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Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva Launches The "Wage Theft Task Force"

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva launched the first of its kind "Wage Theft Task Force" to protect undocumented and documented workers in Southern California. "Rebuilding trust with our community, in particular the undocumented, is crucial to public safety, I want those wage theft victims to know that their immigration status does not matter," said Sheriff Alex Villanueva. This Wage Theft Task Force is a collaboration with the California Labor Commission, the LA County Office of Immigrant Affairs, the LA County District Attorney's Office, the LA County Federation of Labor and several community groups.

According to a UCLA Labor Center Study, low wage earners are the most vulnerable and a whopping \$28 million dollars is stolen every week in Los Angeles County alone due to wage theft by unscrupulous employers. California Labor Commissioner Lilia Garcia-Brower said, "I applaud Sheriff Villanueva for his leadership to stand up for hard working Angelinos and partner with my office to build a targeted judg-

ment enforcement task force." Potential victims of wage theft are urged to reach out to a LASD patrol station to file a complaint, which will be referred to our Special Victims Bureau to investigate. Upon completion of their investigation, the case may be referred to the DA's Office and/or the California Labor Commission. Attorneys will decide if this is a criminal matter or not; however, all victims (regardless of the criminal nature of their case) will be referred to the Office of Immigrant Affairs for further support. Eventually, after a judge renders a decision and if it is in favor of the victim, LASD will serve the court order to help the victim recover his/her stolen wages.

Virgilio Gonzalez was a live-in healthcare worker for the elderly disabled in a congregate setting. Virgilio says he was a victim of wage theft and in 2018 after filing a report with the Labor Commission, he received a judgment for nearly \$70,000.00 in back pay. "Wage theft hurt me and my family, it is a crime, and I hope nobody else has to go through what I did," said Mr. Gonzalez.



Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva at the press conference for the launching of the "Wage Theft Task Force", (Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept.)

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis Launches Economic Aid Program

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, has dedicated \$750,000 to a program designed to assist individuals, households, and small businesses who have been severely impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a symptom of our system's failures, of institutionalized racism, and of decades of too little investment in our public health," said Chair Solis. "This is gravely reflected in the disproportionate number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in the First District which I represent. When Los Angeles County received funding from the CARES Act, I advocated for our spending plans to prioritize communities that have been the hit hardest and help residents directly. While we were able to fund food and nutrition services, childcare programs, rent relief assistance, and other plans, more help is needed to meet the needs of Angelenos. As we await the \$1.9 trillion economic relief plan to be signed by President Biden, I am committed to using every resource at my disposal to help our community weather the storm. It is my hope that funding from this program will let families, seniors, and small business owners, especially mom-and-pop businesses who continue to struggle in this crisis, know that they are not alone or forgotten."

Debit cards will be distributed by four non-profit organizations who will target the following communities in the First District: unincorporated East Los Angeles, unincorporated San Gabriel Valley communities, unincorporated Walnut Park, and MacArthur



Park/Westlake in the City of Los Angeles. The non-profits include:

- InnerCity Struggle (unincorporated East Los Angeles)
- Alma Family Services (unincorporated San Gabriel Valley communities)
- YWCA Greater Los Angeles (unincorporated Walnut Park)
- Pico Union Project (City of Los Angeles - MacArthur Park/Westlake)

In an effort to reach more constituents of the First District's Southeast Los Angeles communities, the YWCA Greater Los Angeles has generously contributed an additional \$30,000 to this program.

"The YWCA Greater Los Angeles supports Supervisor Solis as she works to provide economic aid in LA County's First Supervisorial District," said Faye Washington, President and CEO of the YWCA Greater Los Angeles. "As a partner, the YWCA Greater Los Angeles has joined the call to action and increased this aid to ensure economic justice for those facing financial loss. During such an unprecedented time of uncertainty and hardship, we encourage others to join us in providing relief to those in need."

"I am grateful for the YWCA Greater Los Angeles' dedication to our most vulnerable," added Chair Solis.

"We are very grateful to Supervisor Hilda L. Solis for advancing this equity focused opportunity for First District families highly impacted by the pandemic," said Maria Brenes, Executive Director of InnerCity Struggle. "The Supervisor's targeted effort to partner with trusted community-based organizations in the First District will bring much needed assistance and relief to highest-need residents. This is an important collaborative model centering families and individuals hardest hit by the impact of COVID-19."

Eligible individuals and households must have household incomes that qualify as extremely low. Qualified small business recipients are microbusinesses and very small businesses. Microbusinesses include street vendors, sole proprietors, and independent contractors. Very small businesses consist of mom and pop shops and nonprofit organizations.

Use of the funds are for rent, mortgage, housing, essential transportation, food, utilities, essential technology, medical care, and childcare.

This program is being funded through discretionary funding allocated to Chair Solis' office.

Interested individuals, households, and businesses may call the participating nonprofits directly, whose staff will provide technical assistance and walk people through the application process. InnerCity Struggle (323) 823-1295, Alma Family Services (323) 526-4016, YWCA Greater Los Angeles (213) 516-3575, Pico Union Project (213) 915-0084.

Selection of New Covina Chief of Police

COVINA - The City of Covina announced that David Povero has been selected as the City's new Chief of Police, replacing Chief John Curley, who recently retired. Chief Povero will be responsible for continuing to provide responsive policing services, leadership for Covina Police Department team members and facilitating engagement with community stakeholders.

David Povero has strong ties with the Covina community, starting his City of Covina employment as an overnight parking enforcement officer. He later attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Basic Police Academy in 1989 and returned to Covina as a Police Officer in 1990. Chief Povero has extensive experience in field and investigative operations, serving eight years as a detective handling complex crimes. He progressed through the leadership ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and most recently Captain. In his ten years as Operations Captain, David has been responsible at times for the entire department operations which include both the fifty-eight sworn personnel and forty-eight professional staff. Through his career, David has participated in numerous specialized assignments in administration, patrol, investigations, professional standards, special response and area response teams and crime prevention functions.

When notified of the appointment, Chief Povero expressed that he was deeply humbled to have the opportunity to lead the exceptional men and women of the Covina Police Department who share a commitment to public service and the Covina community. Chief Povero noted, "The Covina Police Department has a rich history of outstanding public safety service. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with our outstanding team and community members and look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead."

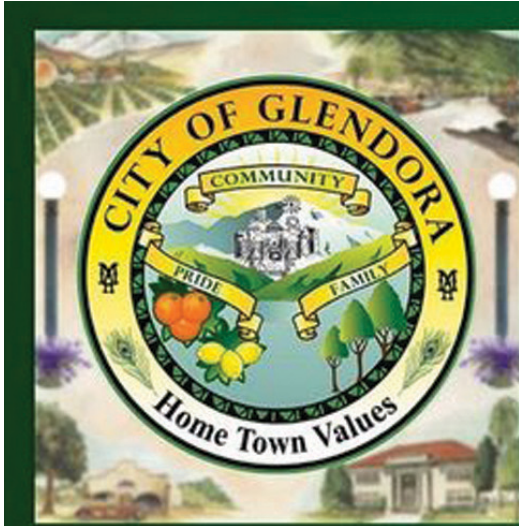


Covina Police Chief David Povero

Chief Povero was raised in Covina, attending all the local schools including Covina High School. David holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University. He is a graduate of the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations and the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. Chief Povero is also a graduate of California's Peace Officers Standards & Training Command College; published for his research of investigative techniques involving technology.

Chief Povero is the recipient of the 1998 Covina Chamber of Commerce Police Officer of the Year award, Medal of Merit and Distinguished Service Medal. He has received numerous citations for exemplary service, including the department's highest Medal of Valor, for an officer involved shooting that occurred in the early 1990s. Outside of work, David enjoys cooking, spending time with his family, friends and his Weimaraner Maximus.

Chief Povero assumed this new role on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.



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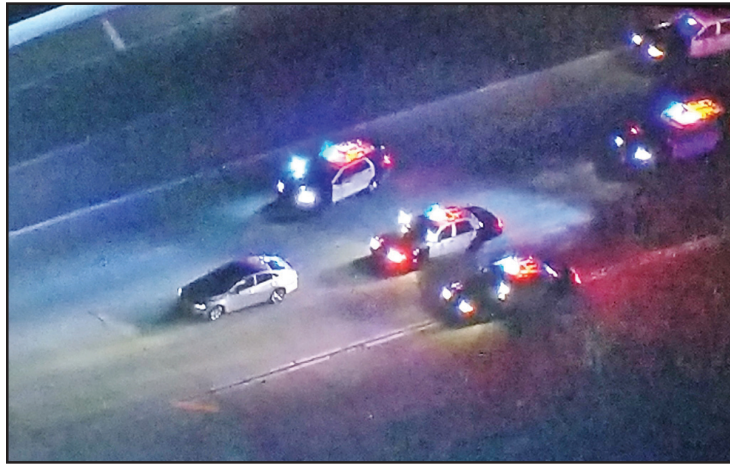
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6 Hour Pursuit Suspect Pleads Not Guilty

By George Ogden
LOS ANGELES - On Feb. 2nd, most of us watched the 6-hour long pursuit. If you recall, it all started around 7 p.m. Feb. 2nd, when LAPD officers from the gang unit pulled him over. The suspect started reaching under the front seat as officer approached and they quickly backed off and the suspect drove away.



