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# Rotarians' Mini-Grants for Glendora Teachers

**GLENDORA** - Once again, Glendora Rotarians have exemplified Norman Vincent Peale's admonition to "Find a need and fill it!" For over 35 years the Rotary Club of Glendora has been instrumental in enhancing the learning experience of Glendora's K-12 students through one of its signature projects: Mini-Grants for Glendora Teachers. This year, even with the challenges presented by the global pandemic, the club raised and distributed \$15,200 to teachers in the Glendora and Charter Oak School Districts.

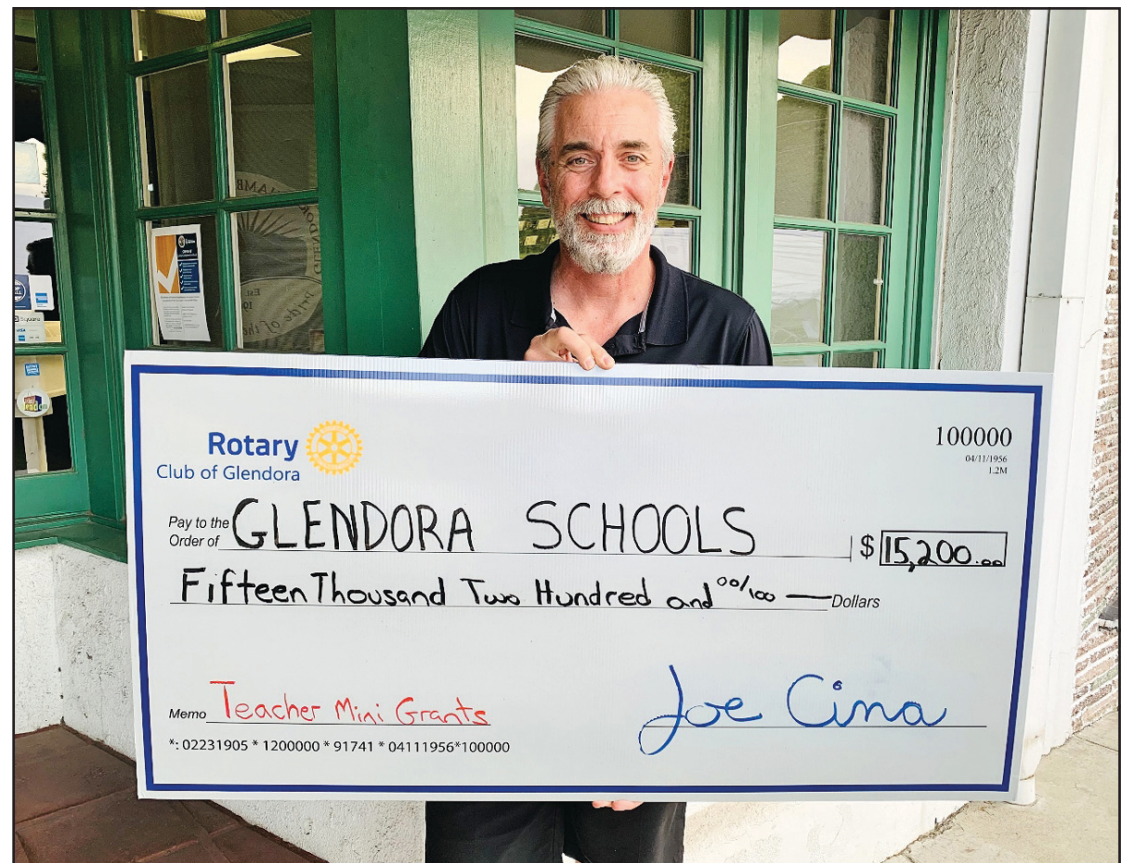
The idea for this annual Rotary project was to provide modest grants to teachers to enhance and improve the teaching process. Among other things, faculty members use these grants to secure classroom materials, to link curriculum among varying disciplines, to purchase supplementary reference books, and to fund educational field trips or special lectures. As a direct

result of COVID 19 restrictions, a significant number of this year's requests were submitted with application ideas related to distance learning.

Co-chairs of the Mini-Grants for Teachers project, Thom Hill and Joe Cina, are delighted to report that with this year's donations the total contribution level since inception is now over \$500,000! The best part is that over the span of three-plus decades Mini-Grants have assisted hundreds of teachers to provide teaching aids for thousands of students!

For more information or to donate for next year's fundraising cycle, please visit the club's website at [www.rotaryofglendora.org](http://www.rotaryofglendora.org) or send a check to: Glendora Rotary, PO Box 776, Glendora, CA 91740. (Checks made payable to Glendora Rotary Charities.)

The members of the Glendora Rotary Club would be grateful that you, too, "found a need to fill!"



Joe Cina of the Glendora Rotary presents the Annual Mini-Grant Check to the Glendora Schools

# City of Covina and Los Angeles County Development Authority Offers Small Business Grant Program

IMPORTANT DATES	PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
March 1 - March 5, 2021	Open Intake Period for Eligible Businesses
March 10, 2021	Lottery conducted to select the number of eligible businesses that the SBG Program can fund.
March 11- March 17, 2021	Selected businesses will be contacted and sent a full grant application to complete and qualify to receive a grant.
April 9, 2021	Deadline for selected businesses to submit complete grant applications
March - April 2021	Approved grant agreements are executed and checks issued to businesses

**COVINA** - The City of Covina Small Business Grant (SBG) Program is offered to local business that have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This application will open on March 1, 2021, and close on March 5, 2021. Please note that your application will be submitted to and reviewed by the Los Angeles County Development Authority using grant funds provided by the City of Covina, specifically designated to award to City of Covina businesses. The City is providing grants of \$10,000 awarded by the Los Angeles County Development Authority to businesses that:

- Create or retain a job for a low- and moderate-income person
- **Eligible Businesses**  
Small Businesses located in the City of Covina and meet the criteria below:

- Small Businesses with less than 500 employees that have been impacted by COVID-19
- Restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, cafés, gastropubs, salons, barbers and other grooming businesses, gyms, day spas, and fitness studios
- Retail and commercial stores such as local markets, consumer goods, electronics, appliances, health and sporting goods, furniture, clothing and shoes, books, and music stores
- Active business license in the City or County, as applicable
- No unresolved City, municipal, or health code violations
- Business in continuous operation in our City for at least two year
- **Ineligible Businesses**  
For a list of ineligible businesses, please visit [https://covina.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/covid-19\\_resources/page/10235/](https://covina.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/covid-19_resources/page/10235/)

[sbg\\_city\\_ineligible\\_business\\_list.pdf](#)  
**Use of Grant Funds:**  
Grant funds can be used for operational business expenses such as employee payroll  
**How to Participate**  
Eligible businesses submit an intake form during the 5-day open application period. After the intake period closes, a lottery will be conducted and selected businesses will be requested to complete an application. The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will work with the selected businesses on behalf of the City of Covina to complete an application, execute an agreement, and provide the grant funds directly to the business owners.  
**Application Intake Portal Link:**  
<https://www.lacda.org/economicdevelopment/small-business-grant-program>

# Man Pleads No Contest to Killing Two Young Boys in the 1980s

**POMONA** - Convicted sex offender Kenneth Rasmuson pleaded no contest on Monday, February 22 in connection with the sexual assault and murder of two children in the 1980s. The defendant's plea took place in the Pomona Courthouse in consultation with family members who welcomed the resolution.

The defendant pleaded no contest to two counts of murder and also admitted the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders.

Due to a recent court ruling, the special circumstance allegations in this case had not been dismissed. The defendant faces life in prison without the possibility of parole when he is scheduled to be sentenced on April 27.

Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer attended the court hearing to request jurisdiction because one of the victims was from Anaheim Hills. In a motion to the court last week, District Attorney Spitzer signaled his intent to seek the death penalty in spite of the state's moratorium if he was granted jurisdiction.

Rasmuson murdered 6-year-old Jeffrey Vargo who disappeared on July 2, 1981. The boy left his house in Anaheim Hills to go look at a fireworks stand. The following day, two construction workers found the boy's



Convicted sex offender Kenneth Rasmuson pleaded no contest to two counts of murder.

body in Pomona. The second victim, Miguel Antero, went missing from his home on April 8, 1986. The day of his disappearance, 6-year-old's body was found in a wash located in Agoura Hills. DNA evidence also connected Rasmuson to the second slaying.

# What You Need to Know about SB 91

With hundreds of thousands of county residents still unable to pay rent, some hope was offered at the end of last month when the Extended Tenant Relief Act (Senate Bill 91) was passed in California. The bill extends protections for tenants who can't pay rent. And as long as tenants pay at least 25% of their total rent from September 2020 to June 2021 by June 30 2021, landlords can't legally evict them. Tenants must also submit a declaration form each month stating COVID-19 hardship. It's important to know that this new law does not cancel rent. It also does not stop landlords from filing an eviction lawsuit. But, it does provide tenants with defenses to eviction if a lawsuit is filed for not paying rent.

