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Governor Newsom Draws First 15 Winners in California's Vax for the Win Giveaway

\$750,000 awarded in first round of cash prize drawings, in which more than 21 million Californians were entered to win

SACRAMENTO—Governor Gavin Newsom selected the first 15 lucky Californians to be awarded \$50,000 for doing their part in getting vaccinated against COVID-19. The \$750,000 awarded in the June 4th randomized drawing is part of California's new \$116.5 million Vax for the Win program – the largest vaccine incentive program in the nation – which includes \$50 incentive cards to newly vaccinated residents and cash prize drawings for all who have received at least one dose. This historic program is designed to motivate Californians to get vaccinated leading up to the state's reopening on June 15th.

"California has made incredible progress in the fight against COVID-19, with the lowest case rates in the entire country and millions more vaccines administered than any other state. But we aren't stopping there, we're doing everything it takes to get Californians vaccinated as we approach June 15 to help us safely reopen and bring the state roaring back," said Governor Newsom.

Since Vax for the Win launched, roughly a million vaccine doses having been recorded, including roughly 350,000 Californians newly starting their vac-



Governor Newsom draws first 15 winners in Vax for the Win program

ination process. In total, California has administered more than 38 million vaccines, ranked number 8 in the world. California has administered 15.4 million more doses than any other state and more than 70 percent of the adult population has received at least one dose.

"We are making another push to get more Californians vaccinated against COVID-19," said

Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer. "With more than 70 percent of adults having already received at least one dose, the Vax for the Win program is the creative approach we need to make that final push for those who remain unvaccinated."

More than 21 million Califor-

nians aged 12+ are at least partially vaccinated and automatically entered to win in the cash prize drawings. The second \$50,000 drawing will take place next Friday, June 11, when an additional 15 Californians will be selected. On June 15, when California safely reopens, 10 winners will be selected to receive \$1.5

million each – adding up to a total of \$15 million in cash prizes. On top of that, the 2 million newly-vaccinated Californians who get their dose since Vax for the Win launched will be eligible to receive \$50 prepaid and grocery cards.

Winners from the June 4th drawing live throughout the state in the following counties: Mendocino, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Alameda, San Diego, San Francisco, Orange, San Luis Obispo. They start being notified directly by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) within hours of the drawing and over the next four days by telephone, text, email or other contact information associated with the person's record in the state's vaccine registry. To protect their privacy, all winners will have the option to accept their cash prize while remaining anonymous or decline it altogether.

Winners must complete their vaccination in order to claim their prize. If someone under 18 wins, the cash will be put in a savings account for them until they turn 18. For more information about Vax for the Win, please visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/vax-for-the-win>.

Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD Water Education Grant Program Helps Fund Water-Wise Vegetable Garden

MONROVIA - Dr. Anthony Fellow, board director for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District), presented Dr. Greg Gero, principal of Plymouth Elementary School, with a \$1,000 grant for the school's water-wise vegetable garden. This grant is one of 22 water-related school projects awarded under the Upper District's Water Education Grant Program (WEGP).

Every year, WEGP provides funding of up to \$1,000 for educators to help implement water projects and programs into their classroom curriculum. Any K-12th grade school within Upper District's service area is eligible to apply for a grant. Projects must focus on water-related subjects that further students' understanding of environmental issues, water sustainability, and the vital role water plays within our region and State. This year the Board of Directors awarded over \$16,500 to help fund 22 classroom projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

"Plymouth Elementary School has done an incredible job in incorporating water efficiency throughout the school. The water efficient vegetable garden is just one example of their holistic approach towards science and hands-on learning," said Director Fellow. "I'm very proud of the work Plymouth school had done to promote water awareness remain committed to supporting innovative conservation projects for our students."

Located in the city of Monrovia, Plymouth Elementary School partnered with Food ED, a Monrovia-based nonprofit that specializes in gardening and food science curriculum, to construct the Plymouth Veggie Garden. The new vegetable garden ties in science, water use efficiency, and promotes healthy living and eco-



Director Anthony Fellow (right) presents the water education grant to Dr. Greg Gero (left) for Plymouth Elementary School's Water Wise Vegetable Garden.

system awareness to its students. The project, which recently broke ground, features six raised beds made from reclaimed pine felled in the San Gabriel Valley and has two beds that are ADA accessible. The funds from the education grant will be used towards installing a water-efficient irrigation system for the project. Students will learn how to properly water gardens and how water is essential to eating and growing.

"We've worked hard to create an environment that embraces our natural resources as interactive learning lessons," stated Dr. Gero. "Having our students tend to these gardens will develop their awareness of our food supply and the resources needed to grow our food. We are very appreciative of Director Fellow's support for this project."

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified, and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

Hope Lutheran Pre-School Graduation



Hope Lutheran Pre-School students sing at their graduation.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - Hope Lutheran Pre-school held its Graduation Ceremony in their Chapel on June 3rd, 2021. Known as the "Bitty Little Bulldogs", the four and five-year-old students lined up for the ceremony in front of the altar, fac-

ing their parents and friends who had come for the occasion.

The welcome was by Ms. Ellen Head and the Opening Prayer was by Pastor Rick Foss. The students started with Children's songs such as Color Song, This Little Light of Mine, The B I B L E, I am a Pizza, Jesus You're my

Superhero and Bitty Bulldog Mater.

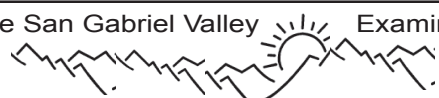
The Presentation of Certificates followed, to the applause of the audience.

A special thank you was extended to the teachers, Ms. Ellen, Ms. Barbara, Ms. Karla, Ms. Tanisha and Ms. Sheri.

Mountain View Key Club Members Named Valedictorians

DUARTE - The Duarte Kiwanis Club has been sponsoring the Mountain View High School Key Club for a number of years now. This year the Club is so proud to share that 4 of our Key Club Members - Amy Love, Nikki Ma, Nancy Phan, Christine Huynh - are Valedictorians!!! Congratulations Ladies!

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



Lost on Mt. Waterman

By Carolyn Grumm

Just after midnight on Saturday May 15th the pages of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team (SMSR) went off. A dozen team members had just crawled into sleeping bags in Joshua Tree National Park after an all-day navigation exercise. They would respond to the call after a few hours of sleep, but team members who were in town immediately responded to assist Montrose Search and Rescue in the search for a missing hiker on Mt. Waterman.

The search effort continued for 4 days. On Wednesday May 19th Dave Null was located by the Air Rescue 5 helicopter. He was alive and well, but deep in rugged terrain in Bear Canyon. He was far off track from the hike at Mt. Waterman that he'd started Saturday.

This was the third multi-day search near Mt. Waterman this spring. In March, Narineh Avakian's body was found 6 days



Photo courtesy of SMSR.

after she left for a day hike and in April, Rene Compean spent an unexpected night out before being rescued.

They were lost.

All of these searches were for lost hikers. None of these hikers were injured and immobilized. They hadn't fallen down or gotten trapped at the bottom of a cliff. They were lost.

Without a basic map, even a simple unexpected trail intersec-

tion can get a hiker lost. And if a hiker loses the trail, strong navigation skills are needed to negotiate the San Gabriel mountains.

During the Null search weather was a complicating factor. Clouds rolled up and down the Waterman drainages, wrapped around the peaks and rolled over ridges. One minute searchers were in the sun, and the next minute they'd be in a misty cloud bank.