Pursuit of suspect eastbound 10 Freeway.

police and told them that Zinkewitz was suffering from mental illness and depression. Once the police found out about this, they defused the pursuit operation as to not be as aggressive. They were still concerned as to whether or not he had a gun.

This pursuit took so long that one by one, police units were being replaced by other units because they were running low on fuel. News helicopters had to break off coverage because they were also low on fuel. One remaining news helicopter continued to follow and broadcasts via the internet as the TV stations had to resume normal broadcasting.

The suspect continued as the car's front tire and wheel deteriorated and came apart spewing sparks and disabling the vehicle about 1:30 a.m. on the eastbound 10 Freeway near the Vineyard Avenue exit in Ontario.

The suspect did not comply

with officer's commands at first. He finally got out of the car, but again, he would not comply with officer's commands and just stood there staring them down. About this time the last news helicopter was running out of fuel and had to leave the scene. They did the best to keep the cameras focused up to ten miles away from the scene when you could still see the suspect standing outside the car.

It was stated that the brother of the suspect showed up on the scene and there is speculation that he was the one that was able to get his brother to surrender to the police. There were other video recordings of the arrest showing that it was not an aggressive arrest... no throwing the suspect down or being physically aggressive. No gun was found.

After his no guilty plea, a court date was set for the suspect.

The New Workforce Reality: Upskilling and Reskilling Post-COVID-19



Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Governing Board Member, Citrus College; background - banner featuring Citrus College's vocational programs (courtesy photo)

COVID-19 has changed our society and our world in many ways. The nature of the 21st Century workplace is a prime example.

The pandemic has forced businesses in almost every sector to adopt new tools and techniques. New ways of doing things have permanently changed the nature and future of work.

Pre-pandemic, telecommuting was on a slow but steady march toward greater acceptability. It has now been shown to be an effective business model for many businesses. Decreased employer costs and greater employee satisfaction are just two benefits that have made telecommuting the new norm for many businesses.

Upskilling-refining current skills or acquiring new ones-help workers stay relevant in their current occupation. Reskilling-learning entirely new skills-prepares workers do a different job, often within the same company. This type of training is now seen by many experts as an absolute necessity for workers and busi-

nesses who wish to be successful and competitive. Amazon and MasterCard have already invested heavily in upskilling and reskilling for their current employees.

But what if you don't work for a corporate giant? How can workers across the employment spectrum adapt to the new workplace and at minimum personal cost?

Noncredit courses offered at local community colleges, such as Citrus College, serving the greater San Gabriel Valley, offer training intended for students who want to gain general knowledge, learn a new skill or upgrade existing ones. And many are tuition free.

Citrus College offers non-credit classes in Short Term Vocational Programs with High Employment Potential, Workforce Preparation, and English as a Second Language, to name just a few. While not applicable toward a degree, upon completion of required classes, students can earn a noncredit certificate of competency or

completion. Courses include Microsoft Office Applications, Computer Keyboarding and Document Processing, Heating and Air Conditioning and a great many others. There's even an introductory course in online learning that prepares students to become successful online learners.

Is it possible to future-proof your career? Maybe not entirely, but the key to staying competitive will certainly mean broadening your skills base, layering on new skills and keeping them fresh. The new workforce reality is already here-noncredit courses will give you the skills to thrive.

About the Author:
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News from the Great Race Place

By Joan Schmidt
ARCADIA - Guest speaker Pete Silberell gave an excellent, informative Santa Anita Park presentation at the Arcadia Chamber's February Community Connection.

Lucky Baldwin had a racetrack from 1909-1911 at the current Santa Anita County Park until California outlawed gambling. In 1933 wagering became legal. Christmas Day 1934, Santa Anita Park officially opened; Anita Baldwin had sold 310 acres. In 1998, Frank Stonach purchased the Park for \$126 million; the Stonach Group also owns Golden Gate Fields (northern CA), Gulfstream (Florida) and Pimlico and Laurel (Both Maryland).

Last year, Santa Anita brought \$1.1 million in revenue to Arcadia. Before the Covid, SA provided 1160 jobs annually. Currently there are over 1000 trainers, jockeys, exercise riders and grooms working at the Park.

Besides racing, Santa Anita has been utilized for Arcadia F.D. Training, parking for events: City (Snowfest) and County (Household Hazard/Waste Collection). There is a Sprint Chute and In-field Horse Corral. The Park has hosted the Breeders Cup. Events have included 626 Night Market, In-and-Out Burger Company Picnic, and "City Lights" event.

Santa Anita is a great community supporter. The Foothill Unity Center holds its awesome "Back to School Event" at the track, and Santa Anita just recently donated \$11,000 to the Center from a Calendar Sale.

Racing news: Three of Bob Baffert's horses received highly



Drayden Van Dyke after his win.



Race 8 Drayden Van Dyke wins on Authentic.

coveted Eclipse Awards: "Authentic" was "Horse of the Year" and "Three Year Old Male"; "Improbable", "Older Dirt Male"; and "Gamine", female sprinter. Drayden Van Dyke mounted Authentic in his maiden race, won easily and noted he was "my favorite 2yr.old." (Photo of Drayden Van Dyke after winning on Authentic in March, 2020)

Santa Anita's Winter-Spring Meet runs from December 26-June 20. Opening Day had no

fans, but record betting. On January 16, we were thrilled when "Big Fish", mounted by Juan Hernandez and trained by Dave Hofmans, won the "California Cup Derby Stakes", proving he can win on both the turf and main track.

Current Jockey Standings: Juan Hernandez/26 wins; Umberto Rispoli/25; Joel Rosario/23; Abel Cedillo/19 and Flavien Prat/19.

5 Hobbies to Keep Your Body and Mind Healthy and Happy

As the pandemic continues to restrict many of the places you are able or inclined to go, finding ways to stay active is important for keeping the body and mind healthy and happy.

- Learn a language: Bonjour! ¡Hola! With an array of online language classes and tutorials available at your fingertips, learning a new language is more accessible than ever. Start now while you fantasize about a post-pandemic vacation overseas.

- Play an instrument: Learning to play an instrument is not only a great distraction for the current moment, it can provide you with years of joy as your skill develops. Consider starting your musical journey on a Casiotone keyboard. By connecting the keyboard to the free Chordana Play app, you can easily learn to play your favorite songs from down-

loaded MIDI files. Once you've mastered the instrument, the portability of the keyboard will come in handy, whether you play solo or join a band.

- Become a home chef: From sushi to soufflé to dumplings, there are likely a range of dishes you have never attempted making at home. Tackle your culinary bucket list, one-by-one.

- Go hiking: There is no better hobby for staying fit and communing with nature than hiking, which works every muscle of the body, boosts cardiovascular health and even improves mood and mental well-being. Track your hike using a wearable tech tool geared for outdoor enthusiasts,

such as a watch from the Casio's Pro Trek line. Quad Sensor technology packs all the measurements you need into one compact hiking watch, including a compass, altitude/barometer and temperature measurements, along with an accelerometer that tracks step count. Calorie calculations use both step count and altitude information to take upgrades and downgrades into consideration, and data is recorded by the Pro Trek connected app.

- Volunteer: At a time when many people are struggling, consider volunteering your time to serve those in need. There are plenty of safe, socially distant volunteer opportunities. (StatePoint)



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Napolitano Re-Introduces Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (CA-32) re-introduced the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act (H.R. 1015), to assist water agencies with the expansion, planning, design, and building of water recycling plants and modernizing water infrastructure in California and other western states.

"The drought is not over—not here in Southern California, nor many other parts of the west," Napolitano said. "With climate change, population growth, and now a global pandemic threatening vital water supplies, we must act now to safeguard our communities from water shortages and drought. The Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI water recycling programs have proven to be some of the most cost-effective federal programs in

improving water supply and will continue to provide long-term savings, while boosting job growth and lessening our reliance on imported water. Increased funding for these water recycling and reuse projects is long overdue, and I thank all of my colleagues for supporting this legislation to better serve the water needs of our constituents."

H.R. 1015 would increase the funding authorization for the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI water recycling competitive grant program from \$50 million to \$500 million, giving local water agencies the necessary funding to increase capacities for existing recycling plants or create new cost-effective projects to boost water sup-

plies. Identical legislation sponsored by Napolitano in the 116th Congress (H.R. 1162) passed the House Natural Resources Committee in March of 2020 and was later included in the Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2), which passed the full House in July of 2020.

Napolitano introduced H.R. 1015 with Reps. Raul Grijalva (AZ-03), Jared Huffman (CA-02), Salud O. Carbajal (CA-24), Linda T. Sánchez (CA-38), Anna Eshoo (CA-18), Dina Titus (NV-01), Mike Levin (CA-49), Mark Takano (CA-41), Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44), Julia Brownley (CA-26), Brad Sherman (CA-30), Filemon Vela (TX-34), and Judy Chu (CA-27).

L.A. County Dept of Public Health Statement Regarding Schools Reopening

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The state permits elementary schools to reopen as soon as we reach an adjusted case rate of 25 per 100,000. We are informing Los Angeles County schools tonight via an emailed letter that we expect to announce we have reached this threshold effective Tuesday, February 16.

This encouraging news means that dozens of elemen-

tary schools will be permitted to reopen for in-class instruction for students grades TK-6 as early as this week.

All schools wishing to reopen must submit plans to the County Department of Public Health and the California Department of Public Health certifying that they have implemented a full range of safety measures to permit a safe reopening.

