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First Responders and Jan's Towing Partnering Up to Save Lives

AZUSA - A person is home in the garage under the car and the jack breaks, collapses and pins them underneath.

An SUV carrying a family of 5 is driving down the 210 freeway, hits the center divider wedging the doors shut, cutting off the family from rescue.

An explosion and an industrial fire breaks out, trapping workers behind a jammed metal door.

These are some of the real-life scenarios where firefighters use the Jaws of Life - an extrication tool - to snatch people from the jaws of death.

Jan's Towing prides itself on partnering with local first responders in the name of saving lives! Multiple agencies often visit the main yard in Azusa for real life scenarios - from the SWAT team drilling how to extract and control a suspect safely and efficiently, to fire fighters drilling techniques with the jaws of life to extract a person in need. The vehicles used are often donated. In Monday's drill, Acosta Tree Service was gracious to donate the vehicles.

Alongside fire trucks and hoses, Jaws of Life is one of the most recognizable tool at a firefighter's disposal. Yet, many people don't know about the rich history of the tool and a multi-



LA County Fire Stations from Irwindale, Baldwin Park and USDA Fire Rescue teamed up on Monday at Jan's Towing Azusa yard for vehicle extraction, life saving exercises using the Jaws of Life and other tools that save countless lives.

tude of uses. Hydraulic rescue tools were first patented in 1961 by George Hurst after he witnessed rescue crews take over an hour to extricate stock car drivers from crashed cars. Before the Hurst tools were in use, rescuers typically used circular saws to cut open car frames, which had many drawbacks. Uses include spreading, cutting and ramming to extract someone from an accident.

On Monday, multiple fire agencies visited Jan's Towing Azusa yard to drill on two older model cars using the Jaws of Life. One of the crews included the hook and ladder from LA County Station 29 "Animal Style" Baldwin Park, with Captain Sean Gomez. "The Jaws of Life was a game-changer when it first came out," said fire Capt. Gomez, "We don't use it every day, but it is a very important tool we use in motor vehicle accidents. We really appreciate the staff at Jan's

towing for always being so gracious and allowing our teams to always work on their craft with real life situations." The jaws of life have saved countless lives throughout the years, speed and efficiency is key - that's why "practice" is very important for these real-life heroes we call firefighters.

Monday's training started with a breakdown and run through of the extraction tools which also included fire hooks, spreaders,

cutters, knives, lift jacks, and air chisels for window removal. Other agencies from Irwindale and the US Dept of Forest Service Fire Rescue also attended. The crews were looking to work on late model cars for this drill which included an old Volvo and Honda.

The crews were divided into 2 groups and drilled exercises from cutting the hood to get to the battery source, breaking windows and blowing out the tires in a safe way to avoid any further injuries. Each firefighter took turns with the jaws of life removing each door including the hood and the trunk.

Jan's Towing wants the community to rest assured that our local first responders continue to stay well prepared and equipped for situations that require extrication and the use of the jaws of life. The staff at Jan's will continue to be a valuable partner to local business owners and first responders as long as it's in business.

For more information or if you need a lift call Jan's Towing at (626) 914-1841. Please visit www.janstowing.com or our social media pages - Facebook @janstowing & Instagram @janstowingaloha. David Bonilla - davidb@insight-merchantsolutions.com

Artificial Intelligence Enabled Glendora Fitness Studio Celebrates Grand Opening

Exercise Coach Hosts Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Glendora Mayor Karen Davis and Glendora Councilman Michael Allawos and other dignitaries were present at the Grand Opening of The Exercise Coach by owners Jennifer and Adam Smith. Photo courtesy of the Glendora Chamber of Commerce

GLENDORA - A few months ago (March 3), Duarte residents Jennifer and Adam Smith opened an artificial intelligence and robotics enabled fitness studio at 1395 S. Grand Ave. Suite 130 Glendora (1/4-mile South of the 210 freeway). The studio serves clients in Glendora, La Verne, Azusa, San Dimas and Covina and is already supporting more than 75 clients of all ages (13-80) and fitness levels. Outfitted with high-tech computerized machines instead of traditional equipment, The Exercise Coach's personalized programs are optimized for efficiency, resulting in only two 20-minute workouts per week. The Exercise Coach's robotic exercise technology is combined with the guidance of certified coaches. The studio blends personalized strength and interval cardio training in each session and offered in 1x1, partner, or small group format.