The new law also provides \$2.6 billion for rental assistance



to Californians via direct payments to landlords. Landlords who apply to the program will be paid 80% of any rent owed by a tenant if the landlord agrees to forgive the remaining 20%. If a landlord chooses not to apply, qualified tenants can apply to receive 25% of their unpaid rent to secure eviction protection. To learn more about SB 91, the

rental assistance program and other laws that protect tenants, check out [stayhousedla.org](http://stayhousedla.org) or join a tenants' rights workshop. At the workshop, you'll hear more about your rights and be connected to resources that can help keep you in your home. Sign up for a workshop at <https://www.stayhousedla.org/workshops/>

## KNOW YOUR RISK

It's important to know the risk to yourself and others when you dine outdoors.



### LOWEST RISK

- Drive-through, delivery, take-out, and curbside pick-up.

### MORE RISK

- Outdoor dining with only members of your household and tables spaced out.

### HIGHER RISK\*

- Dining with people you don't live with.
- Outdoor dining with no table spacing.
- Indoor dining with tables spaced out.

### HIGHEST RISK\*

- Indoor dining with people you don't live with at full capacity and no table spacing.

\* Per the Health Officer, indoor dining is prohibited at this time.

# Azusa Mayor Gonzales Back Home!

By George Ogden

**AZUSA** - Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales is now home and still recovering after getting a severe infection of the lungs. It was diagnosed as Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). This developed into a COVID-19 related illness that put him in the hospital for 33 days in two hospital stays. It ended up being a near death experience with COVID-19 in the equation.

Now that he is home, he had his first City Council meeting (virtually). He looked frail and it shows that he lost a lot of weight.

It all started with a cough, and his refusal to get checked out by going to the emergency room with his wife's persistent urging. The delay cost him dearly and almost cost him his life. He had pneumonia and it developed to the COVID-19-pneumonia.

Gonzales entered the hospital on Dec. 2, and spent 26 days there. He was intubated and



**Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales** released on Dec. 28. Within 3 days, he was back in the hospital Dec. 31, and stayed several more days because of ARDS where he had to be intubated again.

He said it was a very scary ordeal and thanks his beautiful wife, Rochelle, for being per-

sistent and finally getting him to the hospital.

He appreciated all the people that showed their support for him and his family. If there was at least one lesson to be learned here... "Listen to your wife!"

# How to Prepare for an Unusual Tax Season



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**In an unusual year, filing taxes can come with additional stress and uncertainty. Following some simple tips can help ensure you secure the best possible outcome.**

A year as unusual and challenging as 2020 means there may be some additional factors that can impact your tax return, from stimulus payments, potential job changes and unemployment benefits, to virtual work transitions and more.

"2020 was full of challenges, changes and plenty of uncertainty. While we're optimistic for the year ahead, it's important for Americans to understand how major life events, such as changes in employment or residence, can impact tax filing this year," says Chad Prashad, CEO of World Acceptance Corporation, parent company of World Finance.

Having prepared approximately 84,000 returns last year, World Finance is offering tips to lessen tax season headaches this year, while helping you maximize the value and timeliness of your tax return.

- **Make a plan and start early.** Start by identifying how you're going to file your taxes, such as through an online program or with the help of a professional expert. Gather all tax forms, such as W-2s from your employer or a 1099 form if you're self-employed, relevant expense receipts, as well as statements from banks or other financial institutions. The quicker you get your taxes filed, the faster you'll receive your return. Visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the latest tax information.

- **Check for tax credits and deductions.** Due to the pandemic, you may have had to make major

lifestyle changes, some of which could result in a tax credit or deduction that reduces your amount owed. The cost of setting up a home office, the purchase of a vehicle in lieu of taking public transportation and childcare expenses are all examples of possible tax credits or deductions. Check out [irs.gov/credits-deductions-for-individuals](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions-for-individuals) for a list of other deductions and possible credits.

- **Consider additional COVID-19 impacts.** If you lost a job due to COVID-19 and received unemployment benefits, remember that income is taxable. The CARES Act also created provisions that could benefit your tax return, including allowing above-the-line deductions for donations to charity, waiving the penalty for early withdrawal from retirement

accounts and more. Visit [irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments) for more information.

- **Work with a tax preparation service.** Feeling overwhelmed? Working with a reputable tax preparation service partner can help you identify any additional deductions available and can add to your return. Some partners like World Finance even offer an interest and fee-free tax advance loan based on the anticipated value of your tax return up to \$5,000, so you could receive payment the same day you file. Because they offer remote, in-person and drop-off options, filing is fast and convenient. To learn more, visit [loansbyworld.com/taxes](https://loansbyworld.com/taxes). (StatePoint)

# Service Learning Gives Students Purpose and Connection in Quarantine

The typical routine a school year brings has been lost this year, as students adjust to hybrid or fully remote learning models and ever-changing reopening plans. According to McKinsey, 75% of the 50 largest school districts in the country have decided to start remotely, and the UN estimates that 94% of the world's student population has been impacted.

While the disruption the coronavirus has caused the educational system is clear, the long-term impact on students' mental health is even greater cause for concern. Research recently published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry found that young people who are lonely are up to three times more likely to develop depression, creating mental health issues that could last nearly a decade. The study found that more than one-third of adolescents reported a high level of loneliness during lockdown. While these findings are alarming, utilizing service-learning to supplement traditional curriculum can give students a sense of purpose and connection, helping mitigate loneliness in a digital environment.

One program that has shown success in fostering social and emotional learning is the Lead4Change Student Leadership Program, which encompasses digital lessons in leadership, as well as creating and implementing team projects to meet a need in the community.

"What I want people to take away from our project is that even through isolation, you can still find ways to help out in your community," says Genesis Morgane, a student from Garner, N.C. who created the "Corona Relief Crew" through the program, distributing kits with essential food and supplies to the homeless and those in nursing homes who have been severely impacted by the pandemic.

While the pandemic meant that students had to rapidly adjust to physical distancing guidelines, they were successful in completing their project



and building meaningful relationships in a remote environment.

"The most amazing part of their efforts was that everything was done virtually," says Dr. Cleopatra Lacewell, the teacher overseeing the Corona Relief Crew. "The youth had to engage one another through emails, texts and a computer screen, which is often a challenge for me as an adult."

The Corona Relief Crew was honored by Lead4Change with a \$10,000 grant for the non-profit of their choice, but an equally rewarding outcome of the project was instilling in its participants a sense of meaning in connection in their community.

"We decided that everyone is at home, alone, having to stay in quarantine and distance themselves from everyone else," says Morgane. "We said, 'Why don't we think about them and let them know that we have not forgotten about them.'"

For more information about the Lead4Change Student Leadership Program and accompanying Challenge, visit [lead4change.org](https://lead4change.org).

The disruption students face due to the pandemic is widespread, but not evenly distributed. The UN's research found that groups that are already vul-

nerable when it comes to receiving education—those living in poor or rural areas, girls, refugees, and persons with disabilities—experience the greatest impact. The good news is that many digital programs like Lead4Change, which is a free program for all participants, only require enthusiasm and investment of time from students and their teachers. (StatePoint)

# Milk, Bread, Hope for Children in Need



Children who suffer from food insecurity are at a much higher risk of cognitive problems. If you know a family with a newborn or a young child (ages 5 or younger) that is struggling, please encourage them to get the help they need. WIC is available for ongoing food support at:

[Myfamily.wic.ca.gov](https://www.myfamily.wic.ca.gov). In addition, food benefits are available to help families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals through the federal School Breakfast or National School Lunch programs. Visit [cdss.ca.gov/pandemic-ebt](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/pandemic-ebt) for more info.

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## Napolitano Joins Over 100 Colleagues in Introducing the U.S. Citizenship Act

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) proudly joined over 100 of her colleagues in introducing the bicameral U.S. Citizenship Act, the Biden-Harris administration's big, bold, and inclusive vision for immigration reform.

"Immigrants work hard, pay taxes, and contribute so much to our communities, often at great risk to their own health and safety," Napolitano said. "Now we have an opportunity to bring millions out of the shadows and more fully into everyday American society, finally doing the right thing for our country and our economy. Our bill provides those who have lived in the U.S. for years, in some cases decades, an earned pathway to citizenship and an opportunity to fulfill the promise of the American Dream. With a new administration committed to modernizing our immigration system rather than demonizing immigrants, we must finish the job and pass immigration reform this year."

The U.S. Citizenship Act would provide millions of hard-

working, undocumented immigrants with an earned pathway to citizenship, including Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, and essential workers, who have made enormous sacrifices throughout the course of the pandemic. It modernizes our immigration system and prioritizes keeping families together, grows our economy while protecting every worker, and responsibly and effectively manages the border with smart and effective investments. The bill also addresses the root causes of migration from Central America, and ensures that the United States remains a refuge for those fleeing persecution and

violence.