Cloud cover like this can be very disorienting. It is easy to lose a sense of where you are when you cannot see any landmarks or the terrain around you. Even experienced field teams who are familiar with the area had to drop their packs during the search and spend time with their GPS and a map to verify their location and lock in a direction of travel on their compass.

Map and Compass

Members of SMSR carry a map, compass, GPS unit, and now often a phone with us at all times. While using Gaia or other apps on the phone can be very useful, we never rely on them (or their batteries) as our sole means of navigation. We do rely on the skills we've all tested at the Joshua Tree navigation exercise. At this exercise team members use nothing more than a map and compass to navigate to a point on our map where we'll find a small flag which has a clue for plotting our next point on the map. It is a difficult exercise, but it develops an essential skill.

SMSR encourages you to prepare for your hikes by carrying a map and compass and knowing how to use them as well as your GPS or cell phone. Read articles in Outside magazine, listen to podcasts like The Sharp End, learn from more experienced friends, take a class at REI, or read books like Staying Found. But start by purchasing a map. Tom Harrison and National Geographic both put out good maps of our local mountains. Carry them with you. Open them up and practice using them.

Since 1951, the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has responded to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Visit smsr.org to read more about how to prepare to head into the wilderness, learn about the Team, or donate.

Bottles And Carbide Lights To Be Exhibited

DUARTE - Alan Heller is happiest when wandering through the desert sorting through trash heaps. The result makes up a new exhibit at the Duarte Historical Museum starting June 12. Heller will exhibit his collection of acetylene gas lamps, known as carbide lights, which spelunkers used to light their way when exploring caves and working in mines. He will also share his bottle collection.



Photo by Alan Heller

Learn why some bottles turn purple after sitting in the sun. Discover how spelunkers find their way in pitch black caves and mines.

The museum is located at 777 Encanto Parkway in Duarte and is open Saturdays

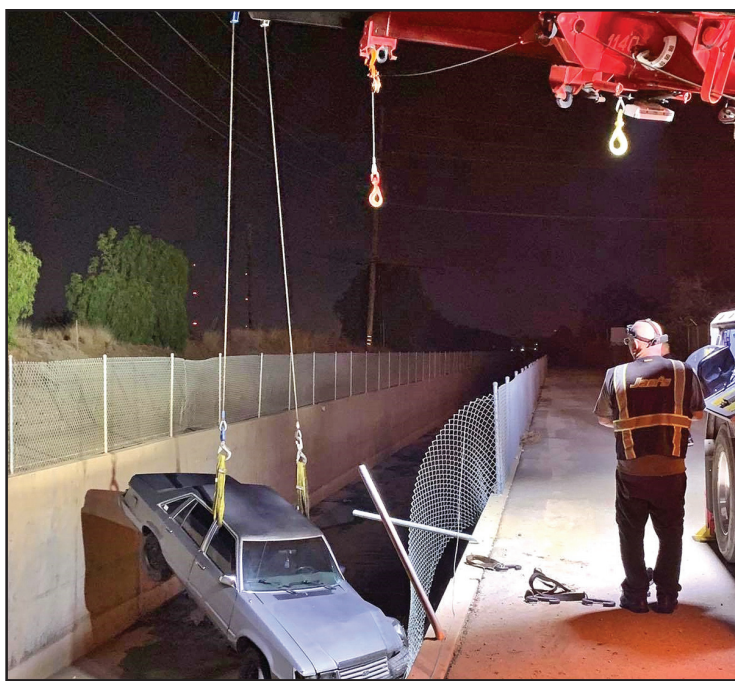
from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday each month 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. Masks must be worn in the museum. The phone number is (626) 357-9419.

Car In Traffic Collision Lands At The Bottom Of The Buena Vista Channel

IRWINDALE - An overnight traffic collision landed a car at the bottom of the Buena Vista Channel near Alpha Street and Bateman Avenue in Irwindale.

Two of the four occupants in the sedan were taken to a local trauma center with serious injuries. A heavy duty tow truck from Jan's Towing was required to remove the vehicle from the wash.

The driver attributed the crash to a mechanical failure, however the cause of the collision remains under investigation by the Irwindale Police Department.





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West Covina To Discuss Vote of No Confidence Against DA Gascón on Next Council Meeting

By George Ogden
WEST COVINA - At West Covina's June 1st City Council meeting the City Council was prepared to move forward with the No-Confidence vote for George Gascón, the District Attorney for Los Angeles County. Council gave the city attorney direction to draft a letter and to bring it back at the next city Council meeting.

There were 3 main speakers on this topic. Interim Chief Deputy DA Joseph F. Iniguez from the DAs office, Sheriff Alex Villanueva and former LA Co. Dist. Atty., Steve Cooley.

Iniguez started off by defending Gascón's policy and policy changes, which includes refusing to seek the death penalty and offering no-cash bail. He apparently has decriminalized many crimes where criminals are no longer arrested nor

do the police go after these criminals for these crimes. There appears to be a policy in place were if you don't steal over \$1000 from a store or walk away from a restaurant with the bill not to exceed of thousand dollars, the police will not come looking for you. Iniguez continued on supporting changes and insinuating that these changes are good for the community. The fact that crime statistics seem to be dropping off a little is because those same crimes are no longer crimes where the police will arrest you. So, there's no crime report made. He answered questions from the Council, reiterating the fact that not arresting people or charging people with crimes and simply releasing them with no bail. Those people that were able to attend the Council meeting were rather shocked to hear what was being said. One person felt that this would be something that a crackhead would say. You could say that this was not received very well by those in the city council chambers.

Next to speak was LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. The Sheriff is in support of a no-confidence vote from the city and went on to talk about how these policies are dangerous to the community and to law enforcement. The Sheriff is basically saying that "Iniguez" speaks with authority but has no experience with what is really going on.

The Sheriff is extremely concerned about the people's safety has increased personnel that handles concealed weapons permits from a couple people to 16 people. Recently they issued 900 gun permits to the citizens. He made it clear that he is not going to disarm the citizens as they need to protect themselves. He also stated that those that can "issue" gun permits are the police chiefs

and the Sheriff (and his department). The Sheriff made it clear that the DA's policies are a danger to the community.

The Sheriff took questions from the Council and members of the audience. A couple of times, some citizens instead of asking questions started giving testimony. The mayor had to cut these people off and to tell them either asked the question or move on.

Former DA Steve Cooley stated that Iniguez as an attorney for the district attorney's office and has tried only 4 cases and apparently, he didn't represent the people well with these cases.

Cooley made it clear that the direction that this new DA is taking is not good for the people. He supported everything that the Sheriff stated as well. He talked about the time he prosecuted the case involving the murder of a West Covina police officer. After a number of appeals and new trials, that suspect was given the death penalty each time and he was never executed. Now that Gov. Newsom has basically abolished the death penalty after he promised during his campaign to uphold and support the will of the people when it came to how they voted for the death penalty, only to turn it into a lie. Within 3 months of taking office he was dismantling the gas chamber. Now the DAs office will not pursue the death penalty. Cooley with his message basically states that this is an injustice to those family members as well as the people of the community. He also supports and encourages the city to move forward with a no-confidence vote. The city Council will vote on this at the next city Council meeting and it is expected that it will be a 4-1 vote to send a letter out of no-confidence to the district attorney.

