drivers alive in its Start Smart course, offered by all CHP offices free of charge. Participating in Start Smart will help parents and guardians learn how to effectively discuss the importance of driving safely with their young drivers. Start Smart also teaches driver responsibility, the Graduated Driver License program, and collision-avoidance techniques. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Start Smart classes are being held online. Contact your local CHP Area office for information on how to enroll.

DACC Helps Dogs from Commercial Breeding Facility

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - During the height of the recent Bobcat Fire, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) received an urgent alert that a commercial breeding kennel with over 100 dogs in the evacuation zone needed immediate help. They were without a place to shelter their animals during the fire. As a result, DACC came to the rescue and took in the displaced pups at our Baldwin Park and Lancaster animal care centers.

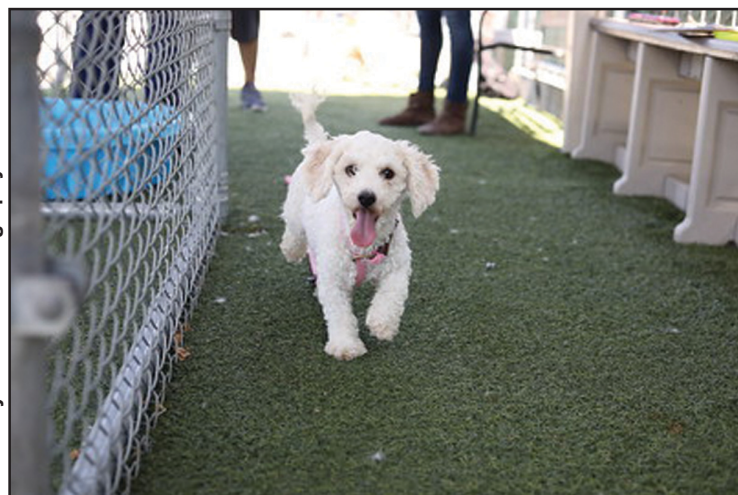


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DACC staff worked tirelessly to provide husbandry and temporary shelter for these dogs until the threat of the fire passed. After several weeks, the owner of the kennel made the decision to relinquish the dogs to DACC's care and for rehoming. DACC's veterinarians evaluated, vaccinated, and spayed and neutered the dogs while other DACC team members spent time getting to know each of the dogs, groom-

ing, and working with the less socialized dogs to help bring them out of their shells.

Now that they have received comfort and medical care, many of the dogs are ready for adoption to the public. Photos of these dogs can be found on their website at Animalcare.lacounty.gov.

They are pleased to offer these dogs for adoption as they become available. If you are interested in adopting one of these

delightful canines, please view their website, select the dog that you are interested in adopting and schedule an appointment. More of these pets will be added to their website as they become available, so please feel free to check back.

All dogs will be spayed and neutered, microchipped and vaccinated prior to adoption. For more information, please call (562) 940-6898.

Charter Oak Unified Selects Care Solace for Mental Healthcare Services

COVINA - Charter Oak Unified School District has selected Care Solace, an organization determined to calm the chaos of mental healthcare coordination, to extend access to mental health care and resources for students, staff and families. Care Solace equips school districts with a web-based tool that makes it easier to connect with both community-based and virtual mental healthcare providers and programs.

"School is a place where students come to feel embraced, included and supported. It is important for our district to ensure we have high quality resources to fully assist our students, staff and families." Said Maria Thompson, Director of Student Services at COUSD. "We chose Care Solace for their unique ability to further our commitment to finding solutions that strengthen the health and safety of our learning community."

With Care Solace, families

and staff gain access to a dedicated Care Concierge team, with experts available around-the-clock to guide users through processes related to insurance, provider availability, wait times and scheduling. Care Solace's care navigation system uses proprietary technology and a vast database of behavioral and mental healthcare resources to find carefully vetted therapists and programs in minutes.

More than 90,000 school staff and parents at partnering school communities of Care Solace used the pre-screening tool, with at least 40,000 students receiving mental healthcare support as a result. Care Solace has facilitated an estimated total of 4,500 crisis interventions. "Creating a healthy environment for learning in the 2020-21 school year has arguably never been more challenging for staff and families," said Chad Castruita, founder of Care Solace. "We are proud to

support Charter Oak Unified School District in prioritizing the wellbeing of its school community by providing timely access into mental healthcare services."

Care Solace is now available to Charter Oak Unified School District students, staff and families. Care Solace is on a mission to calm the chaos associated with mental healthcare coordination for high school and college students. The organization's web-based system works alongside tiered systems of support as a tool for school staff and families to connect with community-based mental healthcare resources and providers. The proprietary care navigation system taps into a vast database of mental healthcare resources to find carefully vetted local therapists and programs in minutes.

For more information about Care Solace, please visit <https://home.caresolace.com/>.