The U.S. Citizenship Act is the product of tireless work by immigration and civil rights leaders from across the U.S., as well as members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Tri-Caucus. It restores humanity and American values to our immigration system, while focusing on the aspirations of those most directly impacted by our immigration laws. Napolitano is one of 80 original House cosponsors and 19 original Senate cosponsors of the legislation, which is authored by Rep. Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA-38) and Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) in the House and Senate, respectively.

## Additional U.K. Variant Cases Confirmed in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed two additional cases of COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 (U.K. variant), totaling 14 cases in Los Angeles County.

This variant is known to spread more easily and quickly than other variants and is circulating in the state and county. In January 2021, scientists from U.K. reported evidence that suggests the B.1.1.7 variant may be associated with an increased risk of death compared with other variants. More studies are needed to confirm this finding. It is crucial for everyone to keep at least six feet of distance from others and to wear a mask whenever around people that don't live with them. These measures limit the spread of the virus and known variants and can reduce the like-

lihood of a surge in cases due to this variant.

COVID-19 transmission remains widespread here in L.A. County, and variant cases are increasing. It is very important that if you are even mildly sick or think you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 that you stay home and away from other people, especially those at greater risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19, and that you consider being tested for COVID-19. This is essential to prevent you from unintentionally spreading COVID-19 to other people. COVID-19 vaccine supply remains very limited. For information about vaccine appointments in L.A. County and when your turn is coming up, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, and much more, visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com).

## Los Angeles County Meets Threshold to Reopen Grades TK-6

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The state updated the metrics that characterize the amount of transmission in a county and what restrictions must be followed to reduce transmission. L.A. County remains in the purple tier and transmission continues to be widespread. Los Angeles County's adjusted case rate is now 20 cases per 100,000 people and our seven-day average daily test positivity rate is 7.2%. The average daily cases, adjusted case rate, and positivity rate are steadily declining after peaking in January.

LA County's adjusted case rate has remained under 25 new cases per 100,000 people for five consecutive days, meeting the State requirements for schools to open on-site learning for grades TK through 6. Students in grades TK through 6 are permitted for on-site learning if the school is in full compliance with state and county directives. Many of the directives are not new and very familiar to schools that reopened under the waiver program or for services for high need students. These include:

- Masking and distancing will be required for all staff and students.
- Infection control happens everywhere.
- Each classroom must form a stable group with fixed membership and they may not mix with other groups, meaning all onsite school activities will happen with this same cohort of students and adults. The size of the stable group is dependent on ensuring optimally 6 feet of distance between students and teachers.
- Schools are required to immediately report to Public Health clusters of 3 or more positive cases of COVID-19 that have occurred within 14 days of one another.
- Schools are required to complete and post the County's school re-opening checklist that demonstrates compliance with all required safety protocols.

The state added the following additional requirements:

- Schools must complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan that includes establishing the CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program.

- Schools are required to consult with labor, parent and community organizations regarding re-opening plans.

- Schools must ensure sufficient ventilation in classrooms and shared spaces per the ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers) guidance on ventilation and have an appropriate professional evaluate the ventilation system in regards to the ASHRAE guidance.

- Schools are required to have a testing plan that includes symptomatic testing and surveillance testing.

Public Health will be conducting site visits providing technical assistance to schools and helping schools manage outbreaks when they occur.

It is understandable some parents may not currently feel comfortable sending their children back to school for onsite learning. Schools offering on campus learning opportunities should also continue to offer 100% distance learning opportunities. Please remember that it is the decision of the school district or the school as to whether they will reopen for onsite learning for grades TK through 6.

Elementary schools in LA County fall into two groups: those that are already open for in-classroom instruction for an entire class of students in grades TK-2 through the waiver program and those that are not open for full-grade in class instruction.

Schools already open through an approved waiver need to post their COVID Safety Plan (CSP) prior to expanding in-class instruction to students grades 3 through 6. There are 297 elementary schools with approved waivers.

Schools not yet open need to submit their required COVID Safety Plan for review by CDPH and LA County Public Health, along with completing the coun-

ty re-opening protocol checklist. If no concerns are noted in seven working days by either the state or county health departments, they are permitted to open on day eight as long as they follow the safety requirements and protocols detailed in state and county directives.

For grades 7 through 12, reopening will not be permitted until our case rate drops below 7 per 100,000 people.

Public Health is working in partnership with Los Angeles County school districts to establish the Public Health Ambassador Program for students and parents. This program will actively engage school communities in preventing and reducing the spread of COVID-19 by empowering students and parents as essential partners in each school's prevention effort. The Ambassador Program will build a coalition throughout school communities that promotes the responsibility of each person-school leadership and staff, students, and parents-to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The effort will emphasize the importance of school community members not only consistently implementing the elements of Public Health's reopening protocols on school campuses, but also using core infection prevention practices whenever individuals are in the broader community outside of their households.

Outbreaks in schools that reopened were relatively rare as the protocols in place prevented significant transmission at school sites. Nonetheless, like cases, outbreaks in schools also increased during the surge and have been declining steadily in January. There have been a total of 86 K-12 school-affiliated outbreaks since Sept 1, 2020. Of the 86 outbreaks, 66 involved fewer than 6 cases; most were 3-4 cases. Only two outbreaks involved slightly more than 12 cases, and this included one office site that provided procurement services that had 25 cases and one site open only to cafeteria workers that had 15 cases.

## Public Health Continues Work to Address Vaccination Inequities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The County has received 262,925 doses of COVID-19 vaccine in L.A. County for a total of 1,831,075. To date, nearly 1,677,000 doses of vaccine have been administered across the county. Of those vaccinated, 471,162 people have received second doses.

The rate of vaccination among White and Asian residents in L.A. County continues to be significantly higher than that among Black/African American and Latino/Latinx residents. Black/African Americans have received 5.2% of vaccinations administered to date, while accounting for 9% of the 16 and older population. Latinx residents received 23% of vaccinations, while accounting 46% of the 16 and older population.

People 65 and older account for more than 50% of those vaccinated to date. Females account for 59%, while males account for 41%. Among people 65 and older, 42.5% have been vaccinated. Twenty-four percent of Black/African Americans 65 and older, 29% of Latino/Latinx 65 and older, and 32% American Indian/Alaska Native residents 65 and older have been vaccinated compared to 39% of Asians 65 and older, and 43% of White residents 65 and older.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is committed to increase access to the vaccine. We are expanding mobile vaccination units to better serve the needs of seniors and others who have limited mobility. We are mobilizing community health workers with information in multiple languages on available vaccination services to provide assistance to local residents in underserved communities for scheduling appointments and accessing vaccination services. Nearly 400 sites in L.A.

County are administering the vaccines, including federally qualified health clinics, pharmacies, hospitals, and large capacity vaccination sites. Together the County had the capacity to administer 500,000 -600,000 doses this week, although we only received an average of 230,000 doses per week over the past two weeks.

At this time, vaccination continues to be only open to health-care workers, residents and staff at long-term care facilities, and people who are age 65 or older which account for approximately 2.2 million people in L.A. County. Those eligible for the vaccine will continue to be eligible if they've not yet been vaccinated. Three additional sectors become eligible for vaccine starting on March 1; education and childcare, food and agriculture, and first responders and law enforcement. The County is working with partners to offer multiple opportunities for vaccinating the more than 1.8 million workers that will be eligible for vaccine beginning March 1.

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# Cancel Culture: New Political Party

Reading the news each day, I get the feeling the giant tech groups of Google, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and others have unionized into a new political party of censorship called the Cancel Culture. Their "political platform" presents a list of standards encompassing people, companies, and political figures they now feel obligated to censor at will, calling that censorship "community guidelines." And, it also seems as if conservatives are the offenders and target of their "community guidelines."



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

from them. Mike Lindell, CEO of My Pillow, a bedding company, has been a strong supporter of Trump and gone online to show there was voter fraud costing Trump the November election. Companies who carried My Pillow products have since announced they will discontinue those items in their stores including Bed Bath & Beyond, Wayfair and a host of others. Twitter has permanently suspended Lindell's account for violating their "Civil Integrity Policy."

Two Republican legislators have come up with bills to try to stop the haphazard approach by the big tech giants with their new "community guidelines" approach to what is allow and not allowed to be published.

Sen. Melissa Melendez (R - Lake Elsinore) has authored SB 238, Diversity of Thought Act, that would amend the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) in the Government Code, by adding political affiliation as a protected class under California's anti-discrimination laws. SB 238 seeks to protect California residents from discrimination when seeking employment opportunities or housing, based on political affiliation.

Melendez's second bill, SB 249, amends the Education Code, to include prohibition of political affiliation discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and

bullying in schools. The package affirms Californians are supported in their right to open dialogue and diversity of thought.

Sen. Melendez offered up reasons for her two bills by saying, "It is unfathomable to me that corporations and members of the public would ruin a person's career, business and family because of their political ideology. Cancel culture and the efforts to silence differing opinions and voices should be a growing concern for all of us."

Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) who has worked with Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Granite Bay) on several Newsum lawsuits, has introduced AB 1114 that would amend the Civil Code by adding Title 15.5 and titled "Social Media Platforms." This bill would apply to a social media company operating in California and to residents of California using that platform.

Gallagher's bill is based on the U.S. Supreme Court's case of PruneYard Shopping Center v. Robbins (1980). That case refers to a group of high school students who set up a table at the PruneYard Shopping Center in Campbell, California, to seek signatures from passersby for a petition they wished to send to the United Nations following the UN's condemnation of Zionism. Shopping center guards threw them out because they had not gotten permission to be there by the owners. The students filed suit and eventually the Supreme Court ruled states can require the owners of private shopping centers to provide access to members of the public who want to circulate petitions or otherwise peacefully exercise their rights of free speech.

We need to all be concerned about the overreach of big tech's social media platforms because what we see happening to others today, could be our restrictions tomorrow.

# Make Your Own Fun

When I was nine or ten years old and summer had arrived, I took my long face to the room where my mother was hard at work transcribing a book into Braille for blinded veterans. It was her way of trying to bring a light to those whose lives WW II had darkened.

"I've got nothing to do," I moaned. It happened that every one of my small group of friends were off for the summer: at camps, the beach, on family vacations or visiting grandmothers. There was nobody around with whom to do any of our group things: catching salamanders or snakes in the nearby creek, playing baseball, smoking "borrowed" KOOLS under the railroad bridge, exploring the nearby woods or taking bike rides. "There isn't anything to do," I complained. "All the guys are gone and so are all the fun things we did together."

My mother continued clicking away on her brail machine, and without looking up said, "Charles, I guess you will have to make your own fun." She probably meant reading a book, conquering the 50 spelling demons, or doing arithmetic problems. "Yuk!



Charles H. Bayer

That's no way to spend these great summer days." I thought that what mother probably had in mind sounded like summer school or some sort of punishment.

A day or so later I got to thinking about what mother had said. "Make your own fun." So I did. Among other things I designed a game replicating a baseball season for the eight American League teams, and played it right to the league championship. All I needed was a pad of blank paper, a pair of dice and a pencil. Of course the Philadelphia Athletics, my hometown team, finally won the pennant. Did I cheat? Maybe only a little.

I also invented an outdoor

baseball game that involved throwing an old tennis ball against the back garden stairs, and charting how it bounced back. What fun! I could be pitcher, batter, fielders, umpire and a play-by-play radio announcer all at the same time. I also invented a couple of other single-player games. Making my own fun was OK.

So here we are and almost everything we had been in the habit of doing together has flown away on the wings of COVID-19.

While I have had success in making my own fun in these long solitary months, I know that many of my readers have also found ways to make their own fun. I am collecting these solitary inventions, and sometime in the next few weeks I'll publish what I have received. So think about it, and e-mail me the results. It looks like we are in this isolation just a bit longer. Nobody knows who might find useful something you have come up with. It may not be a summer vacation when all our friends are out of reach, but still it may be a good time to make your own fun.

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Google's YouTube removed a video last week of an attorney, Thomas Renz, representing Ohio Stands Up! I would tell you more but the video was removed. What I can tell you is through an Epoch Times report that said Renz was there testifying in support of a bill that would provide oversight of the Ohio Governor's orders, in conjunction with their health department orders, on COVID 19. Numbers appear to be an issue.

YouTube has taken down a newly recorded video by former President Donald Trump because it did not meet YouTube "community guidelines." I can't tell you what former President Trump had to say, but do know YouTube also blocked all the Trump campaign ads and edited out a lawyer's statement during the Congressional hearings. The Epoch Times said YouTube removed, and has suspended Trump's channel, because the videos were a violation of "policies for inciting violence." There is also Trump's relationship with Twitter that ended with a life time suspension

# MY TURN: Rush Limbaugh's Legacy Is All Around Us

Rush Limbaugh will be remembered a lot longer than all the petty little "critics" with their insults, who ironically, in the world of political commentary had doors opened for them, some directly, most indirectly, by the efforts of Rush Limbaugh as he pioneered a new revitalized talk radio, and they don't even know it.

Of course, the critics call Rush divisive and controversial. The only reason he is divisive and controversial is because he spoke about the truth and honesty, which nowadays is considered divisive and controversial. Rush was the first to voice the concerns of Conservatives, allowing it to be acceptable, considering Conservatives are thought of, in the media, to be what could be referred to as the "away" team. As sad as the passing of Limbaugh is, what is even sadder is the reactions from a lot of those small people and little "critics," from the "woke" crowd that claim they alone "get it." Hence, the term "woke."

A media columnist in the Arizona Republic wrote that "Limbaugh didn't invent the notion that he was right and if you disagreed, you were wrong." That comment was all in an attempt to shape the negativity while not avoiding the recognition, however so reluctantly it is received. The columnist was right, you know. The notion was not invented by Rush, it was and is, perpetuated by the Left. Rush did invent a brand of AM saving Conservative talk radio that resisted that notion because the "Cancel Culture" is not and never was Conservatives. It was the Left's crowd who cancelled and removed from the public, the likes of Kurt Schilling, Roseanne, Parler, Gina Carano, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Mike Lindell, Tim Allen or many others. Cancelled because the Left leaning media and social media didn't like what those folks had to say. And when the President of the United States is even silenced, that is more than just a slippery slope. It is Mount Everest.

Rush's legacy is not complicated. It is one individual giving voice to all the people the "critics" ridicule in their writings every day. The critics' writings deemed "acceptable." Rush didn't



Charles Lopresto

voice hatred; he shined a light on it.

Conservatism in the National media had a big challenge before Rush passed away. Others had already taken up the sword, whether it was Hannity, Laura, Elder, Breitbart or the original pioneers of Fox News. But Fox is now a network in turmoil with a new movement within, turning back to being the Conservative alternative that some in the front office had desired to overturn, until monster ratings going in the other direction "woke" them. They have even decided to give the witty, irreverent and sometimes painfully honest, show host Greg Gutfeld, a one-time protégé of Andrew Breitbart, an expansion of his Saturday show to a weeknight show, bumping Shannon Bream to a later hour. Greg Gutfeld first began in the later hour with a groundbreaking satirical late night, quirky show, "Red Eye."

Another Fox "diamond in the rough" may be Peter Doocy, an old fashion Fox reporter still in a young man's clothes. As mentioned before, Fox is clearly a network at war with itself. On one hand, you have the network that went too Pro-Biden on election night, fired Trish Regan and

Lou Dobbs for their opinions, and still showcases the Liberal rantings of Chris Wallace... "excuse me, excuse me..." And on the other hand, maintains some of the iconic Conservative anchors like Sean, Laura, and Tucker, and even allows Mark Levin the space to voice his well-planned out monologues.

But most significant in the Fox landscape was the White House Briefing Room assignment given to Peter Doocy, the son of long time Fox personality Steve Doocy. Doocy is the one reporter who holds Jen Psaki's feet to the fire, while the usual suspects in the room, from the usual networks, have moved back to their comatose dealings with the new President, inadvertently leaving young Doocy to make the headlines with his questioning of the new and onetime former Press Secretary.

The point of all this is simple. If we had more Peter Doocys in that room, we might see more of just how little the new administration actually cares about the truth, the people and getting anything constructive done. And it is up to the remaining folks in Conservative communications to carry on for Rush. Taking the issues and running with them. Taking the issues and bringing them to the feet of the administration that would just as soon avoid allowing the Peter Doocys to ask about them. Taking the issues to the people and reminding them that others feel as they feel, and, others will do that in Rush Limbaugh's absence.

The legacy of Rush Limbaugh is in the ones that come along and pick up the sword. The sword that comes in the shape of a microphone, a pen, and a conscience.

# The "Stockdale Paradox"

**My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel**

Who is this Stockdale person and what is this "paradox"?

Stockdale is a retired United States Navy Admiral who, during the Viet Nam War, was captured by the North Vietnamese regime. Stockdale was held captive for seven years in the "Hanoi Hilton" prison. For those of you who do not recognize the medal around the Admiral's neck it is the Congressional Medal of Honor. Every military person, regardless of rank salutes him (including the President). Capturing this hero was actually a bad day for the enemy. He resisted their every effort to exploit him. I will not go into a lot of detail here but he is truly an American Hero



U.S. Navy Admiral Stockdale

Americans. Oops, I forgot to add "Power" - absolute power.

At all levels this nation is divided. In the Democrat party. We have the 'old school' establishment verses the Socialist movement. The old school Democrat voters seem to believe that they are supporting the same Democrat Party of old. They are not! The Socialist Democrat Party is a new entity. If John F. Kennedy were alive today would he still be a Democrat? Kennedy believed: in the Second Amendment; he was pro-life: he promoted American Greatness: and mostly his statement to Americans; "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country. This in the antithesis to today's Socialist Democrat mantra.