County Plans to Transition Four Large Vaccination Sites to Community Sites

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As vaccine demand has shifted and the County has significantly increased the number of sites served by mobile teams, Public Health will transition our four large capacity vaccination sites to smaller community sites. We remain committed on getting vaccine into neighborhoods where we can continue to reach people who may have limited ability or time to get to large vaccination sites.

On June 7, the County closed the California State University Northridge vaccination site and transition to providing vaccinations to nearby residents at the Balboa Sports Complex. Residents that received their first dose at California State University Northridge, have appointments for their second dose at Balboa Sports Complex which is located nearby. Public Health is

assisting residents that need transportation with a free ride there and back. If you need a ride, you can reach out to the Public Health call center at 1-833-540-0473 and you will be assisted with free transportation services.

After Sunday, June 13, the County will transition the other three large capacity vaccination sites located at The Forum, Pomona Fairplex, and L.A. County Office of Education to nearby community sites. Beginning on Tuesday, June 15, residents can go to the following community vaccination sites:

- Ted Watkins Memorial Park, 1335 E. 103rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90002
- Hours of operation: Tues-Sat, 11am to 6pm
- Commerce Senior Citizens Center, 2555 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA 90040

Hours of operation: Tues-Sat, 11am to 6pm

- Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650

Hours of operation: Tues-Sat, 11am to 6pm

To find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission Launches 10 Public Hearings

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) is launching 10 public hearings to solicit ideas on how to adjust the district boundaries for electing the Board of Supervisors for the next decade. Details about these public hearings are in the attached flyer.

The LA County CRC is unlike past practices when the Board of Supervisors appointed an advisory Boundary Redistricting Committee to study proposed changes and could make revisions before adopting the final districted bound-

aries. Today, the LA County CRC is independent of the Board of Supervisors as a result of California legislation that passed in 2016.

At the local level, periodic redistricting can help to:

- Ensure our County's diverse population and communities have opportunities to have their voices heard
- Enable voters to elect representatives of their choosing and not draw Supervisorial Districts in such a way as to dilute fair opportunities
- Have Supervisors be responsive to the preferences and

needs of residents through public policies to improve lives

This redistricting process is also important to:

- Rebalance district populations so they are reasonably equal in population
- Establish districts that are geographically contiguous, while considering topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and community of interest of the Supervisorial Districts

For more information, visit: <http://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>

L.A. County Underscores Business Compliance After June 15 Reopening

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - While case numbers and other metrics continue to remain low and stable, there is still potential for transmission of COVID-19 at worksites among unvaccinated workers. It will continue to be important for all businesses to comply with infection control requirements and all Cal/OSHA requirements at worksites past the June 15 reopening.

The Cal/OSHA standards board recommended relaxing physical distancing and masking requirements for fully vaccinated workers, and other adjustments to align with the June 15 reopening. If the standards are approved by the Office of Administrative Law in the next 10 calendar days, the standards are expected to go into effect no later than June 15. The revised standards include the following:

- Face Coverings: Fully vaccinated workers without COVID-19 symptoms do not need to wear face coverings in a room where everyone else is fully vaccinated and not showing symptoms. In rooms where everyone is not vaccinated, face coverings continue to be required for everyone regardless of vaccination status. Both fully vaccinated and unvac-

inated workers without symptoms do not need to wear face coverings outdoors except when working at "outdoor mega events" with over 10,000 attendees, which may include events or theme parks.

- Physical Distancing: When the revised standards take effect, employers can eliminate physical distancing and partitions/barriers for employees working indoors and at outdoor mega events if an employer provides respirators, such as N95s, to unvaccinated employees for voluntary use. After July 31, physical distancing and barriers are no longer required (except during outbreaks) provided all unvaccinated employees are offered respirators for voluntary use.
- Exclusion from the Workplace: Fully vaccinated workers who do not have COVID-19 symptoms no longer need to be excluded from the workplace after a close contact.
- Special Protections for Housing and Transportation: Special COVID-19 prevention measures that apply to employer-provided housing and transportation no longer apply if all occupants are fully vaccinated.

Employers will still be required to maintain a written COVID-19 Prevention Program with the following changes:

- Employers must review the California Department of Public Health's Interim guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments.
- COVID-19 prevention training must now include information on how the vaccine is effective at preventing COVID-19 and protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.

Public Health is connecting businesses and workplaces needing vaccinations to County mobile units and vaccination partners throughout the community. If there is a workplace where people need to get vaccinated, Public Health encourages you to visit the Find a Vaccination Provider page to request an on-site clinic at your workplace, business, or special event from one of the mobile vaccination units or other vaccination partners in the community to provide vaccines.

Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated. To find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com.

Felon Arrested for Possession of a Firearm and Violating the terms of his Probation

IRWINDALE - Irwindale Police Detectives conducted a Probation Compliance Check in the 4600 Block of Nora Avenue on Friday, June 4th, resulting in the discovery of an unregistered handgun, credit card forging equipment, illegal drugs and narcotic paraphernalia.

Daniel Luis Zepeda, a 44-

year-old resident of Irwindale, was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of equipment for making counterfeit credit cards, possession of narcotics, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and violating the terms of his probation. Zepeda was booked at the West Covina City Jail, where he is being held without

bail. Probation Compliance checks are routinely conducted in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Probation Department to ensure persons on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) are in compliance with their probation terms.

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Ethnic Studies Law or Strong Suggestion

To understand what is happening to education in California, particularly with Critical Race Theory (CRT), we need to know a couple of basics controlling that environment. California Board of Education (CBOE) has adopted a suggested ethnic studies curriculum, not mandated, and each school district may adopt that curriculum or create one of their own based on their community make-up. Assemblyman Jose Medina (D-Riverside), Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, decided CRT should be mandatory and reintroduced AB 101, Ethnic Studies Requirement for High School Graduation, to make ethnic studies a high school graduation requirement starting in academic year 2025-26 and require students to take one semester of ethnic studies to graduate beginning in 2029-30.

One very simple definition of CRT: A program examining social, cultural and legal issues as they relate to race and racism.

The 11-member California Board of Education (CBOE) is the K-12 policy-making body for academic standards, curriculum, instructional materials, assessments and accountability and members are appointed by the Governor, including the student member. This is just one of many boards appointed and not elected by the people whose lives are so indelibly affected by their decisions.

In 2016, former Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill creating an advisory committee to come up with an ethnic studies course for K-12 students. The CBOE created that committee including then-Assembly Member, now Secretary of State, Shirley Weber. Weber became known for her bills to restrict police use of force and creating a committee to study reparations for the black community dating back to the civil war era. That Committee is activated.

This \$763,000 2- year model CRT curriculum study took the



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

Committee four years to produce and was rejected in October 2020 by the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) whose members are all appointed by the governor, senate, assembly and members of the CDE Board to advise the CBOE on curriculum and instruction. The resultant bill was vetoed by Gov. Newsom, but the question now, will he sign AB 101 amid more criticism just prior to a recall election.

The four main groups originally proposed for CRT curriculum were Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans. Those not included became upset, including Jews, Arabs, Sikhs, Armenians, and many others, so a 900-page curriculum development document was created. State board member Cynthia Glover Woods, a liaison to the Instructional Quality Commission, said it will "help districts strengthen existing courses or develop their own" based on their community. California could end up with a mish-mash of non-consistent, non-factual information of no historical value to anyone, but under the control of local school boards. If AB 101 passes and is signed by Gov. Newsom, CRT will be state mandated.