As Covid restrictions have reduced, the Smiths were finally able to host an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of their first Exercise Coach studio with the Glendora Chamber of Commerce on Friday, June 11. The event included recognition from Glendora Mayor Karen Davis to bringing health and fitness to the community. As part of her remarks Jennifer Smith commented "Adam and I are passionate about bringing health and fitness to people of all ages and abilities and serving the community, in the last 3 months we have been able to help clients of all ages and abilities see real results in matter of weeks".

As part of the event participants were able to demo the Exercise Coach's proprietary Exerbotics equipment - Daniel Petty, a local Realtor, - "Great event and awesome exercise machines", George Ottoson, a local realtor, "I enjoyed the tour and the

bench press trial, I have to say, I did feel a workout in just the few minutes that in the demo". Even several participants who were reluctant to try due to previous injuries or lack of exercise experience were amazed after the demo that gave them the confidence to try an exercise program. Further, other small businesses were on hand Juice Plus, Drain Doctor, and Sailor Brew Coffee and were excited to engage with the local community. The Smith's are actively reaching out to collaborate and partner with businesses as well as have selected a location for expanding into Claremont, CA in Fall 2021.

The Exercise Coach offers 2 free sessions to all new potential clients to experience this unique workout that is personally optimized to each client. Go to www.exercisecoach.com/glendora to request your 2 free sessions.



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Field of Heroes Coming to Glendora

GLENDORA - Join Glendora Rotary as we honor our Heroes and support our Community. You may honor your Hero at fieldofheroes.net by sponsoring a flag in our Field of Heroes. Honor a current Military member or Veteran, a Healthcare Hero, a First Responder or even a Hero you have discovered during the COVID 19 pandemic, by sponsoring a flag for only \$50.00. You may also sponsor our event as an individual or business for only \$300.00.

While you honor your Hero you will also be supporting your Community. Funds raised from this event will go to the APU Veteran's Center, the Citrus College Veteran's Center, the Glendora Police Explorers and Cadets Program as well as the County Fire Foundation to support our Veterans and First Responders. Any addition funds go to the programs Glendora Rotary supports in our Glendora schools and

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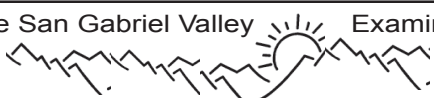
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S'moreology Opens in West Covina



The ceremonial ribbon cutting for S'moreology.

By Paulina Morales WC / George Ogden

WEST COVINA - S'moreology was launched in 2018 by Noelle Ramirez and wife Amy Ramirez who wanted to start a new venture to bring people together through artisan treats. They reintroduce s'mores in a new, gourmet and wholesome way. They first launched at Rooftop Cinemas in Downtown Los Angeles and soon grew to join other outdoor movie events including Street Food Cinema and Skyline Cinema. They expanded to start catering services. In March of

2019, they were invited to join Smorgasburg, downtown LA's open-air market. From there they moved on and continued to establish themselves in West Covina.

The West Covina location, located at 922 W. West Covina Parkway, will be Noelle and Amy Ramirez's first brick and mortar store. They will create approximately 5-10 part time and full-time jobs. They had their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on June 10th which included Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado and 3 other councilmembers as well as the

city manager David Carmany.

During the pandemic, S'moreology customers across the country have been able to satisfy their cravings with s'mores kits delivering their signature flavors straight to customers doors.

S'more flavors include Samoa, Churro & Chocolate, Birthday, Original, and more.

The West Covina flagship location will offer a walk-up experience allowing customers to watch through the windows as graham are rolled and marshmallows are toasted, and also serve as a test kitchen to try and sample new items and flavors.

S'moreology will also have a wider variety of sweet desserts, including ice cream, cookies, brownies, and cakes.

S'moreology is also available to cater your next event or celebration.

S'moreology has transformed a once vacant building into a thriving business.

West Covina Unified Superintendent Announces His Retirement

WEST COVINA - Superintendent Charles "Chuck" Hinman, who has guided West Covina Unified School District through a pandemic, the related shift to distance learning, a school realignment, and a massive facilities improvement effort, announced he will retire effective July 31, 2021.