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 Con-

trol 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 from 2-6pm. Camp will be fee based at \$92 per week and registration will open on a month-

ly basis. Camp will still offer a variety of organized recreational activities for ages 5-12, led by trained Activity Leaders. Registration now online at ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation. Don't wait to sign-up as space is limited!

Random Act of Kindness Helps Charter Oak Unified Students

COVINA - Kenny Beckett and one of Charter Oak's own alumna, Darlene Figueroa, are sharing small random acts of

kindness to assist students during virtual learning. This amazing duo and group of supporters came together to fill a need for students who did not have a place to complete assignments or even set their Chromebooks up for class. Beckett and Figueroa work together to build desks for students in need not only at Charter Oak, but for other districts in the area as well.

Solely through donations,

Beckett and Figueroa keep building and distributing desks for students. Many desks have been given away to students in our own Charter Oak Unified, including: students new to the country, English Language Learners, and students in need. Beckett and Figueroa are thankful for the donations that have been given and are proud of how the community has responded to assist the building of desks for students.

Virtual Halloween Costume Contest

ARCADIA - Boo!!! Halloween is around the corner and Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department is having a virtual costume contest for the whole family! Submit a photo and entry form at ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation by 10/30/20 at

10:30am for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Winners will be showcased on the City's website and Twitter by 5pm that day.

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How a Single Rose Saved a Child's Life

By Arvin Vicente

UPLAND - Last October 17, 2020, I had the opportunity to participate in a 40 Days for Life Rally in Upland, California to not only photograph, but also to pray along with my fellow Pro-Life Warriors for the end to Abortion. After hearing prayers and testimonies from various speakers, one speaker left a strong impression on me.

Dale Cummins was his name, and to briefly sum up his story, he spoke to everyone attending while holding a bouquet of Red Roses. He enthusiastically spoke of how he and his daughter Danielle were rallying in front of the now shuttered "Family Planning" Abortion Clinic in Pomona, California. It was his daughter who approached a woman inside her car who had an appointment for the procedure where she gave the woman a single red rose just as she was about to enter.



Dale Cummins hands out a single rose

"When my daughter gave the woman a rose, she started crying. The woman said, No one had ever given me a flower before." It was at that moment a miracle happened. As Dale continued, he went on to say

how that single red Rose saved a Child's life that day. It was and is the very flower which I believe is a Symbol emblematic of God's Mercy and undying love for his greatest creation, Humanity itself.

BPUSD Will Begin Evening Meal Distributions

Evening meal services will be available starting Thursday, Oct. 22 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park Unified School District will begin evening meal distributions at Baldwin Park High School, starting on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Evening meal services will be available from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays for families who are unable to pick up meals on Wednesdays.

Meals continue to be served from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at designated schools where families can pick up meals for all students in the household in one stop. The meal service centers are "Grab & Go" drive-through style, ensuring families limit contact with others.

Children do not need to be present to pick up meals. Meal distribution cards will be required for BPUSD students, and name and birthdate will be required for students not enrolled with the District.

Updated meal announcements will be shared on the District's parent portals, as well as the District's website and social media pages. For more information, call (626) 856-4224.

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Georgios Tuxedo to Close its Doors after 38 Years

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - Yet another victim of the Covid 19 Pandemic is Georgio's Tuxedo's Glendora location, a formal wear rental and sales store on Route 66. Milissa Vicent, owner and proprietor of Georgio's Tuxedo, was quite sad about the closing after serving the Glendora community and also the communities in surrounding cities for so many years. Whether it is for weddings or High School proms, Georgio's Tuxedo was always the "go too" place.

Milissa, is a long time resident of Glendora, and has been a great supporter of the community. She said that they have taken care of the needs of stu-



Milissa Vicent, owner of Georgio's Tuxedo waves "farewell" opposite her iconic tuxedo store in Glendora.

dents of High Schools for their School Proms, Homecomings etc., since its inception.

Milissa says that she is in the process of selling off her inventory, which includes hundreds of tuxedos and formal dresses of various styles and sizes.

This is a good time to take advantage of the good deals and to purchase a tuxedo or formal dress, for when you may need one. Georgio's Tuxedo is located at 1000 E. Route 66, in Glendora. Their telephone number is 626-963-3417.

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If you have any questions, please call 626-852-4814 or email transportation@cityof-glendora.org.

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Girl Scouts from Glendora Troop 8874 Build Desks For Students in Need



Girl Scouts Leyna Ledesma Sepulveda and Jessica Watkins with Dr. Sara Najarro Principal of Stanton Elementary stand in front of pick-up carrying the desks to Stanton Elementary.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The pandemic has changed a lot in the way we are currently living our lives. It has changed how we function, how we interact with others and in the case of children, how they learn. It has become clear that a lot of children are struggling with distance learning as it is something new to everyone. What is clearer is the struggle does not end there. Unfortunately, many children lack basic supplies, technology and even a proper space to attend and do schoolwork. Two young girls, Leyna Ledesma Sepulveda and Jessica Watkins, from Glendora Troop 8874 recognized this issue and wanted to help their fellow students. During their research on how to help, they were inspired by Chai Ryan and his #donationdesk movement. They coordinated and

worked with their former elementary school principal Dr. Sara Najarro at Stanton Elementary to identify the need.