Public Health Encourages Everyone to Continue Using the Tools We Have to Slow the Spread of COVID-19 and Save Lives

As we have learned over the past year, coronavirus is spread via respiratory droplets expelled by an infected person. Smaller droplets and particles can remain suspended in the air for many minutes to hours and over long distances (usually greater than 6 feet). This is why wearing a mask, in addition to physical distancing, is so important. These two actions together help prevent people from both getting and spreading COVID-19.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) released new recommendations on masking. Masks work best when everyone wears them consistently and correctly over their mouth and nose; however, not all masks offer the same protection. When choosing a mask, make sure that: 1) it has two or more layers of breathable, tightly woven material; 2) it completely covers your nose and mouth; and 3) it fits snugly against your face, including on the sides, and has no gaps. It is also recommended that it has a nose wire to keep air from leaking out of the top of the mask,

which will also help reduce fogging if you wear glasses.

If you need or want extra protection or a better fit, CDC recommends either "double masking" by wearing two masks (a disposable mask underneath and a cloth mask on top) or wearing a cloth mask combined with a fitter or brace. It is not recommended to double mask with a KN95 or two disposable masks as this does not improve the fit.

As a reminder, a mask is NOT a substitute for physical distancing. Masks are to be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart when around people who don't live with you, whether you are inside or outside.

Public Health urges everyone to celebrate the upcoming holidays (Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day) safely with just your household and to connect virtually with friends and family that don't live with you. Being around people who don't live with you puts you and them at a greater risk for COVID-19 because people can be infected with this virus and not yet know it.

It is critically important that people not attend or host any private gatherings and not leave their home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, have tested positive for COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with or likely have been exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19.

As a reminder, outdoor dining at restaurants, wineries, and breweries is allowed with safety measures in place to decrease the increased risk of spread since customers are permitted to spend time unmasked at these businesses. Indoor dining is not permitted. All employees that can come in contact with customers must wear both a face covering and a face shield at all times. Persons who do not live in the same household are not allowed to share a table. All establishments must post signage to this effect and verbally inform customers that everyone sharing a table must be from the same household. Tables must be positioned at least 8 feet apart and televisions or other screens must be turned off.

Arcadia Fire Department Responds To House Fire

ARCADIA - On February 10, 2021 at 6:06 p.m., the Arcadia Fire Department responded to a house fire located at 1925 S. Santa Anita Ave. Fire crews arrived on scene reporting heavy fire and smoke from the rear of the home, with additional reports indicating four victims were trapped inside. Three individuals

were safely rescued from the home; however, one person found inside the home was fatally injured.

The victim was an 84 year-old male, who lived in the home with his wife, daughter, and son-in-law. The fire was knocked down at approximately 6:40 p.m., with the support of fire crews from Mon-

rovia, Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Sierra Madre. In total, 6 engines, 2 trucks, and a paramedic unit responded to this event.

The fire was contained to one room inside the home. The cause is still under investigation. For additional information, please contact the Arcadia Fire Department at (626) 574-5100.

Ribbon Cutting For New Irwindale Metro Sheriff Sub-Station

IRWINDALE - A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Irwindale Police Chief Ty Henshaw Alex Villanueva was held for the new sub-station. The event was hosted by LASD Transit Services Bureau Captain John Burcher, on Monday, February 1, 2021.

This Metro project, two years

in the making, located in the City of Irwindale will be great for Metro L Line patrons and assigned deputies alike.

Sixty nine, of the almost three hundred personnel assigned to LASD Transit Services, will call the new sub-station home, with deputies able to deploy less than a block away from the Irwindale

Metro station.

Although this sub-station will be a great thing for Metro patrons, it's important to remember that the location is not open to the public. If you need police response when you take the Metro you can still call (888) 950-SAFE(7233) or 9-1-1 if an emergency exists.



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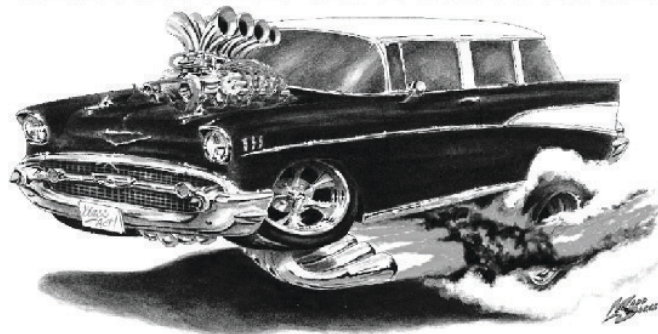


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SB 29 Hearing A Ruse

I received email notices from several political and non-partisan organizations about SB 29 (D-Umberg) requiring once again, all elections between now and January 1, 2022, to be all vote-by-mail elections. The reason being used is COVID 19 once again.

We've all seen the videos and read the articles about the bad ballot syndrome in the November Presidential election caused by the Dominion and Smartmatic voting systems operated/owned by out of country companies. The level of confidence in vote-by-mail is not at a high level right now. I personally didn't think it was a good idea back in November and I have even less confidence in it now.

I don't underestimate the horrid effects COVID has had on people, but I have things to do and I mask up and take hand sanitizer with me when I go the market, post office and other places. I voted in person in November and had my temperature taken when I entered the polling place, sanitized my hands, and when I went to the booth to vote, a young man was there to wipe it down before I voted, and back again when I left.

Our current election system allows anyone who wants to vote by mail because they are uncomfortable going in person, to simply request a ballot be mailed to them from the County Registrar. SB 29 has a lot of people guessing why this all vote by mail mandate is needed. Across political party lines, those who support the Recall Newsom 2020 efforts, believe it is being done to ensure Newsom is not recalled. They're anticipating more ballot fraud.

Election Integrity Project California (EIPCa) has been concerned about our election system for years and has spent non-stop hours documenting questionable ballots. They have reported to



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

Secretary of State:

"In spite of the letter EIPCa sent to California Secretary of State as early as April 2020 with a report showing over 458,000 likely dead or relocated persons would be mailed ballots and 24,000 would be mailed two or more ballots if vote by mail ballots were automatically mailed to ALL active registrants, no action was taken to prevent this from happening by researching and inactivating those registrations."

Last week's hearing on SB 29 had two formats. The recognized as primary witnesses were allowed three minutes to support or oppose the legislation. Those calling into the hearing got to say their name, city or organization, if any, and their position on the bill - support or oppose. Any further comments were interrupted or the call was just disconnected leaving me feeling those calls, perhaps the whole hearing, was irrelevant to a decision already made.

One comment touting the 80% election turn-out was all due to vote-by-mail ballots was rejected by Ms. Weiss, EIPCa, who said, "The November 2020 election was one of the most contentious, high-energy and high-stakes contests this country has ever seen. That is what drove high

turnout."

She continued, telling the Assembly Elections Committee their concern ... the over 458,000 likely dead or relocated persons that would be mailed ballots and 24,000 who would be mailed two or more ballots.

Weiss said, "Continuing to chant the false mantra that 'the election was a huge success' ... does not make it true. Voters who got two or more ballots ... Voters who got no ballot ... Voters who got ballots for deceased loved ones and residents of their property ... adult children long moved ... non-citizens who got ballots they never registered to receive know better. From the perspective of the electorate and EIPCa documentation, November 2020 was anything but a success."

Mr. Kaufmann, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) requested if the Democrats move SB 29 forward, amendments requiring the Secretary of State, within 30 days of the election, report the number of ballots mailed out, returned as undeliverable, returned completed, counted, and number of ballots not courted and the reason should be inserted.

An unidentified mask-wearer, said there is no confidence in our election system because they've been lied to by the President of the U.S. As I was putting this together, Chuck Todd, Channel 4 News, popped on and announced the voter turn-out was expected to be less in upcoming elections because ... yup, President Trump said there was election fraud.

SB 29 passed out of committee on a 6-1 vote. Republican, Kelly Seyarto, (R-Murrieta) voted no; Democrats Berman, Bennett, Low, Mayes, Mullin, and Blanca Rubio voted to support all vote-by-mail.

Recovering

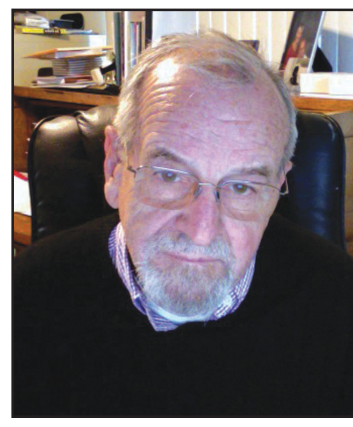
When I was in my early thirties I came down with a nasty infection that resulted in having my gall bladder surgically removed. I was hospitalized for almost a week. These days one goes home in a few hours following such a procedure.

As a pastor I have been with scores of people facing far more critical medical issues. Recovering from a serious heart attack may take months of rehab treatments, a disciplined exercise regime and a restrictive diet. Given enough time, most patients are eventually back to normal—or at least almost.

For many with lingering serious illnesses, however, there is a gradual depletion of energy. As I plow through the start of my tenth decade it is becoming increasingly clear that I will never recover the physical stamina I once enjoyed. My struggle is to hold on to what is left, realizing I am slowly losing the battle, and that everything is gradually grinding to a halt. As Bette Davis said: Old age is not for sissies."