Dr. Hinman, who began his tenure with WCUSD in 2015, thanked teachers and staff for their "talents and dedication," creating success in classrooms across the District.

"I am also grateful for the support of our community in my role as superintendent, especially during this time of COVID," Hinman said in a letter to staff and community. "While these challenges have been extremely difficult for all of us, it is through these shared experiences that I will always have a deep connection with you, knowing we got through this together. In my time at WCUSD, I am most proud of our academic programs and Measure ES Bond that has allowed WCUSD to become a destination district."

Hinman's retirement punctuates a 32-year career in public education wherein he spent time in the classroom, on the field as a coach, as a principal and as a District administrator, culminating with his role as superintendent at WCUSD.

"The last six years have been a period of change for the West Covina Unified School District, and Dr. Hinman has been absolutely critical in charting a path and guiding us through that change," said Eileen Miranda Jimenez, President of the WCUSD Board of Education. "From forging ahead with our facilities improvements, supporting our academic shifts to support more rigor and a college-going culture, and helping our



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families and teachers navigate the incredible COVID-19 efforts, we are very appreciative of the leadership and guidance Dr. Hinman provided during his tenure with our District."

The Board of Education is expected to meet in the next several weeks to determine next steps, including defining the search process and appointing an interim superintendent.

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.

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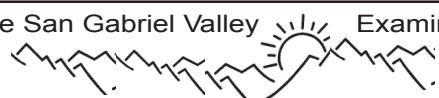
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Shortchanged Small Claims Court Litigants to Receive Restitution Following Investigation, Settlement

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Comprehensive investigative work by the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), assisting the Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel Affirmative Litigation & Consumer Protection Division (LACC) has resulted in a \$60,000 settlement against a Los Angeles-based collection company for court judgments.

The civil complaint named Van Nuys Financial, which also operates under the alias business names Master Financial of California, Inc., Master Financial 2000, and Fleetwood Financial, as well as its owner-operators, John Ezra Sutton, Mark Zohar Sutton aka Zohar Sutton, and Rachel Sutton, collectively referred to as Van Nuys Financial (VNF).

The settlement resolves claims in a 2019 lawsuit filed by LACC against VNF. The lawsuit

alleged VNF took advantage of consumers who had won money judgments in small claims court but who had not been able to collect those judgments. Contacting them through unsolicited telephone calls, and direct mail, VNF would encourage consumers who had prevailed in small claims court to assign their unsatisfied monetary judgments to VNF. After realizing the difficulty of collecting their judgments, consumers entered into written contracts with VNF and assigned their judgments to them. In exchange for the assignment, VNF would keep an agreed-upon percentage of the money collected, usually 30 to 40%, and would promise to remit the rest to the consumers.

The lawsuit alleged false advertising and misrepresentation because of VNF's pattern and practice of collecting on an assigned judgment but failing to notify consumers that they had done so. Additionally, on these occasions, VNF either did not provide the original judgment creditors any payment of the collected funds or they provided them some lesser amount.

"The Small Claims court allows all people in Los Angeles County to seek justice on equal footing. That spirit of fairness and equity must also allow for people to receive the judgments they earned in full," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. "These days, every dollar makes a difference for the consumers we serve. We congratulate our department's investigations team and County Counsel on securing this settlement and helping to put money back into the hands of people who deserve it."

DCBA investigators interviewed dozens of victims who had similar experiences after assigning their judgments to VNF. DCBA's investigation further revealed that many of VNF's victims were unaware that VNF had ever collected on their assigned

judgment. VNF has agreed to pay restitution of \$60,000 via monthly payments over a period of ten (10) years, with the first payment due February 1, 2022. Consumers may be entitled to restitution if they assigned their small claims court judgment to VNF and VNF collected the assigned judgment yet failed to pay the agreed-upon portion to the consumer. Consumers who assigned their judgments to VNF and are uncertain if VNF ever collected any money on the judgment may contact the Superior Court with their case number to obtain information on the assigned judgment.

If you are a small claims court litigant who believes you should receive monetary restitution from this settlement with Van Nuys Financial, please visit dcba.lacounty.gov/VNFSettlement to review and complete a Notice of Restitution & Settlement Claim Form.