The Assembly fiscal analysis of AB 101: "...costs likely in the millions of dollars annually ... including funding for additional teacher training or hiring; integration of ethnic studies in cur-

rent courses or ethnic studies course development; purchase of supplemental materials; and outreach to students and parents about the new graduation requirement." AB 101 doesn't say who is going to pick up the tab for these new costs.

Wall Street Journal, March 16th subtitle to their CRT article: "A new curriculum rejects merit and sees oppression everywhere. But the thrust of the hundreds of pages of course outlines is to enlist students in progressive politics."

Very mild compared to other reports. Hoover Institution says, "The curriculum continues to be founded on critical race theory (CRT), which is the view our legal, economic, and social institutions are inherently racist and are exploited by some Whites to retain their dominance by oppressing and marginalizing others."

CBOE proudly announced they are the first state in the U.S. to develop and approve a model curriculum for ethnic studies with Board President, Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, saying, "Today we made an important step toward confronting and ultimately transforming racism in our society and in our state. This day has been a long time in coming, and we are reminded daily the racial injustice it reveals is not only a legacy of the past but a clear and present danger."

Twenty states oppose Critical Race Theory and their attorneys general have written to D.C. asking grant funding for American History and Civics Education programs not include this requirement. It is felt promoting CRT will only promote and increase racial tensions.

Gov. Newsom could veto or sign AB 101 if it gets to his desk or just ignore it and let local districts wrestle with Critical Race Theory. He's good at relying on local government to solve his problems ... take housing for instance.

An Ever-Rolling Stream

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,

Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

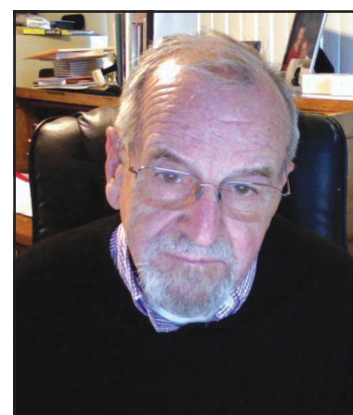
Isaac Watts

The fragile craft in which I now float carries me down that ever-rolling stream that one day will be emptied into the vast ocean called eternity. This immensity is the same ocean from which I came at birth. The time between birth and death is what we call 'life' and is the gift God gives us to use both for good and for ill.

While I do not obsess about death, over my years he has occasionally dropped by for a visit. He comes in, gets my attention, tips his hat and moves on. I suppose recently when he has visited he has decided to sit for a while before getting up and going to the next house.

So what out of my experience do I make of death? I know that deep at the heart of Christianity is the story of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. I can recite 1 Corinthians 15 as well as anyone. I have stood with hundreds of families who knew that their loved ones were safe up there somewhere beyond the sunset, and that they would all be joined again in the sweet bye and bye, on that beautiful shore of somewhere.

I guess there are moments I would like to believe in an after-life, but I remain an agnostic. I tend to see the resurrection and the eternal life recited in our biblical passages as relating to hope for the world, for God's gracious care for all of us, and not as an individual guarantee that I'll get up there someday. I know that from the dust I came and to it I



Charles H. Bayer

will return—as quickly as cremation will accomplish it. And I know of my life, that the wind will pass over it, and it will be remembered no more.

When I was a child, even if I believed all the orthodox things, I still occasionally shook with fright at the notion that someday I would cease to be. The older I get and the closer to the edge of that reality, the less death bothers me, even if death means oblivion. I don't know if there is any personal survival beyond this life, but I am perfectly willing to leave that to my Creator.

Perhaps each of us is given a trifling bit of space and a smidgen of time in which to live, and while what we do with it may not determine how we shall come out at death, it may influence how this life will be better for me and for a few others. I resonate with the monk plowing his field when asked what he would do if he knew he would die by sunset, he replied, "I'd plow as straight a furrow this afternoon as I could."

For me the resurrection is God's testimony to new life, but that may not be focused on my personal existence in some other conscious form, but on the hope that is brought from death to life

in every generation. When at funerals there is some great-grandchild who begins to fuss and cry and a parent hurries to take her/him out, I always stop them and ask the congregation to listen to that cry, for "a generation comes and a generation goes, but the word of our God endures forever."

The older I am, and the closer my tiny craft gets to the great immensity, I am drawn to the conclusion of Sidney Lanier's poem about the vast area off the coast of Georgia, the Marshes of Glynn.

And now from the Vast of the Lord will the waters of sleep Roll in on the souls of men, But who will reveal to our waking ken The forms that swim and the shapes that creep Under the waters of sleep? And I would I could know what swimmeth below when the tide comes in On the length and the breadth of the marvelous marshes of Glynn.

I end this column with a prayer I have uttered hundreds of times over the graves of someone's mother, father, sister, brother, partner, daughter or son., or friend.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,

Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,

The busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over

And our work is done.

Then of thy great mercy, grant us a safe lodging,

A holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Adapted from John Henry Newman

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MY TURN: A New First for LeBron James

"A New First for LeBron James." This is how the Wall Street Journal called it, the day after the conclusion of the Lakers/Suns playoff series. And what about the man who commands so much attention?

He is the kind of superstar who can garner more press in his loss than the players received who gave him the loss. He can easily pick the team he wants to play for and looks for the one with the best limelight, naturally. He is praised from east to west by media, politicians and the sports world alike, and risks no penalties if he takes a "woke" position, because LeBron, as the Colin Kaepernick of basketball, speaks to the demographic that he shares mutual "woke" support with. The Laker team was always figured in the finals, but the Suns didn't get the memo.

It is not the first time that the roller-coaster team from fly-over Phoenix has given a Los Angeles Lakers team an upset stomach. The Phoenix Suns might well be the winningest team in pro basketball that has

never won a championship. And that includes having more wins than many of those teams that have won a championship. It was rocky from the start in 1969, when the expansion Suns had to endure a coin flip with another terrible team, the Milwaukee Bucks, for the right to pick number one in the draft. The Suns lost the flip, picking up a name at number two that only die-hard Suns fans might remember; a player named Neal Walk. The fellow who was gifted to the Bucks was some guy named Kareem Abdul Jabbar. Maybe you have heard of him. The Suns were in two finals. One against Boston in the 1970's and one against Michael Jordan and the Bulls in the 90's. Both finals had a triple overtime game.

The closest player to a superstar (at the time) the Suns were ever able to pick up was Charles Barkley, a big participant in the 1990's success. While LeBron James chooses to play into the praise of being a role model, constantly crowned with honors from ESPN, it was Barkley, the

round mound of profound that said he, Charles Barkley, was NOT a role model. That statement opened him up to lots of criticism, with claims of his failure to respect the fans, and his supposed responsibility to the youth of America. Barkley is one of those old fashion guys who think fathers, male family members, local leaders, school coaches, and ministers are the real influence for kids. And treatment of the fans is not a problem with Barkley. It is a problem for LeBron. And blowing off 75 million Trump voters didn't help him, or the league, either. For my mind, Barkley's honesty is held in higher value than the praise James receives from others. We know Oprah isn't going to chase after someone like Neal Walk for an interview.

But LeBron proved in his final loss at the hands of the Suns that he is only a "role model" when things are going his way. It is easy to have sportsmanship when you have won and you shake hands with the losing players. But acknowledging someone who was the better player or a team that was better team, on that particular day, takes more integrity and "role modeling" than the winning sportsmen need. When so many people remind you of how great you are, it is difficult being on the other side. I guess if you shake hands with the Suns, you risk proving that a flyover team like Phoenix does have a place in your beloved league. What is the old saying? "That's why they play the game."