Then there are those who may be aware that remnants of the disease still inhibit their daily activities. The more devastating the attack, the more difficult the recovery. While the immediate crisis may have passed and life is slowly returning to normal, there may still lie dormant the bacteria or the virus that initially caused the onslaught. So while the disease may be held in abeyance, it may come roaring back at any moment.

The United States has recently recovered from the most devastating internal attack since the



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Civil War. The basis of our democracy, the right of the people to elect our leaders, was called into question by a one-man would-be dictator, whose vitriol poisoned the minds of millions of the nation's citizens. America overcame the onslaught, using the vote of the people as the appropriate surgical remedy. Having believed we had thwarted the worst of the disease, we settled down assured we had conquered the beast. But we had not. It was not to be deterred by our reliance on the democratic remedy, and it erupted when the original instigator rallied thousands of his troops to attack the seat of our democracy, occupying and trashing the nation's Capitol, including parading the Confederate battle flag through the building.

While we quickly regained our footing, having identified and arrested many of the fascist's foot soldiers, we may not have rid our national body of the disease. It has only been held in abeyance. We do not know when and under what circumstances it will launch another attack. How can we prepare for that eventuality? It would be easier if the enemy were an-

other nation or foreign ideology. But the disease is in our national bloodstream and even in the nation's bones. Racism has not been eliminated by an election.

The leader of the insurrection may have been defeated in an election, impeached and exiled, but he has vowed to return. The Proud Boys are even now remobilizing under cover. Racism is not dead! Scores of other extreme white nationalists have not just gone away and disbanded. What is more, at root the disease still infects the American corpus. Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity, and the rest of Fox News continue to rally the white nationalists who are seeking avenues by which they plan to resume the attack on our democracy. Right wing talk shows still dominate the AM radio dial. What for some of us is most disturbing is the infection still generated under the banner of religion—right wing evangelicalism. "Christians" including Franklin Graham who has disgraced his father's name, still rally the super-religious under the cross and a Bible held upside down outside a Washington church.

We must perpetually tend the fires of democracy, aware that the angry forces of a radical right-wing are ready to attack the moment we allow the conflagration of racism or super-nationalism to go unchallenged.

Mark these words often attributed to Thomas Jefferson:

"Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom"

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MY TURN: The Silence of the Lambs

Where are they? Where are all our Liberal friends? During the past four years we saw endless posts on social media with terms like tRump, Grand Wizard, Dictator, and Nazi. We heard endless complaints and the idea that President Donald Trump accomplished nothing.

All this was said and written while President Trump was brokering four landmark Middle East agreements with Israel and the Arab nations. All this while he was building us into a energy independent nation again, and having the ability to use that energy independence to strengthen any and all negotiations we did around the world. All this while building a wall that not only created jobs but protected jobs from a continued flood of illegal immigrants. The wall also helped us control the spread of the Covid virus. And that virus was also being marginalized with "Operation Warp Speed," bringing about some new vaccines. All this while he approved the dormant Keystone XL Pipeline bringing more jobs and more energy independence. All this while we saw ISIS and other terrorist cells decimated and MS-13 gang members removed. All this while we saw the nomination of numerous lower court and Supreme Court Judges installed. Constitutional Judges not activist ones. All this while we saw programs to help African-Americans, Hispanics, women, Asians, Native Americans and at-risk people. Criminal Justice reform, the First Step Act and Black College Empowerment, all done while the criticism continued. Our military was built up, and he created a new "Space Force" branch of the military to address the more current concerns of national defense, space exploration and technology for those programs. He enforced important travel bans under great criticism. He gave a voice to the faith-based community, and to



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children and unborn babies who didn't have a voice.

And it was OK again to say God Bless America and Merry Christmas. Yes, all this.

But unfortunately our liberals friends, when they weren't turning a blind eye to a fraudulent election, voted for a fool. In just a few weeks, new President Joe Biden has managed to dismantle much of what Trump accomplished. They kept telling us Trump had no accomplishments while ignoring the above mentioned examples. But yet, they managed to find plenty of accomplishments to sign out of existence with the stroke of a pen. Where are the feminists as the new President kills the "Title Nine" protections for women's athletics? He is allowing gender to tear our country apart. Where are the Union members as he destroys the oil and gas industry, already killing some 11,000 jobs in the Keystone Pipeline cancellation alone? Where are the Catholics and other faith-based groups as he protects Planned Parenthood abortionists, all while claiming to be a "devout Catholic?" Where are the people in the broadcast, the media and the communications industry that ignore this new suppression of free speech.

Many of us tried to warn everyone about this joke of a candidate and how, despite all his denials, he was going to initiate all these things. Higher taxes,

small business killing minimum wage and restrictions, including Draconian covid restrictions. Confiscation of guns. "Cancel Culture" extremes. Court Packing. And he still threatens the Electoral college and supports the ridiculous unsolicited mail-in ballots. And whatever he is not advocating, his radical in-house pressure groups are pushing him to advocate.

It goes on and on, and yet, our Liberal friends were and still are... silent.

They laughed at us because we said the election was fraudulent. But let's face it. It had to be stolen. No one in their right mind would vote for all of this. 74 million for sure didn't vote for this. Maybe more if the accusations of fraud are anywhere near truthful. Maybe they are silent because if it were me, I wouldn't know where to begin to justify this nonsense.

And the chutzpah revealed in folks willing to deny or ignore this stuff is also a chutzpah willing to support yet another impeachment, which logically failed again. It was all a big game for these people. Guilt or innocence wasn't on trial. Pure, clinically insane obsession with one individual was on trial. Democrats want to make an example of Trump, for being guilty of one thing. Not really the tweets, the behavior or the rich lifestyle. Trump was guilty of being an outsider, daring to question and challenge the system. When he succeeded and did all the above mentioned things, keeping his promises, that provided even more of an irritant. Some Never-Trump Republicans have also joined in because it really isn't about party lines but the establishment in Washington D.C.

Yes, I say "He is not my President, that Joe Biden." And everyday with every stroke of his pen, more people are convinced he is not their President either.

Is The Battle To Save Our Republic Lost?

My opinion: By D. B. Shimel

Is the battle for personal liberty lost to the Socialist Dictators in Washington D. C.? If what has been happening before and since this last election is any indicator, the answer is YES!!

Before his inauguration Biden said that he could not legislate from the White House because, "that would be dictatorship". Since the inauguration Biden has done nothing but legislate from the Oval Office. As of today he has issued 52 Executive Orders or Proclamations and the list will continue to grow. "That would be a Dictatorship".

Thousands of Americans are now out of work because of his edicts. The Southern border is about to be invaded by untold numbers of illegal trespassers from all over the globe. There is a fence around the Government buildings in DC. The Democrats claim the fence is there to protect the Capitol from invasion by the American public. Was it not these same people who say a fence to keep invaders out of our Nation is immoral? The DC fence protects the elitists in government from Americans, but you do not deserve protecting.

The Socialist Democrats will go to any extreme to discredit anyone who does not comply with their utopian vision. This latest impeachment debacle is intended to discredit not just Donald Trump, it is intended to discredit all conservatives. Discrediting your opponents is a tactic used by the Left to convince the masses that their opposition is evil and deserves to be destroyed. This tactic has been aided by the MSM and social media. It is all about power!

Because of Biden's stance on energy, the cost of fossil fuels is skyrocketing. Soon, gasoline will hit \$5.00 or more a gallon. How will people who have to commute long distances survive? The cost of food and other consumer goods will also go

up as the cost of transporting these things to market goes up. The Socialist Left claims that when all Americans drive electric cars the problem of global warming will be solved. Where is the electricity to power all these vehicles to come from after all non-renewable energy sources are eliminated? Cost of electricity is going up because of government intervention into realms where they have no expertise.

Next thing on the agenda is to register and then confiscate all personal weapons in the nation.

The new leader of the military branch has pledged to conduct an extensive investigation into the political ideals of all military personnel and remove any who the leaders deem to be a threat. Meaning that if someone in the government decides that a member of the Armed Services is a supporter of any cause except the one they endorse, this person will be subjected to removal without a trial. They claim that this will eliminate bigotry and radicalism from the ranks. The real agenda is to eliminate all conservatives from the military and deplete our military strength. Once the military is under the control of the Left Wing Radicals and the masses have no way to defend themselves, there will be no obstacles left to impede the Socialist takeover of this nation.

Now to this recent election and election rigging. There is overwhelming evidence that this past National election was anything but on the up and up. China hacked servers all over

this nation and changed votes at all levels. How do we know this? For those of you who understand how the web works you will understand. For those who do not, here is a simplified explanation. For every device that can access the web, there are Internet Protocol (IP) address and machine identification numbers. Evidence shows that in this election, machines in China initiated data dumps to machines all over this country. We were hacked not only by the Chinese but by servers in Germany, Iran, Italy and others. The data are out there. As one of the most murderous dictators in history, Joseph Stalin reportedly said: "Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who COUNT the votes decide everything."

Do you see the pattern here? Legislate from the White House; discredit the opposition; destroy the people's livelihood and put as many people as you can on government assistance; take over the military; confiscate the people's weapons and rig elections. These actions assure the takeover of a nation by a Socialist Regime. Stalin, Hitler, Mao, Fidel Castro, Hugo Chavez and all dictators of the past used these tactics. These despots preached that their goals were to bring up the plight of the poor and downtrodden. Has this ever happened? NO it has not. The only universal result was the establishment of a ruling class. Once established, tyranny soon followed.

We are being normalized! Socialism his here!