Any consumer willing to agree to the restitution terms listed in the Notice of Restitution must submit to DCBA a completed and signed Claim Form, a copy of the Acknowledgment of Assignment of Judgment to VNF that was filed with the court and date-stamped by the court, and a copy of their government-issued photo ID. The Claim Form must be submitted to DCBA on or before August 12, 2021.

Claim forms may be sent via US Mail, postmarked on or before August 12, 2021, or email, on or before the same date to:

Rose Basmadzhyan, Chief, Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, 320 West Temple Street-Room G-10, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Or emailed to: investigations@dcba.lacounty.gov

A copy of the Final Judgment may be found at dcba.lacounty.gov/VNFSettlement.

Extreme Heat Warning: High Temperatures Forecast for Parts of Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued an Extreme Heat Warning as high temperatures have been forecast for the following areas:

- West San Fernando Valley - through Saturday, June 19
- East San Gabriel Valley - through Saturday, June 19
- East San Fernando Valley - through Saturday, June 19
- Santa Clarita Valley - through Saturday, June 19
- Antelope Valley - through Saturday, June 19
- San Gabriel Valley - through Thursday, June 17
- Los Angeles Basin - Tuesday, June 15 through Wednesday, June 16

Public Health reminds everyone to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness, especially older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and people with a chronic medical condition who are especially sensitive to negative health impacts from extreme heat. Public Health offers the following recommendations during high temperature days:

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day.
- If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Cars get very hot. Never leave children or pets in cars and

call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone.

- Beware of heat-related illness, like heat stroke and call 911 if you see these symptoms: high body temperature, vomiting, and pale and clammy skin.
- Check on those at risk, like those who are sick, older adults, pregnant women, and children, and those who live alone.
- If you are wearing a mask, avoid strenuous workouts wearing face coverings or masks not intended for athletic purposes.
- Visit your power company's website or contact them by phone to determine if you are scheduled for a rolling power outage.

"While it is very important that everyone take special care of themselves, it is equally important that we reach out and check on others, in particular those who are especially vulnerable to the harmful effects of high temperatures, including children, the elderly, and their pets," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "High temperatures are not just an inconvenience, they can be dangerous and even deadly. But we can protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors if we take steps to remain cool and hydrated. It is critically important to never leave children, elderly people, or pets unattended in homes with no air conditioning and particularly in vehicles, even if the windows are 'cracked' or open, as temper-

atures inside can quickly rise to life-threatening levels. If you have an elderly or infirm neighbor who is without air conditioning, check on them throughout the day."

County and City partners have planned ways to safely operate cooling centers during times of high heat. Residents who do not have access to air conditioning are encouraged to take advantage of these free cooling centers. To find a location near you, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/> or call 211.

The health and safety of staff and visitors at cooling centers is priority. Public Health notes the following for cooling centers:

- Staff and visitors are instructed to stay home if they do not feel well. Any person reporting or exhibiting signs of illness is advised to seek appropriate medical care.
- Staff and visitors are required to wear a face covering at all times, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.

Los Angeles County residents and business owners, including people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs can call 2-1-1 for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting 211la.org.

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County Supervisors Approves Motions To Establish Permanent Options For Outdoor Dining

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved two motions authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and coauthored by Supervisor Janice Hahn that seek to support permanent options for outdoor dining.

"The temporary outdoor dining program that Supervisor Hahn and I initiated last summer has been hugely successful in Los Angeles County for restaurants and customers," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "We should make every effort to ensure this program becomes a permanent option for eateries throughout the region. This is a valuable resource for the restaurant and hospitality industry, which was devastatingly impacted by the COVID-19 closures."

Last summer, Supervisors Barger and Hahn coauthored a motion to direct the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the Department of Regional Planning to establish a

temporary outdoor dining program to fast track outdoor dining for restaurants. Today's actions by the Board of Supervisors will make these programs permanent in the County to transition current outdoor dining into permanent spaces and to identify new locations for outdoor dining. "Outdoor dining should be one of the things we hold on to after the pandemic is over," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "Restaurants have appreciated it, diners have embraced it, and we have the beautiful weather to make it enjoyable all year long."