So, sorry King James, I will choose real royalty...Sir Charles. I liked the way he played the game.

Heroes Work And Train At Citrus College's Health Sciences Department

The importance of our nation's health care workers has never been more clear. Throughout the past year, their heroic actions mitigating a global pandemic have emphasized the value of this highly skilled profession. While the pandemic has made it difficult for some aspiring health care workers to receive their required training, the Citrus College Health Sciences Department has continued to successfully prepare students for careers in this vital industry.

The college currently offers several health sciences career pathways. These include registered nursing (RN), certified nurse assistant (CNA), licensed vocational nursing (LVN), registered dental assisting (RDA) and emergency medical technician (EMT). Each pathway is designed to provide students with a sound education, as well as the resources to help them reach their goals. A key element of each program is the hands-on training that takes place in the college's state-of-the-art labs.

When COVID-19 forced Citrus College to transition to a remote environment in March 2020, all curriculum migrated online. This sudden change was difficult for the entire college, but it was especially challenging for those students, faculty and staff in programs involving laboratory work. All in-person lab sections had to be modified so that students could complete them from home.

Several months later, local health officials and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office gave the green light for in-person classes connected to specific essential workforce sectors to resume. For Citrus College, this meant students in the RN, CNA, LVN and RDA programs were among those who could return



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

to campus to complete their laboratory requirements. Faculty, staff and administrators created plans that facilitated the August 2020 return according to health and safety guidelines.

Since returning to campus, the health sciences department has adjusted to a new normal. Students must now check in at designated parking lot entrances before proceeding to their classes. Once on campus, social distancing and contact tracing protocols are in place. In addition, students who need to meet patient care requirements are continuing their clinical work at off-campus sites.

The hard work invested into Citrus College's remote instruction and return-to-campus plans has made a difference. At

the end of the fall 2020 semester, 29 students graduated from the RN program, 37 graduated from the CNA program, 22 graduated from the LVN program and 23 graduated from the RDA program. At the same time, licensure rates remain impressive.

As we approach the end of the spring 2021 semester, Citrus College's Health Sciences Department is thriving. There are currently 50 students enrolled in RN classes, with 31 on track to graduate this June. Additionally, there are 14 students enrolled in CNA classes, 46 enrolled in LVN classes, 28 enrolled in RDA classes and 41 enrolled in EMT classes.

As the greater Duarte area's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am incredibly proud of our health sciences students' perseverance. Thanks to the hard work of the entire college community, Citrus College has continued to produce health care professionals and meet regional needs.

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Etch & Catch Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

BALDWIN PARK - The Baldwin Park Police Department & the Baldwin Park Police Officers Association are hosting an Etch & Catch Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Drive-Thru Event on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Firestone Complete Auto Care, 4201 Maine Avenue, Baldwin Park. This Catalytic Converter Etching Program is for Baldwin Park residents only. Reservations are required. Res-

ervation times are 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

To make a reservation, contact the Baldwin Park Police Department Community Relations Bureau at CSO Cynthia Espinoza (6 2 6) 8 1 3 - 5 2 3 5 / cespinoza@baldwinpark.com

Participation in this event is not a guarantee your catalytic converter will not be stolen; nor is it a guarantee of recovery.

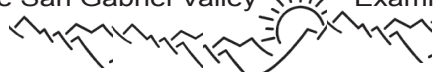


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What's Up With Our Dollar?

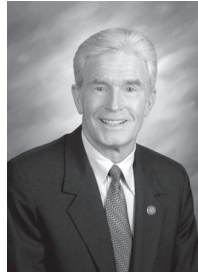
Why has little attention been given to the rather sudden 3% exchange pullback for the dollar (versus the utilized basket of currencies)? During the past 12 months the cumulative dollar value drop has been over 10%! Currency exchange rates are moved by many factors, including politics, interest rates, speculation, and economic growth. Two important factors, economic growth and exports, are directly related to a country's domestic industry. Some currencies, however, are heavily correlated with commodity prices.

Some Wall Street foreign exchange traders are attributing the greenback's latest fall to specific commodity-linked currencies outperforming their European rivals less than the American dollar. The powerful move of commodity prices since last December indicates most are now trading above their pre-pandemic levels. Global shortages of most hard and soft commodities are coming at a time when domestic and global economic growth is accelerating, meaning that inflation is looking anything but "transitory" as the Fed apparently wants us to believe.

One of the main issues fueling the view that our upward price pressures are going to be sustained is the historic amount of central bank and government stimulus that has overheated America's economic growth. First-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) growth came in at 6.4%, which is stellar when one considers that the pandemic didn't impact the economy until mid-March 2020 - near the end of 2020's first quarter!

The Atlanta Fed GDPNow model estimates GDP growth of 11% for the current quarter! The takeaway in the Capital Markets

In A Nutshell What's up in the Economy?



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is that the market isn't buying the Fed's narrative about "transitory" inflation - not when mega-tech stocks fade on blowout earnings while financial, transports, industrial, energy, and materials stocks rally.

Even as the 10-year yield has been trading between 1.5% and 1.6%, there has been a newfound reality check these past couple of weeks. Namely it is sinking in that interest rates may start to rise again following the current pause. It is also thought that the Fed will have to start a conversation about tapering its amount of quantitative easing (currently \$120 billion per month) in the face of \$5.7 trillion in current and proposed government spending by the Biden administration (that should further fuel GDP expansion).

All this money pouring into the banking system and the economy comes at a time when the economy is already rebounding at a strong clip. This scenario carries the risk of seeing bond yields pop higher. This could trigger a move in the 10-year Treasury that would likely weigh on investor sentiment - which has been hoping for ultra-low interest rates "forever." Nevertheless, until that upward rate move happens the path of least resistance for stocks is higher.

A third leg in the dollar's potential demise is the parabolic growth in the nation's debt, cur-

rently sitting at roughly \$28 trillion. Moody's Analytics (in reports on the Jobs Plan and Families Plan to be paid for by increased taxes on corporations and wealthy households) has estimated a shortfall of \$848 billion over 10 years for the Jobs Plan, as well as a \$218 billion shortfall on the Families Plan. That's over \$1 trillion short! Penn's Wharton Business School calculates Biden's two proposals would spend \$5.2 trillion and only raise \$3.4 trillion in the first 10 years, increasing the deficit another \$1.6 trillion.

To say the Capital Markets are concerned is a significant understatement. The bond market will bring a burst of debt supply, with the U.S. Treasury auctioning trillions of two-year, three-year, 5-year, and 10-year treasury notes, in addition to 20 as well as 30-year treasury bonds! How the dollar may trade against this heavy new debt issuance will carry psychological weight for both the bond and stock markets.

With surging GDP growth, spiking commodity prices, and soaring debt loads, our dollar is at a technical inflection point. The Federal Reserve has the power to step in to buy dollars to support the price. Such an action by a central bank in the forex market is seen as a way to stabilize or increase the competitiveness of that nation's economy; however, it also would send a very negative message - that the Fed is buying dollars to offset fears of debt-related significant devaluation.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

The stock market has been doing well, and inflation is on the rise. I'm worried that the stock market is due for a crash, and that inflation could skyrocket. What can I do to be more financially prepared?