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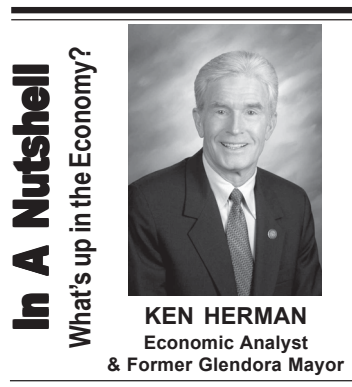
Cracks in the Economy

At the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee meeting held recently the FOMC announced that they would leave key interest rates and quantitative easing unchanged. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell later said that the economic outlook remained "highly uncertain" and would depend on the path of the coronavirus.

Many of my colleagues on Wall Street are getting nervous now that the 2020 federal budget deficit is forecasted to surpass \$2 trillion, surpassing 10% of GDP! The Fed may not have enough tools to control Treasury yields. While the Fed can control short-term rates, it is allowing the Treasury yield curve to tilt higher. The Fed may also soon start to curtail its quantitative easing on long-term Treasury bonds. The 10-year Treasury this past week already rose to yield 1.18%, up .08 basis points for the week!

Speaking of GDP growth, the Commerce Department announced that its preliminary estimate for recent GDP growth was an annual rate of 4%, well below the Atlanta Fed's latest estimate of 7.2%. Driven down by the second quarter's national lockdowns to fight China's COVID-19 spread, 2020's 12-month GDP contracted 3.5%, the largest annual GDP contraction since 1946.

Looking ahead, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts that the U.S. GDP will expand 5.1% during 2021, while



In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?

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private economists are forecasting 4.3% growth. The pace of future GDP growth will be impacted significantly by Covid-19 restrictions. So, assuming California and other states soon reopen their economies, GDP growth should improve.

There's no question the economy faltered late last year. COVID case rates soared, hospitals filled up, and fatalities once again climbed. A number of states and cities tightened economic restrictions. Retail sales fell in all three months of the 4th quarter, and weekly jobless claims rose from 711k in early November to as high as 927k in early January. There's compelling evidence the economy not only stalled, but that future growth was negatively impacted.

Last month some weekly economic statistics - jobless claims, for instance - began to improve, but they improved more slowly than they deteriorated in the prior two months. Meanwhile, other weekly statistics were still losing steam. The NY Fed's Weekly Economic Index, which

peaked in the last week of December at negative 0.6% year-on-year, fell in three of the past five weeks and currently stands at -2.27%, its lowest in seven weeks.

Elevated weekly unemployment claims translated into a disappointing monthly jobs report, with just 49,000 jobs added in January. 159,000 jobs were lost during November and December. The official unemployment rate dropped recently from 6.7% to 6.3%, but two-thirds of that drop reflected 406,000 discouraged workers who stopped looking for work. If they were still among those counted as unemployed, the rate would be 6.6%.

Last year's net job losses totaled 9.3 million. Unemployment stood at 10.1 million last month, not counting the 4 million who stopped looking for work in the past year. In that light, the 49k jobs added last month seems particularly small. There still is an enormous amount of work to do to get back to full employment. The recent recovery in weekly added jobs statistics was slower than the deterioration in December! And, because USA growth fell during the second half of the fourth quarter, and recovered at a slow rate in the first quarter so far, it's entirely possible GDP could fall in the first quarter.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Is it true that some changes are being made to Proposition 13 that could affect what happens when I inherit my grandparent's home?

Although it needs some clarification, on February 15, 2021, Prop. 19 went into effect, having been certified by Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State. It is an amendment to Proposition 13. Part of this proposition deals with primary residency and inheritance. On April 1, 2020, another segment of Prop. 19 goes into effect. It deals with transferring the assessed value to a different California home. For you, and your grandparents, it would be wise to talk with a CPA about the impact Proposition 19 could potentially have on your Capital Gains tax.

I recently started my own business as a sole proprietor, not a corporation. How can I find out what tax deductions are available for me to legally take?

Go online to www.irs.gov, search, download, and print: Schedule C and the Instructions for Schedule C. These two pieces are packed with information on what are allowable tax deductions for non-incorporated businesses. Under the newer law, business owners can take a 20-percent deduction on their pass-through business income. (There are earning limits.)

Should I get a 15-year mortgage, or a 30-year mortgage?

I always recommend a 30-year mortgage. Although it takes discipline, you can make payments



Julia Yoder

equal to the amount you'd pay on a 15-year mortgage. Or, you can make your required monthly payment and pay an extra amount specified to be applied only to the principal. Either method will pay off your mortgage quicker. Most importantly, if something unforeseen happens wherein your finances are suddenly decreased, you can fall back on paying the amount required for the 30-year mortgage payment until your financial situation improves. Interest rates are incredibly low. To find a mortgage broker who will shop the best loan for you, go online to findamortgagebroker.com

Should we put our annuities into the name of our trust?

The most common reason for establishing a trust is to avoid probate. Keep in mind that it can take a long time for a trust to be read and for those instructions to be implemented. Because beneficiaries are named within the annuity policy, probate is already avoided. Beneficiaries receive payout from an annuity not in a

trust faster than they would with an annuity within a trust. Quicker access to funds from annuities and life insurance can enable beneficiaries to pay bills and taxes in a more simplified and timelier manner. Beneficiaries should be informed to always follow the specific annuity contract rules on withdrawing money from an annuity.

Is whole-life insurance the only kind of life insurance that builds a cash account?

No, there's also universal life, variable universal life, and equity-indexed universal life. In my opinion, the best out there is Equity Indexed Universal Life. This is life insurance with an underlying savings account that is not in the stock market. You are given the choice annually to allocate part of your premium to a fixed return premium, or to several other avenues with higher potential gains without risk of loss. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the issuing insurance company.)

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Avoid Pandemic Paper Delays: Use E-File With Direct Deposit For Faster Refunds As IRS Prepares To Open 2020 Filing Season

WASHINGTON - With filing season opening on February 12, the Internal Revenue Service urged taxpayers to take some simple steps to help ensure they file accurate tax returns and speed their tax refunds to avoid a variety of pandemic-related issues.

Although every year the IRS encourages taxpayers to e-file their returns and use direct deposit to receive refunds, to those taxpayers who have previously not used e-file, the IRS emphasizes using it this year to avoid paper-related processing delays. Taxpayers can file electronically by using a tax professional, IRS Free File or other commercial tax preparation software. The IRS cautioned paper-filed tax returns and paper checks will take even longer this year due to a variety of reasons.

Taxpayers have until Thursday, April 15, 2021, to file their 2020 tax return and pay any tax owed. The IRS expects to receive more than 160 million individual tax returns this year with nine out of 10 returns filed electronically. At least eight out of 10 taxpayers get their refunds by using direct deposit.

"The pandemic has created a variety of tax law changes and has created some unique circumstances for this filing season," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "To avoid issues, the IRS urges taxpayers to take some simple steps to help ensure they get their refund as quickly as possible, starting with filing electronically and using direct deposit."

"Following months of hard

work, we are ready to start this year's tax season," Rettig added. "Getting to this point is always a year-round effort for the IRS and the nation's tax community. Doing it in a continuing COVID-19 environment while simultaneously delivering stimulus payments for the nation is an unprecedented accomplishment by IRS employees. I also want to thank all our tax partners and tax professionals for their hard work that makes tax time smoother for the nation. All of us stand ready to serve America's taxpayers during this important filing season."

Be tax ready: Review pandemic-related changes

Last year's sweeping set of tax changes not only affected individuals and their families but may also affect the tax return they're

filing this year. A new IRS fact sheet explains what taxpayers need to know to file a complete and accurate tax return. The IRS recognizes that filing this year may be challenging for some taxpayers and it's important to understand how to claim credits and deductions, get a refund timely and meet all tax responsibilities.

Recovery Rebate Credit helps people still eligible for Economic Impact Payments

For those who may be eligible for stimulus payments, they should carefully review the guidelines for the Recovery Rebate Credit. Most people received Economic Impact Payments automatically, and anyone who received the maximum amount does not need to include any information about their payments when they file. However, those who didn't receive a payment or only received a partial payment may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when they file their 2020 tax return. Tax preparation software, including IRS Free File, will help taxpayers figure the amount.

New language preferences to help taxpayers

Additionally, this year for the first time, Forms 1040 and 1040-SR are available in Spanish, and the IRS has a new form allowing taxpayers to request that they receive information from the IRS in their preferred language. The Schedule LEP, Request for Change in Language Preference, will allow taxpayers to request information in some 20 different languages besides English.

The IRS also wants to remind taxpayers of other important changes that could impact their tax return this year.

Remember to factor in retirement plan distributions

Some taxpayers found it necessary to take coronavirus-related early distributions from 401(k) plans and traditional IRAs in 2020. Under the CARES Act, those distributions - up to \$100,000 - are not subject to the

10% additional tax that otherwise generally applies to distributions made before an individual reaches age 59 1/2. In addition, a coronavirus-related distribution can be included in income in equal installments over a three-year period, and an individual has three years to repay a coronavirus-related distribution to a plan or IRA and undo the tax consequences of the distribution.

Taxpayers should also remember that they can make contributions to traditional IRAs until April 15, 2021, and still deduct that amount on their 2020 tax return, if eligible.

New for 2020: non-itemizers can deduct \$300 for charitable cash contributions

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if taxpayers itemized their deductions.