Over the last few weeks these two amazing girls have been putting in many hours of hard work. They created spreadsheets to compare pricing for materials needs to build desks. They brainstormed and drafted a donations letter to be hand delivered to managers at Home Depot and Lowes. They have personally met with managers and explained their project and how they too can help by providing any donations they could. They also collected school supplies donations and shared their project ideas with others.

Once they received donations from Lowes and Home Depot, they got to work to measure, cut

and prepare the wood for build day. On 10/10/20 along with their close family members, these girls built 25 desks to donate to children in need at Stanton Elementary. Due to privacy reasons, the girls will not know which students receive the donated desks. Each classroom will be given a desk for the teacher to reach out to his/her student. The desks were delivered Wednesday, October 14th. The girls plan to share their report with instructions to Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles in hopes that other Girl Scouts will continue the movement. The volunteers/helpers were Josefina Sepulveda, Santiago Sepulveda, Santiago Sepulveda Jr, Brandy Stewart, Lawrence Watkins, Rebecca Watkins and Michael Woods.

Glendora Community Coordinating Council Recognizes October Awardees

GLENDORA - The Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Carlos Mayen with October's Humanitarian Award. The definition of a humanitarian is "Having concern for or helping to improve the welfare and happiness of people". This certainly describes Carlos Mayen, owner of Chick-fil-A in Glendora and Azusa. Anytime someone reaches out to Carlos he says "yes". He participated for a full year at Glendora High School providing leadership lessons to their ASB. He provided meals several times a year to the GHS staff and students and generously distributed gift cards on a regular basis. Anytime there is a fundraiser in Glendora you can be sure to find a gift basket donated by Carlos to be auctioned off for that cause. Recently he made a sizable donation so 250 STEM kits could be purchased as a prize for 3rd to 5th grade Glendora student essay winners. He always donated meals to Glendora teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Most recently Carlos offered meals to those who were affected by the Ranch fire in Azusa so it was something they didn't need to think about. His good deeds are far too many to list. He always goes above and beyond in all he does. It is with great honor that the Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Carlos Mayen with October's Humanitarian Award.

Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Mihir Anand with October's Tim Crowther Youth Recognition Award. Mihir Anand is a senior at Glendora High School



Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Mihir Anand with October's Tim Crowther Youth Recognition Award

with a GPA of 4.75. He is currently a member of the National Honor Society, Lion's Club, Chemistry Club and a member of the varsity tennis team at GHS. Mihir is also a computer assistant at the Glendora Public Library and the founder of *Fruitfully Yours*, a service organization whose mission it is to prevent food waste by harvesting unwanted fruit from donors' fruit trees and donating them to local food banks, pantries and senior centers. To date approximately 35,000 pounds of fruit has been donated through a team of volunteers. Mihir is an individual

who is self-motivated, organized and is keenly proficient at maintaining a healthy balance in life. We are very pleased to recognize Mihir with October's Tim Crowther Youth Recognition Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at www.glendoracoordinating-council.org for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank the Glendora Chamber of Commerce for being our meeting sponsor.

El Monte Community Bands Together to Support EMUHSD Class of 2020 with Graduation Banners

EL MONTE - The El Monte Promise Foundation (EMPF) and El Monte Union High School are honoring 1,800 Class of 2020 graduates with 400 individualized banners that are on display along major corridors and streets across the three cities that the District's six high schools call home.

The banners - which recognize graduates from Arroyo, El Monte, Fernando R. Ledesma, Mountain View, Rosemead and South El Monte high schools - are personalized with up to four student photos, names and plans for college, trade school or military.

The celebration was made possible through a special partnership with the cities of El Monte, Rosemead and South El Monte and with generous support from Longo Lexus and Longo Toyota, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, as well as dozens of educators, parents and community donors.

"We are proud to promote this region-wide collaboration to support our students and encourage all of our current and future graduates," said EMPF Executive Director Jennifer Cobian, who spearheaded the initiative. "We could not have done it without the help of our city and community partners."

The Class of 2020 donation campaign was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that halted many graduation ceremonies across the nation. Community members can view the graduation banners that are placed on streetlights within District boundaries and near each high school.

"On behalf of our students and families, I want to thank



El Monte, Rosemead and South El Monte High School banners honor the Class of 2020 graduates at locations throughout each school's local communities.

our city partners for their generous support and recognize our community for rallying behind this wonderful endeavor to recognize a class of resilient students," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "Although

the Class of 2020 could not participate in a traditional graduation ceremony, these banners recognize their great accomplishments and the impact they have had on our school communities."

City of Baldwin Park

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