The Democrats of today appear to believe that the only way to save this country is through government takeover of every aspect of your life. They ignore the Constitution daily. Biden creates new laws daily through Executive Orders. The DOJ through the FBI are arresting people who protested in Washington DC but ignoring ANTIFA and BLM attacks on this nation. Socialism has taken over academia, the MSM and social media. Polls of younger people shows that 70% consider socialism preferable to capitalism. These statements are facts, not conjecture.

Is the Republican Party any

better? The old school Republicans, like Mitch McConnell seem to believe that the Republican Party of Donald Trump is just an anomaly that will disappear with the winter cold. Trump is not in the White House so let's impugn him and go after his followers. "Back to business as usual before Trump".

We are confronted with a simple truth - all too many politicians, in both major political parties have lost sight of what America stands for. "This Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men (and women) are created equal". We the People are the sovereign rulers of this country. They are elected to represent their constituents not the party.

The chaos at the national level is no greater than here in California. California has gone from a great state to the laughingstock of the nation. The Governor of California is facing the specter of recall because of his unconstitutional tyrannical edicts. Now, all of a sudden he is opening up the state again. Hopefully, the people will see this ploy for what it is - a veiled attempt to stay in power.

Why should patriotic Americans set back and let the Socialists in the Democrat Party destroy our nation? If you consider yourself an American Patriot, like Stockdale, the idea and words of capitulation, must not be in our lexicon. We American patriots must organize behind a common goal, the goal of saving America from destruction at the hands of Socialism. The American dream must not be allowed to end with this generation.

You must "confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be."

"Freedom is but one generation away from extinction" - Ronald Regan.

These words were the words that guided his every action while in captivity. His fellow prisoners who counted on the 'Calvary' coming to their rescue eventually gave up hope and died. His prophetic words must guide us now - "confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be."

Today, we are confronted with the fact that, legitimate or not, Joe Biden and the Socialists have taken over our government. That is a fact beyond repute. This group of power hungry politicians have a slight majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate. To this point in the new regime appears to have only two goals. One) punish all Republicans and two) destroy all the progress made toward prosperity for all

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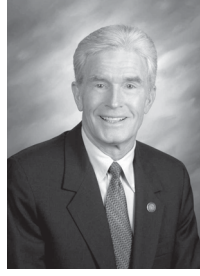
# Good News Bad News in This Spotty Recovery

Recently Eurostat announced that eurozone GDP contracted at an annual pace of 2.8% during the fourth quarter and 6.8% for all of 2020. By comparison the U.S. economy grew at a preliminary annual pace of 4% during the fourth quarter, while declining much less than the eurozone for the year. Obviously, the spread of China's coronavirus created significant economic damage around the world.

Now China would have you believe that it is leading in worldwide economic growth. CNBC reported that China's GDP grew by 2.3% in 2020, while U.S. GDP contracted by 2.3%. Illustrations were presented by CNBC showing China's GDP growing faster than U.S. GDP thus indicating China's GDP will likely exceed the U.S. GDP sooner than previously forecast. The report projected that China might exceed U.S. GDP by 2026, two years sooner than economists' previous estimate. If much of the USA remains more restricted by Covid-19 than China that projection is believable.

The Wall Street Journal reported that while Britain and the U.S. had vaccinated 14.4% and 9.6% of their populations, respectively, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain had only vaccinated 2.3% to 3.4% of their populations. If, as reported, China had only vaccinated 1.7% of its vast 1.4 billion population that could negatively impact its GDP growth. Although Britain plans to vaccinate 60% of its population by June, the eurozone is lagging far behind Britain in vaccinations. As long as countries are dealing with Covid19, impacted economies worldwide will be hampered in their growth.

**In A Nutshell**  
What's up in the Economy?



**KEN HERMAN**  
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On a brighter note the Commerce Department reported last week that factory orders rose 1.1% in December after rising 1.3% in November. Strong housing and automotive sectors continue to boost factory orders. However, Ford announced last week that it is cutting the production of its popular F-150 pickup at two plants in Missouri and Michigan due to the global shortage of semiconductor chips for LED and OLED screens. GM, Nissan, and VW Group have also been forced to curtail vehicle production due to a shortage of semiconductor chips. Wall Street expects production back logs to remain unusually strong for many months due to ongoing tight new vehicle inventories.

A main driver of the stock market's upside volatility has been equities that typically benefit from positive quarterly announcements which trigger subsequent news articles. Sometimes positive analyst revisions and upgrades also trigger these favorable articles. The bottom line is that companies who (1) post positive quarterly results, (2) exceed analyst consensus for sales & earnings estimates, and (3) provide positive guidance, typically create wave after wave of persistent buying pressure thereby overwhelming the stock

pricing algorithms on Wall Street.

The trading mechanism on Wall Street has squeezed bid/ask spreads and caused trading algorithms to control security transactions with tighter bid/ask spreads. Recently, Wall Street (Reddit) has exposed the limitations of these trading algorithms, which can temporarily cause extreme stock valuations. Specifically, Reddit users caused an incredible surge of retail orders to "squeeze shorts", exposing inefficient pricing on Wall Street.

In the meantime, beware of those regulators who may have a vested interest in some of the players. New U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen reportedly received significant fees from Melvin Capital and Citadel before she became Treasury Secretary. She called for a meeting with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Federal Reserve, and the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) to discuss the recent trading volatility caused by Reddit forum users. The result might be "circuit breakers" or other trading restrictions being implemented. The fact that Melvin Capital and Citadel were victims of the GameStop short squeeze just made key player interactions more interesting. Any announced trading restrictions will likely be framed as a way to "protect the individual investor," even though they might protect influential hedge fund friends more!

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*We bought a home in 2020. What are our tax breaks?*

Detailed information is available at State and Federal tax websites, or ask your CPA if it's better for you to take the Standard Deduction, or to Itemize. Also see if you qualify to take deductions for mortgage interest, points paid at settlement, property taxes, exclusive use of home office space for a small business, mortgage insurance premiums, home improvement loan interest, and construction loan interest. You can only deduct interest on up to \$750,000 of your mortgage debt.

*Is the interest on student loans tax deductible?*

Yes, IF you've made all payments on time, and IF your adjusted gross income is within current set limits. The deduction starts to phase out at AGI (adjusted gross income) between \$70,000 and \$85,000 (filing 'single'), or between \$140,000 and \$170,000 (married, filing jointly). The maximum student loan interest deduction, each year, is limited to \$2,500. You'll need the 1098-E as proof of interest paid.

*My W-2 has a code DD in box 12. What's that?*

Box 12, Code DD is the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage. This is for your information only, and is not taxable for 2020. It should include both what



**Julia Yoder**

you paid and what your employer paid for your health coverage. (ref: www.irs.gov)

*We want to do some home improvements and updates. When is it a good time to refinance our home?*

Interest rates on mortgage loans increased a bit last week. Now is still a good time to refinance your home. Keep in mind that banks are limited to the loan products they promote. To get the best deal, contact an independent Mortgage Broker (findmortgagebroker.com) who will be able to shop a multitude of loan products for you, and help you throughout the entire loan process. Check the current tax laws in regarding deductions of interest paid on a first mortgage (used to purchase the home) vs. a refinanced mortgage (qualified use of funds if you borrow more than you owe).

*Can you tell me about Roth*

*IRAs?*

Although a Roth IRA is not tax deductible, it has many benefits. By following the rules, you won't have to pay taxes on any of the money you take out, including the growth. "Qualified distributions" are distributions which are made after a five-year waiting period, and which are made: 1. after the taxpayer reaches age 59 1/2 or 2. In the event of a taxpayer's death, or 3. Because the taxpayer becomes disabled, or 4. To pay for "qualified first-time home-buyer" expenses (there are limits). Distributions which do not come under any of those qualifications are subject to tax and possible penalties. A real plus is that Roth IRAs are not subject to the mandatory distribution requirements (RMDs) triggered on traditional IRAs at age 72. The amount you can put into a Roth IRA each year is limited, typically not enough to fund your retirement.

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## Assemblymember Holden Introduces Legislation Addressing Discrimination in the Real Estate Appraisal Process

**SACRAMENTO**—Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced legislation, AB 948, to address discrimination in the real estate appraisal process.

"Black homeowners in predominantly white neighborhoods are getting their homes appraised for far less than their neighbors," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "It's just another example of how bias, whether explicit or implicit, creates inequity for Black Americans. This is redlin-

ing 2.0."

AB 948 requires the Bureau of California Real Estate Appraisals to gather data on demographic information of sellers of real estate property and compile data of homeowners from protected classes who file complaints based on low appraisals. The legislation also requires appraisers to take anti-bias training when renewing their license.

In just one example, a Black

couple in Marin City, CA had their home value lowballed by nearly \$500,000. Similar incidents have been recorded throughout California and the Country.

"This bill reflects a starting point in a much needed conversation about how discrimination is still prevalent in the home buying and selling process, and I am committed to addressing this inequity," said Holden.