However, with the CARES act, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations. For the purposes of this deduction, qualifying organizations are those that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose.

Now more than ever, e-file is best

Now more than ever, the safest and best way to file a complete and accurate tax return and

get a refund is to file electronically and use direct deposit. Taxpayers can visit IRS.gov/filing for more details about IRS Free File, Free File Fillable Forms and Free tax preparation sites. E-filing is also available through a trusted tax professional. Free File is a great option for people who are only filing a tax return to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit, either because they didn't receive an Economic Impact Payment or did not receive the full amount.

The fastest way to get a refund is to file electronically and use direct deposit. Most refunds are issued in less than 21 days, but some refunds may take longer for a variety of reasons. Taxpayers can track their refund using Where's My Refund? on IRS.gov or by downloading the IRS2Go mobile app where they'll get a personalized refund date as soon as 24 hours after the tax return is electronically submitted.

Most early Earned Income Tax Credit/Additional Child Tax Credit filers should see an update to Where's My Refund? by February 22. The IRS cannot answer refund status inquiries unless it has been 21 days since the return was electronically filed.

IRS tax help is available 24 hours a day on IRS.gov, where people can find answers to tax questions and resolve tax issues online from the safety of their home.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Monitors And Drive Cycles

Recent repairs to your vehicle's "Check Engine Light" have included a reset of the On Board Diagnostic (OBD) system. This process has also reset the OBD readiness monitoring system. The readiness monitors now need to re-test the computer system before verifying that all systems are functioning as designed and working properly.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Drive the car normally. All OBD systems self-test the computer while you are driving, and you will never know it. Depending on the manufacturer of the vehicle, there are 5 to 10 readiness monitors that need to be tested.

To allow your vehicle's readiness monitors to perform their tests and reset the OBD system

to a "ready" state, and to determine that all systems are working properly, your vehicle will have to be driven through a drive cycle.

(Who knew my car had to pass a test to work properly?)

Your vehicle's specific drive cycle can depend on the vehicle make and model. A normal drive cycle is 5 miles of city, stop and go driving and 5 miles of steady 60 MPH of freeway driving in the same key cycle.

Keep in mind that repairing a check engine light for one system or code may unlock another hidden pending code of another system while the drive cycle tests are being performed.

If the Check Engine Light illuminates on the dash again, don't

be alarmed. It means the system failed the test. This may happen because when the original check engine light was on, all OBD monitoring stops. Just stop in and we will re-check the system.

NOTE: A flashing check engine light should be corrected immediately.

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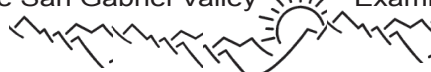
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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Chief Ernie

By Joe Castillo

Passing... Chief Ernie of the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation passed away on January 19th, just eight days after his wife of 70 years, Virginia, passed away.

Chief Ernest Perez Teutimez Salas was born in Los Alamitos and raised in the San Gabriel area at the San Marino Ranch under family ownership of Benjamin Wilson, James de Barth Shorb and George S. Patton Sr., and the Richardson Ranch in El Monte.

The Tribal Chief and members are all lineal descendants of the indigenous people who inhabited the Los Angeles basin for thousands of years with Chief Ernie's lineal genealogical records and family history providing evidence of being a descendant of the indigenous tribes of Southern California.

The Spanish named the indigenous people Gabrieleño after the Mission San Gabriel, a name

which continues to apply today. Chief Ernie descends from the Kizh leader Nicolas Jose who, due to mistreatment by the Spanish, led a historic revolt in 1785 at Mission San Gabriel along with a young woman named Toyipurina.

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Final Score 57-43... Trump Not Impeached... Absolutely No Surprise

Well, just as expected, Trump was not impeached. The Democrats knew that they would not be successful to have the former president impeached.

This is the second time that this vendetta impeachment process failed. What I don't know is why they proceeded with an impeachment when it was inevitable to fail no matter what.

Another thing is the fact that the whole process may have been unconstitutional in the first place. Don't these "law makers" know the law, know the constitution or know anything at all and simply let their personal vendetta take control of their common sense?

Once again, another sad day for our country. We have to be the laughing stock around the world. We have to ask ourselves, when is all this going to stop?



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

is just perfect. Same as a walk-up voter, no ID. People registered to vote that may not be citizens. We can go on and on with all of this.

The idea of impeaching California Governor Newsom is picking up speed. His rule of the people and businesses has come under scrutiny with the fact that his decisions didn't seem all that justified. Especially since it didn't apply to him, his friends and his own businesses.

week. At least that what I thought, these number were for the whole of China, not just Wuhan. Seems like they have it licked.

It seems that the government's order to the people to "stay home" and not to gather looks like it could be a reason why we still have issues. Especially here in California. You have to wonder what the real reason was and/or agenda for the government who controls the people and why they didn't want people to gather.

It is funny that now after the election, that Newsom is talking herd immunity. The problem is that those people who self-quarantined themselves into their little cubby-holes and didn't come out and play, they are most likely to be the future problem for spreading the virus.

"That's just the way it is!"

Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed Torres

1. People want to move to Texas because they are tired of problems in California, such as, "homeless encampments" permitted in the cities and towns, police being vilified, businesses and schools forced to close, along with myriad other problems -- but they are researching so that they do not move to "California bastions" in Texas where California style problems have been created there by transplanted Californians.

2. "The establishment" of the Republican and Democratic Parties, with the help of the major news organizations and of the entrenched Federal bureaucracy, united to defeat the populist Republican president.

3. The Gold Line construction is progressing beautifully.

4. Schools need to open - the successful future of "kids" is being grossly affected; especially hard-hit are the underprivileged children, minority children and those whose families cannot afford tutors and private schools for them.

5. White Americans are all "systematically racists".

6. Most Americans (of any shade) have no sensible idea what "systemic racism" is.

7. Many White parents and grandparents have failed to teach their kids that they should not feel guilty for being white.

8. Significant numbers of "White liberal Democrats" who continually espouse views for

"open borders", defunding the police, or who continually declare the importance of multiculturalism, send their kids and grandkids to private schools and strive to live in White neighborhoods (but have Black Lives Matter signs on their front yards!).

9. Governors such as Newsom in California and Cuomo in New York as soon as legally possible should be removed from office for gross failures.

10. The United States of America is in the midst of a revolution to "Redistribute Wealth" and political power, but only one side in the struggle is aware of the battle being waged -- the other side is asleep.

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Arcadia Unified New Student Enrollment Open Now Online

ARCADIA - Enrollment for students new to the Arcadia Unified School District for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. Families can enroll their students entirely online.

"We are very hopeful that our students will be able to be back on our campuses by the start of the 2021-2022 school year, if not sooner," Arcadia Unified Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdal said. "I am proud of the comprehensive education our teachers and our entire staff have continued to provide during distance learning and look forward to welcoming new families into our schools with the hope that we

will be able to greet them in person in the fall."

From now until March 1, families with students entering Transitional Kindergarten (TK), which are those students born between Sept. 2, 2016 and Dec. 2, 2016, and Kindergarten, children whose 5th birthday is on or before Sept. 1, 2021, are eligible to register. Beginning March 1, new students from all grade levels, TK-12th grade, are free to enroll.

Families are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition into their respective Arcadia Unified schools. New student enrollments are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Arcadia

Unified is expecting a high number of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten enrollments for the fall. Enrollments have transitioned to an entirely online process to help the community stay safe and are aligned with COVID-19 health protocols.

Parents should be prepared to upload the required enrollment documents, such as proof of residency, age, and immunizations. Enrollment can be completed at bit.ly/ArcadiaUnifiedEnrollment.

For non-Arcadia residents who are interested in attending Arcadia Unified schools, the district does have a permit application process that is also now available online.

Newcastle Park Renovation Project - Seeking Community Input

ARCADIA - In 2017, the City of Arcadia Recreation & Parks Master Plan was completed. It includes a comprehensive plan for park and facility renovations. The plan took years to complete, with input from the community, Commissioners and the City Council. Now, they would like to hear from residents to see if

the elements recommended in the plan for Newcastle Park are what the residents want for the actual park renovation. For more details and the proposed park plan, please check the project website at: https://www.arcadiaca.gov/newcastleparkrenovation.

The City needs your help! Please provide your input for

the renovation of Newcastle Park using the online survey and join them for the community meeting on February 25, 2021 at 6pm.

Please visit the webpage to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/93571754578 Or Telephone: 1 669 900 6833 Webinar ID: 935 7175 4578.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. *Quiz show whistleblower, ___ Stempel
5. Time std.
8. "___ Like it Hot" movie
12. Walkie-talkie word
13. Wild hog
14. Blender setting
15. Coniferous tree
16. Of long ago
17. Gastric problem
18. *A show that had a Ball
20. Surveyor's map
21. Changes to a manuscript
22. Mai follower
23. Get a move on
26. *Superman portrayer
29. Knot-tying words
30. Like unskilled work
33. Play with a bow
35. New Mexico's state flower
37. Will Ferrell's Christmas classic
38. On the radio
39. Nobel Peace Prize capital
40. Beat around the bush
42. Toddler
43. SAT administrator
45. Software plug-ins
47. Facebook photo option
48. Indulgence of impulses
50. Brees or Barrymore
52. *"Dragnet" sergeant
56. Old Brazilian coins
57. Pakistan's official language
58. *"Your Show of Shows" comedian Reiner
59. Novelist Zola
60. Not made up
61. *"The ___ of Night"
62. Extinct bird
63. Call minus c
64. Gloom's companion

- DOWN
1. Arizona tribe
2. Bad to the bone
3. Nevada city near Lake Tahoe
4. Warrant for officer promotion with no pay
5. As opposed to stay in
6. Chagall and Anthony
7. 3-pointer in basketball
8. *"Toast of the Town" host
9. Willy of "Free Willy"
10. Track event
11. Always, to a poet
13. Reference to the writer
14. Between larvae and adults
19. Allergic reaction to bee sting
22. ___ Aviv
23. *Ranger's call to Silver
24. Sunbaked, archaically speaking
25. Wall or pedestal support
26. Kon-Tiki, e.g.
27. One of the Muses
28. Offspring
31. Getting warm

Crossword grid with theme: GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION. Includes clues for across and down words.