Whether the economy flourishes or crashes, it's always best to have your personal financial house in order. If all your retirement savings or investments are in the stock market, consider your other options. Look into putting some money into an emergency fund. Talk to your financial advisor about a Roth IRA, an FIUL (fixed indexed universal life insurance policy), and a fixed-indexed annuity. If inflation skyrockets (like it did in the 1970's), plan ahead by adjusting your budget now so that you are spending less and saving more. Don't go "crazy-spending" now in anticipation that goods will cost much more during high inflation. However, cautiously make purchases if you have the money and are planning to purchase certain items you need and will use.

How can I be better prepared for disasters like fires, floods, tornados, earthquakes, etc.?

FEMA has an online preparedness guide (204 pages) with detailed information for numerous disasters. It states that you should have a per-person kit that will last a minimum of 2 days, at home, work, and in your car. FEMA now recommends having a minimum of 2-3-weeks of survival items (food, water, medications) at home. Include some money in small denominations, and some



Julia Yoder

coins for possible use in vending machines. If you lose electrical power, consume food from your refrigerator first, freezer second, pantry third, and finally your emergency stash. Organize your important papers and put them in a safe place. In general, have auto, homeowner's or renter's, and health and life insurance policies. (Earthquake insurance is very expensive, with very high deductibles, and often pays only a percentage of the overall loss.) Write a summary page of your insurances, investments, wishes, trust, etc. Review and update your beneficiaries. Consider a Limited Power of Attorney for your finances and medical care.

My brother-in-law is in his late 60's and is trying to figure out if it's best to continue renting, or to take half of his retirement savings to buy a house and have no mortgage payments for the rest of his life. What do you recommend?

This scenario would involve some more facts and 'number-crunching.' Will the other half of his retirement savings be enough

to last his lifetime? The cost of renting can continue to rise, or the landlord could sell, or decide to live in the rental. The cost of taxes and insurance can continue to rise, and there's the cost of maintenance and repairs. Renting helps the landlord's finances, and provides free maintenance and repairs for the tenant. Purchasing builds equity which could be utilized at a later date, either by financing, reverse mortgage, or to pay for nursing home and medical care.

What is an FHA Streamline?
It is a refinance loan especially for those who already have an FHA mortgage. It has simplified qualification guidelines and minimal required documentation. If you qualify, it's a really good time to inquire about an FHA Streamline refi. Another option you might consider (especially if you have monthly Mortgage Insurance premiums), would be refinancing your FHA mortgage into a conventional mortgage loan. Mortgage interest rates are still incredibly low.

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Key Mistakes to Avoid in Making Organizational Changes

Globalization and technical advancements have made it mandatory for almost all organizations to make changes in their organization, in one way or the other. Experiences of such organizational changes serve as interesting key points to know while implementing such changes in another organization, experience matters. Here is a compilation of some of the key mistakes that should be avoided while implementing a change in an organization.

*** Not Implementing a Task Force:** It is advisable to form a task force dedicated to the implementation and introduction of a change to key stakeholders. Not doing so puts more unnecessary responsibility on key drivers of the change. Many times, it is seen that the key people responsible for the change do not consult or take the senior management into confidence. This increases the probability of conflict of interests and confusion in the higher management and affects the health of the organization in the long run. The task force formed or the team responsible for the implementation and introduction of change should be comprised of influential leaders or members. These members should exhibit strong and efficient relationship management competencies along with superior task management skills. This task force would be responsible for encouraging the employees at every level to embrace the change. Apart from the ability to convince employees of all ranks about the benefits of a change, it is important to remain focused about the prosperous goals of the organization and working towards its realization.

*** Assuming Responses will Remain Consistent Overall:** With the introduction of change, at least some if not all employees are bound to react with resistance or fear. It is a



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common assumption that everyone in an organization feels the same about a change in the organization. On the contrary different employees in an organization feel differently about a proposed change. For example, top management is usually content with the introduction of newer automatic machinery, the shop floor staff may not be open to the idea because of the fear of being replaced by modern machines, this is understandable.

*** Not Allowing Knowledge To Change Into Actions:** Many organizations assume that by giving knowledge alone, the actions of employees can be changed to be proactive towards the change. Some of the major techniques used by organizations to provide change related knowledge to its employees are training sessions, mass gatherings to give knowledge and computer-based communication techniques. These exercises may provide knowledge but would not always change that knowledge into the required actions and behavior. Using methods like regular feedback sessions or question-answer based communication would help transform the knowledge conveyed into positive actions and behavior towards the change.

*** Not Sticking To The Vision:** A common mistake done by an organization is not sticking to the vision that is communicated by the organization

to the employees. Sometimes even when there is a proper definition of the vision that an organization is going to implement, it gets sidetracked from its goal. This calls for an immediate need for an inventory check for the proper implementation of the required change in the organization.

*** Failing to Plan Small Successive Successes:** Many organizations target long term changes and do not bother about short term, easily manageable changes. Short term changes are an excellent choice for implementing changes in an organization because they offer less risk and lesser, mostly recoverable cost when implied.

*** Listen:** One of the biggest stumbling blocks for businesses and people in general is not listening. Listening to your employees and stakeholders alike. More often they have valuable information to share that can be most useful in reaching the goals and objectives of the organization. These steps will let you implement an efficient change in your organization with a high success rate.

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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

June 14th is Flag Day!

On June 14th we celebrate Flag Day and the entire week is National Flag Week.

On June 14, 1777, the first American flag was approved by the Continental Congress. In 1818, they fixed the number of stripes at 13 and decided that each state will be represented by a star. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established June 14th as Flag Day and in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Many of us in the USA affectionately call it "Old Glory" or "The Stars and Stripes." Flag Day

is celebrated in different ways in our country...some you may not be familiar with.

- Pennsylvania, in 1937, became the first and only state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday.
- The oldest continuing Flag Day parade held each year in Fairfield, Washington started in 1909.
- Quincy, Massachusetts has been celebrating with a parade since 1952.
- Appleton, Wisconsin has done the same since 1947.
- Troy, New York has the larg-

est parade which draws 50,000 spectators annually.

- The Betsy Ross House is the site of Philadelphia's Flag Day events.

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Annual Registration Fee For The City's Unoccupied Residence Registry Begins July 1, 2021

ARCADIA - Beginning July 1, 2021, the Unoccupied Residence Registration will require an annual fee of \$1,492. The fee will allow the City to continue efforts to ensure unoccupied properties remain secured, well maintained, and do not become a nuisance to the community.

An unoccupied residence is a single-family home that has not been occupied for at least 30 days. Houses that are actively under construction, in escrow to be sold or transferred, or being actively marketed by an identified listing

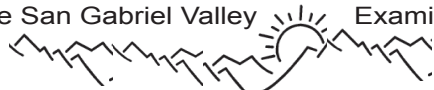
agent are not considered unoccupied.

Registration of unoccupied residences is required and includes providing up-to-date contact information for the property owner, contact information for two authorized persons, with at least one being available on a 24-hour basis, as well as the annual fee. In lieu of providing two authorized contacts, property owners may designate a property management company as their contact. The property management company should be located within 20 miles of the unoccu-

piated residence and be available on a 24-hour basis.

Property owners of unoccupied residences, including those that are already listed on the registry, can begin paying the annual registration fee July 1, 2021, and may register at Arcadia City Hall, or online at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/UnoccupiedReg.

For more information, please contact the Code Services Division at 574-5432, or email DSDCodeServices@ArcadiaCA.gov.



Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - The Purpose of Museums

By Joe Castillo

Sad Day in Temple City...

Throughout California there are thousands of museums in our local towns, big cities, vast counties and in state run sites. There are also a multitude of private museums like train, church and automobile museums, all of which specialize in a particular topic or subject matter area. We have one of the most renowned museums in the world in the Huntington Library right here in the San Gabriel Valley, and even the Los Angeles Dodgers have opened their own special focused museum at Dodger Stadium. Museums preserve the history of a town, city, county, state or private entity so that others may learn about their past so they can understand the present and perhaps build a better future. Each one of us has a past, a history that we can learn from, a history that we try and preserve so that others, like our children and grandchildren, may gain from it. If we don't know our past, then chances are we'll never be able to gain from it in the future. It's a lesson that's hard to learn, but once it's learned it will stay with us forever.

The purpose of every museum is to provide a home to preserve the past. This is usually accomplished by a museum collecting items which reflect on its main topic and subject matter. The collection could be grown by acquisitions or bequeathments or even donations. But once a museum

acquires an artifact, it has an obligation to hold on to that item indefinitely because it has been entrusted to them. If the museum does not accept the donation or bequeathment, then the donor can decide another course of action. But once the item is accepted, it's up to the museum to preserve it and keep it for as long as it can.

This past weekend, the Historical Society of Temple City, held a yard sale of some of the items in its museum collection. In addition to the yard sale, the museum itself has been completely gutted. Supposedly, some of the valuable artifacts at the museums were put in storage and in all fairness there were a number of items which were being sold that had no historical value but I'm sure many of those items were purchased by the Historical Society and now were being sold for a quick buck. And those items that did have some historical value, someone probably donated the item to the museum for safekeeping and to preserve it for others to see what was used back in the day. Once an item is sold to the public, chances are it will not be shown again in a public display but will probably be sold to an antique dealer or even remain in a private collection or possibly destroyed. Once an item is destroyed and trashed, it can never be replaced. They aren't making 1901 Singer Sewing Machines again, or even a 1972 AT&T Telephone Wall Unit so

once these are gone, they're gone forever.

The leadership at the Historical Society of Temple City stated that they are in financial distress and they need the money from the yard sale to stay in operation. And while it's true that many museums are suffering from the same lack of funds due to the closures imposed by the COVID pandemic, taking a drastic step such as selling off your assets and then gutting your own museum, may not have been the best solution. You just didn't get rid of the history of a city like Temple City with wild plans of building something bigger and better even under financial distress, because once you get rid of something that represents the past, something like a 1901 Singer Sewing Machine or a 1972 AT&T Telephone Wall Unit or even the Historical Museum of the City of Temple City, it's gone forever and whether the history will remain or not, only time will tell.

One thing is for certain, history is meant to learn from it's past but in the case of the Historical Society of Temple City, the lesson of history and the purpose of a museum seems to have been a lesson not well learned...

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Criminals Kill for No Reason at All or Do They Have a Reason

I came across a story that I'm sure many of you are aware of. The manager of a Dunkin' Donuts was opening up the store when a black male with a gun forced his way in and held her at gunpoint. He robbed the 41-year-old woman after forcing her to open the safe. She complied with everything. She was the mother of 2 and a recent grandmother. And the suspect took his revolver and shot her in the head and killed her.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

blew her away simply because she was a different race than he was.

The suspect was caught on videotape and I'm sure he knew of the cameras. This didn't appear as though she was being killed because she was a witness, as that doesn't make sense since he's on video surveillance. It appears he blew her away because he could just do it.

You have to wonder, watch-

ing the surveillance recording, and how easy it was for him to simply shoot an unarmed woman, how many other people has he killed? She died for donut money, which I'm sure there was less than \$100 in that building. There was no real money in there because it was just opening up and they had no sales.

I am an advocate for people to carry concealed weapons. However, you can see in this case, that wouldn't have prevented her from being killed.

Many states have open carry, I can't help but feel that just maybe if this woman had a weapon on her hip whether or not she would be a target. Like I said earlier, I don't think that would've made much of a difference. However, for the rest of us, maybe it would.

"That's just the way it is!"

Glendora Woman's Club Plans Yard Sale

Shop and find your treasures!

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will hold a Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 19** beginning at 8:00am until 1:00pm. The location will be

the parking lot at the clubhouse - 424 North Glendora Avenue, in Glendora. All proceeds will benefit the Club's charities.



Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD Launches New Water Smart Home Program

The Water Smart Home Program offers up to six types of conservation items for qualifying residents.

MONROVIA - The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is proud to announce the launch of its new conservation program, Water Smart Home! As an EPA WaterSense Partner, Upper District has taken great strides in promoting water efficiency throughout its service area. Through the creation of this new program, the Upper District Board of Directors continue their leadership in offering innovative and accessible conservation programs to their residents.

"Getting conservation items into as many homes as possible will help us achieve greater lifetime water savings in the region," said Upper District President Ed Chavez. "This program targets our service area's low-income communities that may need greater assistance and access to these water-saving devices. We encourage our residents to take part in this program."

Upper District's Water Smart Home program will focus on bringing water use efficiency to households within Upper District's underserved communities. Eligible residents will select up to six water efficient devices to be installed at their home free of charge by the program's consultant, EcoTech Services. Included on the pro-

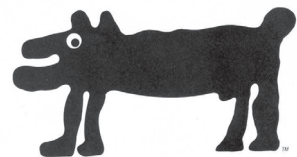
gram's list of available water-savings devices are leak repair kits, irrigation controllers, rain sensors, showerheads, and sprinkler nozzles.

To participate residents are required to register by calling the toll-free number (866) 308-8391 or visiting the Water Smart Home website <http://www.ecotechservices.net/wshp>. Once a residential address is qualified, Upper District's program consultant will schedule an appointment for installing the devices free of charge. Applying early is encouraged since participation is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Additional program information and a full list of the program's conservation devices is available on the program's website.

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- *Batman's romantic interest
- Wildest
- Use the other end of a pencil
- Cherry middle
- *Thor's weapon
- Brays like a donkey
- Another word for Tokyo
- Makes a sum (2 words)
- *Like The Joker
- Without self-control
- Black gold
- Buddy
- Site of Leaning Tower
- Canvas ceiling fan
- * ___ man, one of original X-Men
- Comes to the fore
- * ___ Woman, first female in the Justice Society of America
- "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
- Paralysis-causing disease, for short
- Smoothie berry
- *a.k.a. the Caped Crusader
- "Encore!"
- Pupil's place
- Like Arizona in summer
- *Ben Grimm of "It's a clobberin' time!" fame, with The
- Eyeglasses glass
- Buggy terrain
- Gingerbread creation
- *Superhero creator, Stan

DOWN

- Government Printing Office
- Campus military acronym
- Letter before kappa
- For the time being, Latin (2 words)
- Basic drumming pattern, pl.
- Saints' crowns
- End of grace
- Through, for short
- Hie, third person singular
- Not new or borrowed or blue
- "All ___!"
- Motherless calf
- *Wakanda's Black ___
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- Seeking damages
- Wondering ones
- Put through a blender
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Arcadia Appoints Deputy Chief Barry Spriggs As Fire Chief

ARCADIA - Arcadia City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto has appointed Deputy Fire Chief Barry Spriggs to the position of Arcadia Fire Chief. A 27-year veteran of the Arcadia Fire Department, he will succeed Fire Chief Michael Lang, who is departing from the Arcadia Fire Department to serve as Fire Chief for the City of Manhattan Beach.