## THE CAR GURU

**WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW**

**By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists**

## Ten Good Reasons to Invest in an Annual Car "Physical" and Needed Maintenance

- 1. CUT REPAIR COSTS** - Discovering a worn component before it creates major problems can save big money.
- 2. SAFETY** - A poorly maintained vehicle can drive you into a serious accident.
- 3. BETTER PERFORMANCE** - This translates to improved fuel economy as well as "driveability."
- 4. SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT** - Under-maintained vehicles are a serious contributor to air pollution.
- 5. IMPROVED TRADE-IN/RESALE VALUE** - A well maintained vehicle can be

worth two to three times as much as one that has been neglected.

**6. BETTER HANDLING** - Incorrect wheel alignment, worn suspension components and/or tires cause poor ride and handling.

**7. ABILITY TO PLAN AHEAD** - When a check-up indicates future need for replacement of a part, you can budget accordingly.

**8. DEPENDABILITY** - A well-maintained vehicle is less likely to stall, fail, or otherwise leave you stranded.

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## Assemblymember Holden Introduces the Stop Investment in Turkey Act

**SACRAMENTO**—Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced the Stop Investment in Turkey Act, AB 1019, that will mandate the state stop all new investments or renew existing investments issued or owned by Turkey using the full force of the California government to pressure Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide and takes steps towards justice to its victims.

"An unrepentant Turkey prevents justice for the families of Armenian Genocide survivors, and makes Turkey a more dangerous country for their minority communities and neighboring Armenia," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Continued investment in the Government of Turkey signals implicit support for their actions, and it needs to stop."

California is home to the largest population of Armenians in the nation and most of them are of direct descendants of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide. Despite efforts by state and fed-

eral governments around the world to encourage Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide, the government of Turkey continues to engage in an ongoing campaign of genocide denial and imposes an illegal economic blockade on neighboring Armenia.

"The ANCA Western Region is grateful to Assemblymember Chris Holden for introducing this bill," remarked Nora Hovsepian, Esq., Chair of the ANCA Western Region. "When passed, it will go a long way toward holding Turkey accountable both for the Armenian Genocide and for the continued genocidal policies it has recently pursued in supporting Azerbaijan's aggression against Armenia and Artsakh, including its own provision of foreign mercenaries to attack innocent Armenian civilians and ethnically cleanse the Armenian presence from our ancestral Homeland. We look forward to working with Assemblymember Holden and his colleagues to en-

sure that this bill is passed and signed into law."

Current California law established by AB 1320 (in 2019), can impose economic sanctions against Turkey for not recognizing its responsibility for the Armenian Genocide, but only upon passage of federal sanctions specifically for Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide.

Since passage of AB 1320 the United States Government has taken significant action against Turkey. At the end of 2019 the United States Congress formally recognized the Armenian Genocide (HRES 296 and SRES 150) with bipartisan and overwhelming support. In 2020, The Executive Branch imposed sanctions on Turkey on over a multi-billion-dollar acquisition of a Russian missile system.

"Now is the time for California to stand up for truth and justice for the Armenian Genocide with meaningful action," said Holden.

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## "Time Jockey" - General George Patton

By Joe Castillo

**San Gabriel Hero...** On November 11, 1885, George S. Patton Jr. was born at the Wilson family home at Lake Vineyard in the Township of San Gabriel. His parents were Ruth Wilson Patton and George S. Patton Sr., and his grandfather was Benjamin Davis Wilson, an early pioneer and land owner in the San Gabriel Valley, the first mayor of the City of Los Angeles and named for Mount Wilson.

Young Patton was raised on his family's ranch estate, where he learned to be a skilled horseman, an excellent runner and a rifle marksman. His athletic skills earned him a spot on the 1912 U.S. Olympic team in the Modern Pentathlon, where he competed against the world's best athletes and finished in 5th place. He attended private school in Pasadena and followed graduation with an appointment to Virginia Military Institute and then

transferred to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

In 1915, Patton joined the 8th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, under the command of Brigadier General John Pershing and was assigned to chase Mexican rebels Pascual Orozco, Venustiano Carranza and Francisco "Pancho" Villa who were threatening U.S. towns and citizen across the Southwest. His assignment allowed Patton to practice his precision of shooting while riding on horseback and he was presented by the Texas Rangers with a Colt .45 single-action revolver, model 1873. He would carry the firearm with him during his distinguished military career in World War I and II, when he led campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Germany while commanding the Third Army. He replaced the walnut grips with Ivory panels with one side engraved with his initials and the other with a carved eagle. When Patton rode

in public parades upon his horse, the Ivory paneled Colt revolvers were clearly displayed by his side. When people noticed the unique firearms, they also took notice of the man who was wearing them, the future General George S. Patton, Jr. It was the perfect attention that Patton wanted to receive and he grew more and more noticeable in each of his upcoming campaigns. The Wilson and Patton families are buried in the San Gabriel Cemetery, where a life-size bronze statue of General George S. Patton Jr. proudly stands. Patton chose to be buried with his men at the American Cemetery and Memorial in Hamm, Luxembourg....

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## Are We on the "Eve of Destruction"?

A song by Barry McGuire in 1965... written by P.F. Sloan. His historic lyrics which also forecast the future. Some of you old timers may remember this. For you younger people, Google it and listen to it.

It was written on a piece paper in 1964 and recorded in 1965. McGuire recalled in later years that "Eve of Destruction" had been recorded in one take on a Thursday morning, reading lyrics scrawled on a crumpled piece of paper.

This song was actually banned, even when it was #1 on the charts, in some areas of the U.S. and around the world. You think we are being censored, banned and silenced today by our elected controller and/or rulers, it happened back then as well. You need to remember the time and what was going on back then... Vietnam War, couldn't vote unless you were 21 years old... recent race riots and so much more going on around the world. Read the lyrics... look how much of it is true today, in fact, most likely worse. Good example is, racism over the last year has exploded into hatred. Everything over the years that had been done to stop racism has gone up in smoke because of all the recent race riots. People hate other people...even if many are innocent. Take the time to read



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

this and if you have the time, go to YouTube or Google and listen to it. (The original version as Barry has an updated version of the same song).  
*The Eastern world, it is explodin'  
Violence flarin', bullets loadin'  
You're old enough to kill but not for votin'  
You don't believe in war; but what's that gun you're totin'?  
And even the Jordan river has bodies floatin'  
But you tell me over and over and over again my friend  
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction  
Don't you understand what I'm trying to say?  
Can't you feel the fear that I'm feeling today?  
If the button is pushed, there's no running away  
There'll be no one to save with the world in a grave  
Take a look around you boy, it's bound to scare you, boy  
But you tell me over and over and over again, my friend*

*Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction  
Yeah, my blood's so mad, feels like coagulating  
I'm sittin' here just contemplatin'  
I can't twist the truth, it knows no regulation  
Handful of Senators don't pass legislation  
And marches alone can't bring integration  
When human respect is disintegratin'  
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin'  
And you tell me over and over and over again my friend  
Ah, you don't believe we're on the eve of destruction  
Think of all the hate there is in Red China  
Then take a look around to Selma, Alabama  
Ah, you may leave here for four days in space  
But when you return, it's the same old place  
The poundin' of the drums, the pride and disgrace  
You can bury your dead but don't leave a trace  
Hate your next door neighbor but don't forget to say grace  
And you tell me over and over and over again my friend  
You don't believe we're on the eve of destruction  
You don't believe we're on the eve of destruction  
"That's just the way it is!"*

## El Monte Union Expands Dual Enrollment through Partnerships with PCC, LATTC

Dual Enrollment Now Offered at All EMUHSD Schools

**EL MONTE** – El Monte Union High School District will expand its dual enrollment program through new partnerships with Pasadena City College (PCC) and Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTC), providing students with more opportunities to get a head start on their post-secondary education by earning college credits while concurrently enrolled in high school.

Beginning in 2021-22, Rosemead High School will offer a Professional Theater and Stagecraft pathway through PCC, with all courses to be taught at the Rosemead High Auditorium. El Monte, South El Monte and Fernando R. Ledesma high schools will offer a Construction and Carpentry pathway through LATTC. These pathways will be taught at the school sites by PCC and LATTC professors.

Pasadena City College and L.A. Trade Tech join Rio Hondo College as El Monte Union dual enrollment partner schools.

"With the PCC and LATTC partnerships we now have dual enrollment at every school in the District," EMUHSD Director of Curriculum and Instruction Hillary Wolfe said. "Students will receive college instruction while attending high school and have the opportunity to earn credits toward an A.A. degree before they graduate."

Rosemead's theater pathway may include courses in theater history, stage techniques, costume, makeup, lighting and audio/video production. PCC instructors will have access to Rosemead's acclaimed 960-seat auditorium, providing students with state-of-the-art equipment and resources.

El Monte Union's construction and carpentry pathway is designed to establish a post-secondary-to-work pipeline, providing students with apprenticeship opportunities after completing their training and certification. LATTC's carpentry program is supported by the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters labor union.