Advertisement for Dish TV service. Features: Blazing Fast Internet! \$19.99, 2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE, \$59.99/mo. Includes 190 Channels.

- 32. Not in good health
34. Tiny leftovers
36. *Abbott's comedic partner
38. Online purchase
40. *Marjorie Reynolds in "The Life of Riley"
41. Scolding
44. Schoolmarm's whip
46. Defrosted
48. Popular winter boot brand
49. Put it to the metal
50. Audition tape
51. SWAT attack
52. France/Switzerland border mountain range
53. Carpenter's groove
54. Ben Affleck's 2013 Oscar winner
55. Original matter
56. *Buttons or Skelton

February 11, 2021 Puzzle Solution grid showing the filled-in crossword puzzle.

Suspect Arrested For Vehicular Manslaughter After Fatal Traffic Collision

IRWINDALE - On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at about 5:28 A.M., Irwindale police officers and the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to the report of a person down in the northbound traffic lanes of Irwindale Avenue at the Foothill (210) Freeway overpass. Officers located a non-responsive male adult with significant traumatic injuries at the scene. The male was transported to a local trauma center, where he died from his injuries.

Based on witness statements and evidence found at the scene, it was evident the victim had been struck by a vehicle going northbound on Irwindale Avenue, which fled the scene after the collision.

Detectives from the Irwindale Police Department commenced an investigation into the crime and, during the course of the investigation, were able to identify the vehicle and the driver involved in the fatal hit-and-run traffic collision on February 9th.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2021, IPD detectives located the vehicle, a light grey 2017 Ford F-150 Raptor pickup truck, at a residence in the 1100 block of Newburgh Street in the city of Azusa. The suspect, Javier Prado, a 31-year-



Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Dept.

Hit and Run Suspect Javier Prado

old resident of Ontario, was arrested without incident at the scene by detectives.

Javier Prado was booked at the West Covina City Jail on felony vehicular manslaughter and felony hit-and-run charges and was held on \$50,000.00 bail.

This remains an active investigation and police are asking anyone who may have witnessed this traffic collision or who may have information about the crime to contact the

Irwindale Police Department Detective Bureau at (626) 430-2245.

Information can also be sent anonymously via their mobile app or via Los Angeles Regional Crimes Stoppers at www.lacrimestoppers.org or (800) 222-TIPS. A \$1,000.00 cash reward for information leading to prosecution of the suspect is available from the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers.

Fleeing Suspect Causes Multiple Collision, Arrested By Azusa Police

AZUSA - On February 12, 2021 at 6:50 PM, Azusa Police Department Crime Suppression Team officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Louise Ave and Paramount Street, in the City of Azusa. The vehicle failed to stop and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The suspect's vehicle collided into another vehicle, but was able to continue to flee officers. The pursuit continued through neighborhood streets and ended when the suspect's vehicle collided into another motorist at Arrow Highway and Lark Ellen Ave, in the City of Azusa. The suspect fled from the vehicle, but was quickly captured by pursuing officers. Officers later located illegal narcotics inside the suspect's vehicle, during a vehicle search.

The suspect, a known gang member identified as Ricardo Guzman, 40 years of age, from



Photo courtesy of the Azusa Police Dept.

Tow trucks from Jan's Towing remove the damage vehicles.

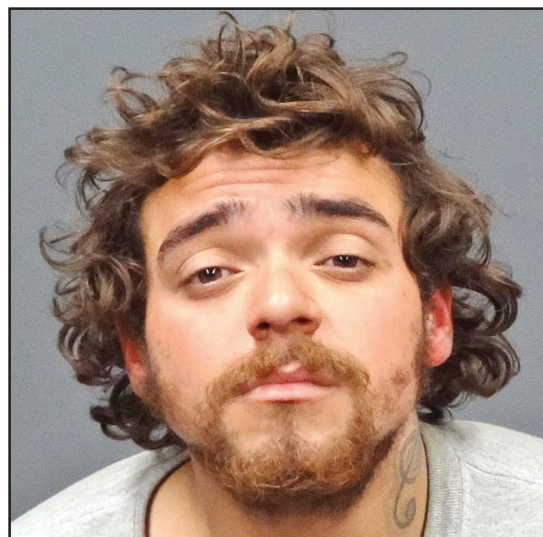
Azusa, was arrested and charged with felony evading, felony hit and run, misdemeanor hit and run and possession of illegal narcotics. He was also found to have an outstanding "No Bail" parole warrant for his arrest. He was booked and held for the listed charges.

None of the occupants of the other vehicles involved in the

collisions with Guzman were injured.

The Azusa Police Department takes a "Zero tolerance" stance toward criminal gang activity and is continuously seeking information regarding gang related crimes. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Azusa Police Department Detective Bureau at (626) 812-3200.

Stolen Work Truck Recovered by Irwindale Police, Suspects Arrested

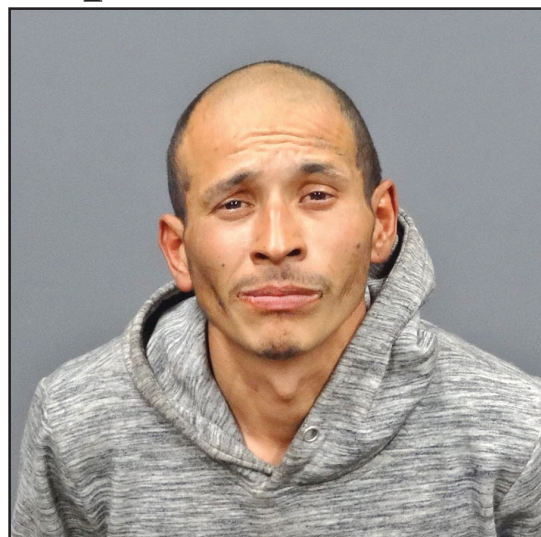


Luis Angel Barcelo, 25-years-old

IRWINDALE - A quick response by Irwindale patrol officers on Friday, February 12, resulted in the recovery of a stolen work truck.

About 1:00 am, a caller reported his work truck, a white 2001 Ford F250, was just stolen from the 13500 block of Live Oak Lane in the city of Irwindale.

While officers responded to investigate, Officer Bravo began



Frankie Ramirez Jr., 34-years-old

to check the surrounding areas for the freshly stolen truck, quickly locating it in a parking lot in the 1400 block of Arrow Highway. Two subjects were detained in the stolen truck and were promptly arrested without incident.

The stolen truck was recovered and released back to the rightful owner.

The suspects, Luis Angel Barcelo, 25-years-old, and Frankie Ramirez Jr., 34-years-old, both residents of Baldwin Park, were booked at the jail on Grand Theft Auto charges. Mr. Ramirez was later released with a citation to appear in court on a future date. Mr. Barcelo was held in custody with no bail on an open warrant.

Burglary Suspect Arrested at Glendora Goodwill

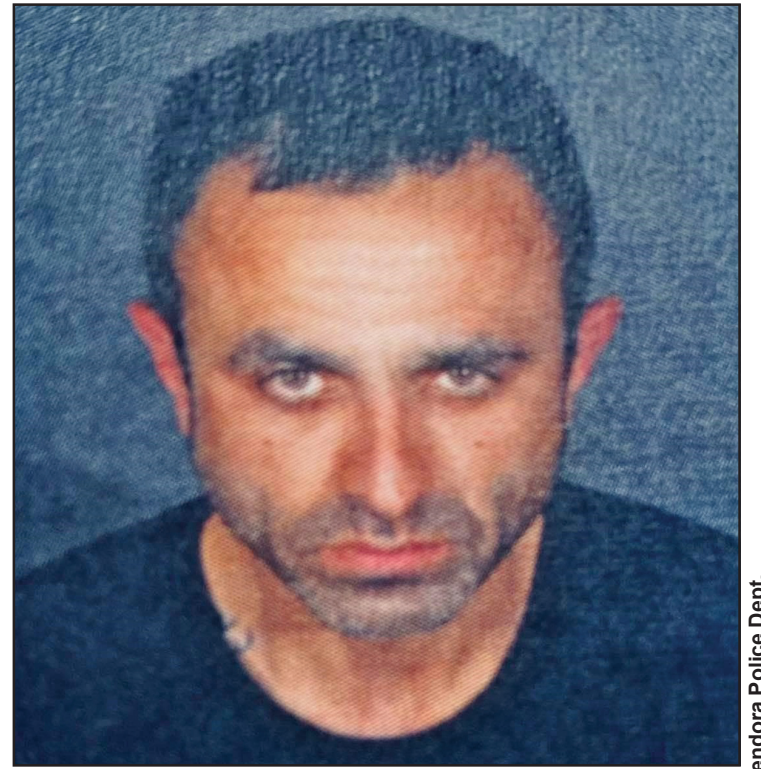
GLENDORA - On Thursday morning of February 11 at about 12:35 a.m., officers were alerted by an alarm company that a male suspect was seen actively burglarizing the inside of 526 W Foothill Blvd (Goodwill).