"On behalf of the entire Arcadia community, I would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Spriggs on his selection as Arcadia's next Fire Chief," said Mayor Sho Tay. "The Arcadia Fire Department is a world class organization and the City Council is honored to have him be our next Fire Chief."

Deputy Chief Spriggs began his career with the Arcadia Fire Department in 1993 as a Fire Technician. Between 1994 and 2008, he held the positions of Firefighter, Fire Engineer, and Fire Captain. In 2008, he was promoted to Battalion Chief where he managed the Emergency Medical Services Division, served as the City's Emergency Manager, and was the Training Officer for the Fire Department. In 2016, Barry was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief where he managed department-wide operations, including serving as the City's liaison during the inter-agency response to the Bobcat Fire. Barry has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Azusa Pacific Uni-



Fire Chief Barry Spriggs

versity and is married with two grown children.

"Chief Spriggs is uniquely qualified to lead the Arcadia Fire Department. I'm confident that our Class 1 Fire Department will be in great hands under his leadership," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "I also want to thank Chief Lang for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Arcadia. Mike's focus on talent development in the past few years makes appointing Barry an obvious choice and I'm sure both men will make Arcadia very proud in the coming years," he added.

"It is a great privilege to be named the next Fire Chief for the City of Arcadia," said Deputy Chief Spriggs. "The men and women of the Arcadia Fire Department are the finest in the fire profession. I would like to thank the City Manager and the City Council for their confidence and support."

With his appointment, Deputy Chief Spriggs will become Arcadia's 17th Fire Chief. He will assume command on June 21, 2021. For more information about the Arcadia Fire Department, please visit ArcadiaCA.gov/Fire.

Drive Through Graduation for Goddard Middle School 8th Graders



Graduates Beth, Kaylee, Belle, Kendra, Brandon and Isabella jump up and cheer for the picture.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - It was on Wednesday June 7th at 5 p.m. Cars were lined up all the way from Goddard Middle School on Sierra Madre Avenue and up Loraine Ave. Decorated in yellow and blue colors, balloons and stars, the cars were filled with the graduates and their families. There were 282 students who graduated to enter Glendora High School.

One by one, the cars stopped by the school so that the student would receive their diplomas and have their picture taken with Goddard Middle School Principal Dr. Prince.



The decorated cars stop to allow the students receive their diplomas.

There was a designated FM station with a DJ who called out the names of the graduates. It was certainly a festive occasion, making the best of the situation, considering the limited resources and restrictions due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Transient Arrested for River Trail Brush Fire



Daniel Velez arrested by Azusa Police

AZUSA - On June 3, 2021 at approximately 5:00 PM, Azusa Police Officers responded to a brush fire near the San Gabriel River Trail adjacent to the 1900 blk. San Gabriel Canyon Road. Upon arrival at the trail, officers located a small brush fire in a transient encampment. Officers immediately used fire extinguishers and dirt to stop the spread of the fire. The Los Angeles County Fire Department arrived and fully extinguished the fire.

While on scene, officers located and detained a transient named Daniel Velez, age 42, former San Bernardino resident, near the scene of the fire. A preliminary investigation was conducted and officers determined that Velez caused the fire while attempting to cook food in the

illegal encampment. Velez was placed under arrest and booked for Felony 452(c) PC - Unlawfully Causing a Fire and Misdemeanor 602(m) - Occupying Property without Consent. Velez is currently being held at the Azusa Police Department Jail.

The Azusa Police Department is working with their partners at the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, neighboring law enforcement agencies, and County agencies to address the homeless issues in the riverbed area and throughout the City of Azusa. Outreach and enforcement operations are occurring on a weekly basis in addition to patrol officers conducting extra patrols to mitigate the risk of fire and other criminal activity.

Glendora Girl Dies in West Covina Crash at the Hands of a Drunk Driver

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On Saturday night, May 29, a young girl only 18 years old was hit by a drunk driver as she was driving through an intersection in West Covina. Kerry Welsh was going to pick up her sister from a party when she stopped at a four-way stop at the corner of Hollenbeck and Vine. She was traveling southbound on Hollenbeck and after stopping at the stop sign at Vine, she proceeded through the intersection. Sadly, a vehicle traveling at high speed westbound on Vine blew through the intersection. There is speculation that the driver was racing with another car and failed to stop for the stop sign impacting her vehicle on the driver side of the young girl's car. The young girl was trapped inside



Kerry Welsh, 18

the wreckage of her silver Honda. She was transported to the hospital where she died Sunday morning.

Walsh was an honor student from Glendora high school and was on her way to become a doctor. She was an athlete and loved soccer. She earned an academic scholarship to Loyola Marymount University, where she studied this past year. She was

very well-liked and had a ton of friends. Everyone is in shock that she's gone and killed by a DUI suspect.

Gilberto Morales, 24, of Pomona, was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol and drugs. His bail was set at only \$100,000. He was arrested in 2015 for resisting arrest. He was sentenced to 3

years' probation. He was also arrested last year in June for possibly driving under the influence, however that has not actually been confirmed.

There was a candlelight vigil where a large amount of people gathered on the Glendora High School football field Thursday night to remember 18-year-old Kerry Welsh.

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The Rise and Fall of the Walnut Industry



West Covina Walnut Crop 1909

WEST COVINA - Beginning in 1904 West Covina farmers began to plant their experimental hybrid walnut trees that were a combination of the small, native walnut tree and the larger, English walnut. It took about five years for the trees to grow and produce a crop of walnuts. In 1909 a crop was produced that exceeded the greatest expectations of the farmers. Farmers had to scrape to find enough boxes to collect the unexpected number of walnuts, and every man, woman, and child in the territory was recruited to complete the harvest.

The Aftermath of the 1909 Harvest

The 1909 harvest and the fields of stately walnut trees were an astounding development at the time. First, it brought in lots of cash. It was enough to build a schoolhouse and community meeting center (club house). West Covina was informally known as "Pumpkin Center": but walnuts quickly changed the name to "Walnut Center". Land started selling fast as would-be walnut growers scrambled to settle in West Covina. After a couple of more bumper crops in 1910-11 it appeared that walnuts were here to stay. A collective business effort was done to build a walnut packing plant on Valley Boulevard at Stimson. Led by our West Covina's first mayor, Benjamin Maxson, CJ Hurst, and Seymour Watts, the La Puente



Walnuts on way to packing house site, Orange and Francisquito. Circa 1914

Valley Walnut Growers Association was formed, and the walnuts were sold under the "Diamond Brand Label".

Continuous Growth

For the next 35 years the walnut industry was prosperous for the farmers and provided the money for schools, roads, flood control, and city incorporation. An interesting fact is that yearly, many Mexican laborers and their families came to West Covina at harvest time. The men who shook the trees called themselves "Shakadores" and their wives and children who gathered and sacked the walnuts became known as "Pickadores".

What Happened to the Industry?

First, many farmers, particu-

larly ones who came after 1915, started growing oranges since the plant-to-harvest time was shorter than for walnuts. Second, in the mid-1940's the codling moth and it's larvae attacked and killed so many trees that the industry died. Some "old timers" believed it was the "invasion" of the Post-World War II veterans and their smog-generating cars that weakened the trees so pests could destroy them. (2nd of Two Part Serie)

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Attempts to save walnut trees with burlap-insecticide wraps to kill the codling moth. Circa 1945

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