"El Monte Union offers quality college and career pathways that meet regional workforce needs and connect students to well-paying, in-demand jobs," Superintendent Edward Zuniga said. "By expanding dual enrollment opportunities and career technical education curriculum, students can learn new and lucrative trades, as we continue to explore new fields of interest to add to our programs across all of our schools."

## Covina Woman's Club Holds Kindness Angel Recognition

**COVINA** - On February 20, 2021, the Covina Woman's Club held their Kindness Angel Recognition. This recognition goes to someone who has gone beyond kind deeds. Of course, it was held on the Zoom app. This year the Kindness Angel award went to Brenda Newbold. Her kindness was demonstrated when their Club president Gwen Esch had knee

surgery and had no one to take her to her doctor appointments. Brenda came to the rescue with transportation to her Doctor's appointments and even provided warm meals. Brenda had 2 other ladies Mary Cellian, Tina Collins help her make 82 Valentine cards for veterans at Loma Linda hospital. Lorena Huang volunteered to hand deliver the cards and had quite

an adventure. Lorena encountered high winds; 3 eighteen wheelers turned over on their sides. But despite the challenges, the cards were delivered, which were greatly appreciated by the veterans. Goes to show kind people are all around us.

Don't forget check out their website [covinawomansclub.org](http://covinawomansclub.org)

## Arcadia Partners with Herald Christian Health Center to Open COVID Vax Clinic

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia is partnering with the Herald Christian Health Center (HCHC) to open a vaccination clinic at the Arcadia Community Center, located at 375 Campus Drive, on **Thursday, February 25** and **Friday, February 26**. The vaccination clinic is by appointment only and walk-ups are not allowed.

HCHC will be administering 600 doses of the Moderna vaccine for Arcadia residents that are in Phase 1A or 1B of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health vaccine distribution guidelines. These include: healthcare workers, staff and residents of skilled nursing or long-term care facilities, and residents 65 and older. To schedule your appointment please visit [VaccinateLAcounty.com](http://VaccinateLAcounty.com) or call the HCHC COVID Hotline at (626) 557-5360.

"We are proud to partner with

the Herald Christian Health Center to provide vaccines in Arcadia," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "We are hopeful that we can build on these efforts to get more Arcadians vaccinated quickly."

The City and HCHC are planning on hosting multiple clinics over the coming weeks and months as more vaccine becomes available. We ask and thank the entire Arcadia community for their continued support and patience.

The Herald Christian Health

Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit health clinic. They provide a variety of health care services to residents of the San Gabriel Valley. For more information on the HCHC, please visit [hchc.org](http://hchc.org).

**DISCLAIMER:** The City of Arcadia is not responsible for providing vaccinations. Please contact the HCHC COVID Hotline at (626) 557-5360 for any questions or concerns regarding vaccine eligibility, clinic hours, and any other COVID-19 vaccine-related questions.

**Community Articles Are Welcome**  
We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to [SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com). Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

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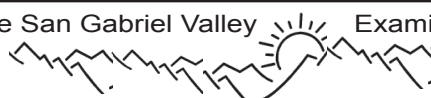
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### February 18, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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# Lopez Appointed New Chief Of Police Of Baldwin Park



Chief Lopez sworn in by Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J Estrada

**BALDWIN PARK** - Baldwin Park City Council unanimously appointed Robert Lopez as the new Chief of Police. Chief Lopez has been serving as the interim Chief since June of last year.

Chief Lopez comes with over 40 years of law enforcement experience with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He previously served as the Com-

manding Officer of the Force Investigation Division for the LAPD.

Chief López earned an LAPD's Meritorious Unit Citation for his extraordinary efforts to break-up a robbery ring and the outstanding investigative efforts in the Rampart Homicide unit. Chief López received the Police Meritorious Service Medal in 1996 for his investigative efforts of a

brutal gang murder.

Chief López attended Los Angeles Harbor College and eventually earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Union University in 2009. When time allows, he guest lectures at public schools, colleges, and universities on the topic of gangs. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, and boating.

# "Sesh" Events Cancelled By Irwindale Police

**IRWINDALE** - In early February, the Irwindale police department began to receive complaints about large, after-hours gatherings at a warehouse located in the 12800 block of Schabarum Avenue in the city of Irwindale.

Community concerns centered on parking problems, increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic, large crowds and the presence of aggressive, armed security guards harassing passersby.

Officers and detectives from the Irwindale Police Department conducted an investigation into these complaints over the following weeks and learned that unpermitted cannabis events known as "seshes" were being held at the location each weekend. At these events, unlicensed and unpermitted cannabis growers and vendors sold cannabis-related products directly to customers. By design, "sesh" events are clandestine in nature and are intended to avoid detection by local authorities.



Location of "sesh" event in Irwindale.

In addition to creating unsafe conditions for residents and businesses in the area, the events occurring in the city of Irwindale were in violation of local ordinances and state laws regarding the legal sale of cannabis and the hosting of large public events within the city. Additionally, these events were being held in violation of health orders regarding large gatherings and public events.

Over the following weeks, Irwindale police worked with Code Enforcement officials and

with the business owner regarding the concerns and, as a result, all future events at the location were cancelled.

Last weekend, officers patrolled the area to ensure compliance and they are happy to report that no additional illegal events were found.

Commercial cannabis sales are illegal and are not permitted in the city of Irwindale and the police department remains committed to working with local and city officials on compliance with local ordinances.

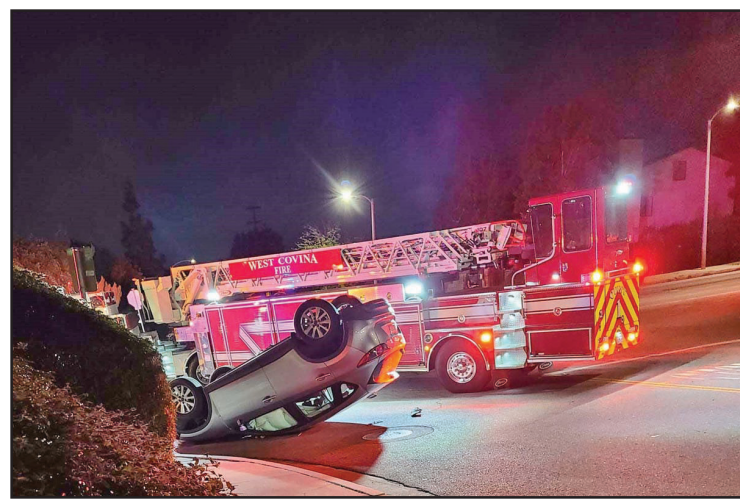
# West Covina Rollover Crash

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - On Thursday evening, Feb. 18th, just after 7 p.m., West Covina Police and Fire Department responded to a crash scene at Lark Ellen and Fairgrove avenues where Pass and Covina Road intersects, to a rollover crash.

They found a small SUV type vehicle on its roof. The female driver appeared to be okay and a medical evaluation was done at the scene. No real injuries were reported with the unidentified woman.

It appears that the woman was southbound on Pass and Covina Road when she took the curve at a high rate of speed



West Covina Fire Department's Ladder Truck blocks crash scene. (Photo: Marlene Caudillo)

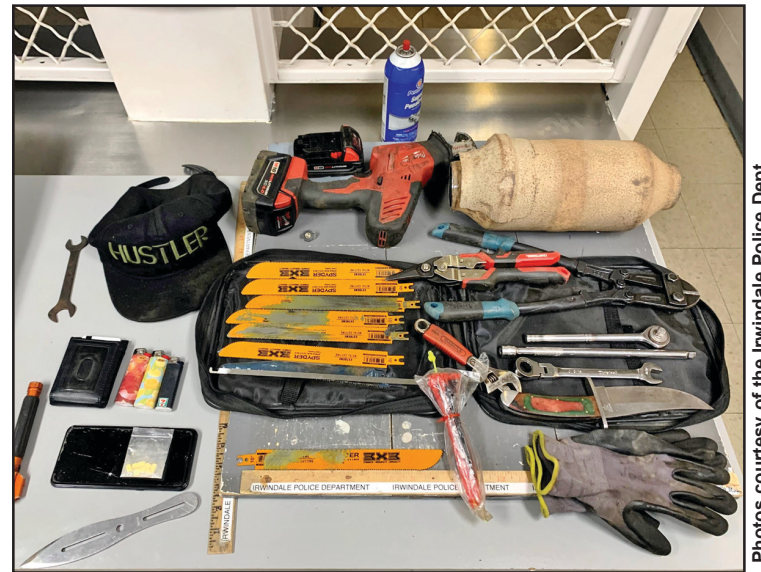
and lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle may have struck the curb which may have caused it to rollover on to its top and slide through the inter-

section. There is a four-way stop at the intersection and it appears that speed was the main cause of the accident.

# Wood Arrested For Stealing Catalytic Converters



**IRWINDALE** - On Friday, February 19, an early morning crime spree landed 44-year-old Erik Karl Wood of Pomona in jail for Grand Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Burglary Tools, Vandalism, Vehicle Tampering and Possession of a Controlled Substance.