As officers arrived they found the front door pried open and the building was immediately contained. At about this time, a male wearing all black, was seen running to a vehicle that was parked to the rear of the business.

Officers approached the vehicle and detained the male. The male was later identified as, Martin Duzdabanyan, male, 38 years old, from Van Nuys. Stolen property was located inside of the vehicle, which included the store's surveillance DVR system.

Duzdabanyan was held in custody, pending this case being presented to the LA District Attorneys Office, with a recommendation for filing considerations of commercial burglary and felony vandalism.

If anyone has any additional information regarding this crime, or this subject, please contact the Glendora Police Department at (626) 914-8250



The suspect identified as Martin Duzdabanyan.



Police search the suspect's vehicle.

Photos courtesy of the Glendora Police Dept.

Sheriff Deputies Arrest Felon for Possession of Narcotics and Firearm

SAN DIMAS - LA County Sheriff Deputies assigned to the San Dimas station were conducting a patrol check of the San Dimas Motel 6 area when they observed a person enter a vehicle with paper plates. During a DMV check the license plates did not correspond with anything on file. They conducted a traffic stop to verify the information on file for the vehicle. While asking the person for the vehicle's registration, an empty holster fell out of the glove box.

Needless to say, this led to a search of the vehicle that resulted in the recovery of an unregistered and loaded 9MM handgun which was concealed in the suspect's waistband.

Incident to arrest, the vehicle was inventoried resulting in the recovery of a sizeable amount



Heroin and methamphetamine, scales, baggies and syringes and a loaded firearm are recovered in the arrest of the felon.

of heroin and methamphetamine, scales, baggies and syringes. The suspect was also identified as a gang member from the Hacienda Heights area.

What started as a simple DMV check, resulted with one person arrested for Possession of Narcotics by a Convicted Felon and Concealed & Loaded Unregistered Firearm.

Photo courtesy of LASD

Catalytic Converter Thieves Arrested



Tools for stealing catalytic converters and stolen catalytic converters recovered from the suspects.

SAN DIMAS - In the early morning of Thursday, February 11, while patrolling a known area for mail and catalytic converter thefts, a sergeant from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department stopped a vehicle for multiple vehicle code violations.

During the investigation it was

discovered the driver did not possess a valid driver's license, was in possession of narcotics and also had catalytic converters along with various tools for steal-

ing catalytic converters in his vehicle. What started out as a vehicle code violation, resulted in the arrest of two individuals for multiple charges.

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Amelia Baclig, Nurse Who Died from COVID-19, Honored by Family, Friends and Co-Workers



Family and nurse colleagues of Amelia Baclig put together this car caravan and a virtual vigil in her honor. (Photo by Letty Lopez-Viado).

By George Ogden
WEST COVINA - Family and nurse colleagues of Amelia Baclig put together a car caravan and a virtual vigil honoring the fallen nurse who worked at Queen of the Valley Hospital

for almost 30 years. Sadly, she had passed away from COVID-19. California Nurses Association and National Nurses United put together this event together with Amelia Baclig's family and her coworkers.

Other coworkers and friends drove by during the caravan and gave flowers.

Also attending was West Covina Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado.

Glendora Woman's Club Flagpole Repaired and Serviceable Again

by Joan Hallidy
GWC Publicity Chair

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club flagpole, at the front of the clubhouse, was recently repaired and once again is ready for service, when needed, said Club President Chris Ohrmund.

The flagpole repairs were made possible by a generous donation by the club's Potpourri Department to the Woman's Club's Building Improvement Fund, according to Loretta Salazar, Potpourri Department Chair.

With the club's flagpole repaired, the club's current flag that is available for display on the flagpole is the special flag donated to the club by the Club President Chris Ohrmund. The flag, measuring 5 feet by 10 feet, will be available for display on club meeting days and when needed, said club officials.

For more information about the Woman's Club, whose theme this year is "Look To The Rainbow", call 909-598-0554.



Glendora Woman's Club President Chris Ohrmund and Potpourri Department Chair Loretta Salazar are pictured saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the club's new flag on the club's recently repaired flagpole.

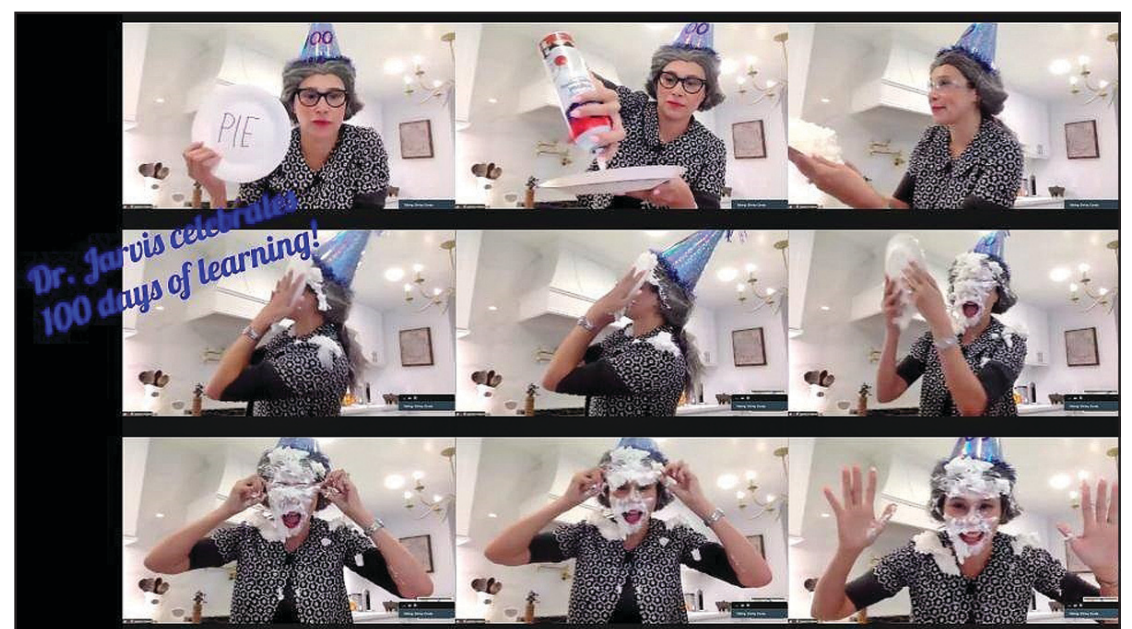
Kiwaniannes Serve Seniors Boxed Lunches

GLENDORA - Yearly, the Glendora Kiwaniannes host a Valentine's Day dinner to residents of Glendora Gardens, but this year, due to the pandemic, the club instead brought boxed lunches. Each box featured a chicken croissant sandwich, chips, fruit, brownie and cookie, and a small gift bag with candy. Some 96 seniors received the lunch on February 11. Helping to prepare the meal are Kiwanianne club members Janet Dial, vice president of membership; and Kandy Nunn, immediate past president of the Glendora Kiwaniannes. Other members who helped with the project included: Jo Cox, Debbie Deal, Tami Houser and Rose Wentz. "Such a wonderful group effort of kindness," said Debbie Deal, current Kiwanianne President. "Even during this time of lockdown, Kiwaniannes continue to serve our community."



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100 Days of Learning



Principal Lily Jarvis kept a promise to pie herself in the face.

MONROVIA - Monrovia Unified School District celebrated 100 Days of Learning on Jan. 27. In celebration, Monroe Elementary held a pep rally on Zoom. Activities included dancing, trivia questions, a scavenger hunt and Principal Dr. Jarvis even pied herself in the face! Students were asked to share one word that reflects how the first 100 days of school have been and teachers put all words together into a word cloud. Due to high student participation, Principal Lily Jarvis kept a promise to pie herself in the face.

Grow a Reader with Arcadia Public Library

ARCADIA - The Arcadia Public Library now offers 21 storytime kits for check out! "Read to Grow" storytime kits are designed for children ages 3 to 5 years and are a wonderful way to grow a child's language development and literacy skills through reading, talking, singing, and playing.

Packaged inside a tote bag, each kit includes:

- 5 - 6 Hardcover Picture Books
- A DVD or Music CD
- A Resource Guide with Suggested Activities and Early Literacy Information

• One kit may be checked out at a time for up to three weeks. Visit the Arcadia Public Library's online catalog to request a kit with your Library Card - discovery.arcadialibrary.org. The Read to Grow storytime kits are supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

• In addition to the Grow a Reader kits, Children's Services has created "Book Bundles for Kids and Youth." Parents, caregivers, teachers, and others can conveniently request a bundle of books for readers in kindergarten through eighth grades. Kid bundles include three nonfiction and two fiction books with five available themes - animals, biographies/history, STEAM, new book mix, or Librarian's pick. Youth bundles offer three fiction, nonfiction, or series read alike titles. Visit the Library's Youth Services webpage and use the form to request a bundle!



• Parents can call the Children's Help Desk for reading recommendations and then request the books through the Arcadia

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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. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

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