Irwindale Police officers went to the 1500 block of Crestfield Drive regarding a subject who was seen stealing catalytic converters from multiple vehicles in an RV storage lot. The caller chased Mr. Wood from the lot, but he was apprehended nearby by a responding officer.

Mr. Wood was found in possession of a stolen catalytic

converter, various saws, blades, and hand tools, as well as illicit drugs. He also had an active arrest warrant from a neighboring agency and was on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for a previous conviction.

Mr. Wood was booked at the West Covina City Jail on various felony charges and is being held on \$100,000.00 bail.

# El Monte Hit and Run

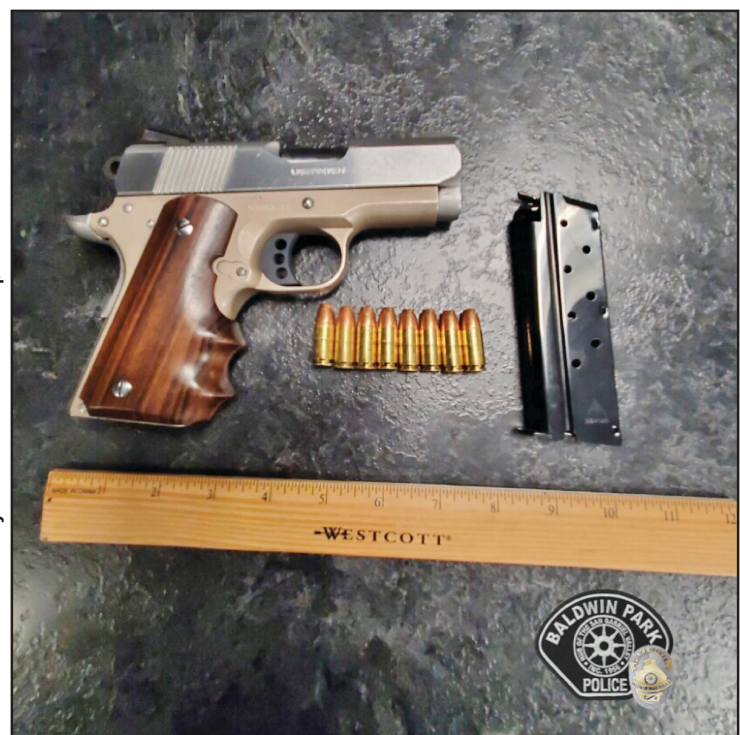


Anyone with information is asked to call El Monte Police at (626) 580-2100

**EL MONTE** - On Saturday, February 20th, at approximately 7pm, a black truck collided with a motorcycle at Peck and Lower Azusa. The truck fled the area and the motorcyclist was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The truck

is believed to be a black 4-door Toyota Tacoma with chrome bumpers and recent front end damage. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the El Monte Police Department at (626) 580-2100.

# Man With Stolen Gun Arrested in Baldwin Park



**BALDWIN PARK** - Based on recent shootings in the area of Bess Avenue and Garvey Avenue, a Baldwin Park police officer, while conducting a location check of the area, observed 2 suspicious men whom he recognized as local gang members. Based on the actions of one of the men, the officer suspected he

was concealing a weapon. Upon contact, the officer's suspicion was confirmed. A 9mm handgun was found concealed in the man's waistband. It was later discovered that the handgun had been reported stolen in another state. The man was arrested and booked on several felony weapons violations.

## Street Sweeping UPDATE

The City of Baldwin Park will resume citations for street sweeping parking beginning March 2021.

In the meantime, we will continue to sweep as normal. We remind you to please move your vehicle on street sweeping days, so we can continue to keep our Baldwin Park streets clean!



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# Two Arrested For Identify Theft, Stolen Mail



**SAN DIMAS** - On the early morning of February 10, 2021, a LA County Sheriff's Deputy noticed an illegally parked vehicle with expired registration. During the investigation, it was discovered the driver was on supervised probation which led

to a search of the vehicle. What the deputies found resulted in the arrest of two for various charges including identify theft, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of stolen mail.

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# Duarte Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Community Heroes

**DUARTE** - Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic nearly a year ago, communities across the nation have seen extraordinary medical professionals, first responders, volunteers, community leaders, essential workers and everyday people who have worked tirelessly to make a difference.



Join the Duarte Chamber of Commerce in celebrating our own amazing champions by nominating a Duarte community hero TODAY!

Nominate your special hero at [duartechamber.com/hero](http://duartechamber.com/hero) by March 7 at 5 PM.

All nominees will be recognized at the virtual Hero Awards Ceremony on March 18. Tune in to see your Duarte champion honored live!

Purchase a ticket by February 28 to get the early price of only \$20 each. Starting March 1, ticket prices will be \$35. Get your tickets by visiting [duartechamber.com/hero](http://duartechamber.com/hero).

Along with being able to recognize our heroes, the Duarte Chamber is offering ticket holders hero boxes! Hero boxes include some great gifts from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and our event sponsors as well as a dining out coupon

voucher book from participating member restaurants. Each box is valued at over \$75. Supplies are limited so all Early Bird Tickets will be guaranteed a hero box. Ticket purchases after February 28 will include a hero box while supplies last.

Sponsorship opportunities for this event are also available. Email [info@duartechamber.com](mailto:info@duartechamber.com) with any questions.

# Duarte Kiwanis Conducts Brainstorming Session on Unmet Community Needs



**DUARTE** - The Duarte Kiwanis Club had a meeting inviting all the other non-profits and service organizations in the community to come together for a collective brainstorming session to determine the unmet needs of our community. Along with service to our youth, three major themes emerged - home-

less problems, seniors needing community and outreach to non-English speaking community. Our thanks to representatives from The Elks Lodge, Friends of the Duarte Library, Santa Teresita, Foothill Unity Center, Rebuilding Together, The Duarte Woman's Club, Duarte Unified School District,

Duarte Rotary Club, DART, Duarte Teen Center, and ACT-SO.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at [tinac51@aol.com](mailto:tinac51@aol.com). The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.

# Search for San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American

**SAN GABRIEL** - The City of San Gabriel, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, is sponsoring an "Older American Recognition Day". The Community Services Department is soliciting public input in determining San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American.

This program is designed to seek out and honor persons 65 years of age and older who are actively involved in service to others in their community. The purpose is to encourage community leaders to remain active in mainstream community life. The criteria for the Outstanding Older American is:

- Older Adult, age 65 or older
  - Has not been honored at the event in previous years
  - Has performed outstanding volunteer service for the San Gabriel Community
- Nominations for this award must be submitted by Friday,



**Sue Fitzsimmons, Recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Older American Award, with Mayor Menchaca and San Gabriel Chief of Police Eugene Harris.**

March 12, 2021. 250 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, 91776, Attn: Matthew Morales-Stevens. Please email or mail the completed nomination form to [mmoralesstevens@sgch.org](mailto:mmoralesstevens@sgch.org)

# Barger Looks To Repurpose Unused Commercial Property Into Temporary And Permanent Affordable Housing Options

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - At the Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced a motion, co-authored by Chair Hilda L. Solis, that looks to identify commercial real estate property across Los Angeles County that could be repurposed for critically needed temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness as well as for long term affordable housing.

As many businesses have transitioned to telework, commercial spaces are left vacant. To address the persistent housing shortage and homelessness crisis, Supervisor Barger's motion aims to serve vulnerable residents while also supporting local businesses through innovative strategies to leverage public-private partnership.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated problems for our most needy residents, but it has also presented us with creative new opportunities to serve them," Supervisor Barger said. "One of the greatest challenges to providing shelter and housing for those experiencing homelessness is the time and funding it takes to build. By utilizing existing property, we can meet the urgent housing needs of those on the street quickly and effectively."

Because of closures to restaurants, gyms, retail stores, and hotels, companies are considering a future where they can downsize their physical footprints to reduce overhead costs and to offer more flexible work opportunities to their employees, which will in turn have consequences to the commercial real estate sec-

tor. Commercial real estate not only supports multiple industries, but also makes up a significant component of the local property tax base, which funds general services provided by the county. The Greater Los Angeles region has approximately 191,000 acres of commercially zoned land, as well as significant clusters of commercial corridors.

A report by UC Berkeley identifies a solution that benefits the sector while uplifting the local community. "Allowing new homes and mixed-use projects to be built on these sites can serve as a catalyst for new economic growth while at the same time addressing California's ongoing housing shortage," the report reads. "This form of redevelopment also advances infill development goals, bringing residents closer to jobs, amenities, and transit, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions from personal automobile use."

# Business Appreciation Week

Help celebrate Business Appreciation Week, February 22 - 28, 2021. When you're ordering take-out, adding to your closet, filling up the car, or even shopping online...Make your purchases matter. Shop Glendora! Visit [ShopGlendora.org](http://ShopGlendora.org) for links and information on businesses in Glendora!

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