The first motion asked the Board to support SB 314 (Wiener), which would streamline alcohol sales by allowing current licensees under the emergency relief order of the Alcohol Beverage Control Department a one-year grace period after the emergency order is lifted to apply for a permanent expansion of their license. The motion also supports AB 61 (Gabriel and Gip-

son), which will assist restaurants expanding outdoor dining options. These bills will also let restaurants prepare and serve food as a temporary satellite food service without that specific permit.

The second motion directs the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer, in partnership with relevant departments, to develop Countywide guidelines for expanded outdoor dining options, including public sidewalks, alleys, right-of ways, and parking facilities. The motion will also develop a plan to transition participating food establishments into a permanent outdoor dining program and assist restaurant owners who wish to identify suitable new locations.

"As we head into Los Angeles County's beloved and infamous summer months, let's all enjoy the beautiful weather outdoors while supporting our local restaurants," Supervisor Barger said.

Glendora Announces New Assistant City Manager Appointment

GLENDORA - The City of Glendora announces the appointment of Moises Lopez to the role of Assistant City Manager. City Council ratified the City Manager's selection at the June 8, 2021 Council meeting. Lopez will begin sometime in late June or early July.

Currently the Deputy City Manager for the City of Riverside, Lopez brings to Glendora experience with Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs, as well as in Finance, Library, Museum, and General Services. Additionally, during his tenure as Deputy City Manager, Lopez oversaw the Office of Homeless Solutions, and was instrumental in coordinating efforts pertaining to the California Air Resources Board's Southern California Headquarters, as well as establishing the City's priority-based budgeting



Moises Lopez
system.

Beginning in 2005, Lopez worked in Community Development, first as a Planning Intern, then as Assistant Planner, Associate Planner and Senior Management Analyst until 2015, when he became the Intergovernmental Relations Officer before being appointed as Deputy City Manager in 2018, overall serving the Riverside community for

more than 15 years.

"I'm excited about joining the Glendora team," said Lopez. "And I'm excited to do my part to help advance the City Council's ambitious Strategic Plan and deliver the effective municipal services our resident and business community need."

Lopez's responsibilities in Glendora will include providing assistance with key City initiatives, such as legislative affairs, homelessness, capital projects, and helping Glendora tackle its 2020-2023 Strategic Plan.

"I'm thrilled that Moises has decided to join our excellent team. His skill set, combined with his passion for public service, will make him a key asset to the City of Glendora," said Glendora City Manager Adam Raymond.

California Water Is Disappearing

It is June and this week is in the 90 to 100 degrees range and we still have approximately three and half more months of what is expected to be very, very hot weather and, of course, with no rain. The reports coming in on California water are not good and will affect our food supply and costs and, in some areas, electricity.

Lake Oroville, the second largest reservoir in California, is the main source of water for 27 million residents, mostly in Southern California, and 750,000 acres of farmland. Two marinas at the lake, normally getting ready for summer recreation and boating, have shut down and 130 houseboats have been pulled out to dry dock. More still on the lake have been told they will have to stay there because there is no way to get them out safely due to water levels.

Reports indicate Lake Oroville is at 37% of its full capacity with lake elevation at 705 feet, down nearly 200 feet from when the reservoir is full. The lowest Lake Oroville has ever been was 643 feet in September 1977. Projections show it could dip below that by September or October.

Jay Lund, co-director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at the University of California-Davis, says 1,500 of California's reservoirs are 50% lower than they should be right now. Channel 7 reported if Lake Oroville falls below 640 feet, state officials would shut down a major power plant for just the second time ever because of low water levels.

But it isn't just California. Record droughts are hitting three-quarters of Western States, including Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah. Many of the states with farming communities are seeing their farmers allowing



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
some of their fields to sit fallow because there is no water for their crops. One report estimates California will see 500,000 acres go unplanted. For us, that means less food choices and higher prices for what's available.

Bureau of Reclamation is federal water that goes to the Central Valley Project farmers and some residential areas. Western Farm Press reported, "As hydrologic conditions in the West continue to rapidly deteriorate, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on May 26 announced it will not deliver agricultural water through the Central Valley Project in California this summer because of water supplies that tighten by the day. The move was prompted by a 685,000 acre-foot reduction in projected natural flows to the Sacramento, Feather, Yuba, and American rivers between the April 1 and May 1 forecasts, according to the bureau." Low rainfall and small snowpack contribute to that low flow.

It isn't just fallow fields and food to worry about now. The oldest and cleanest form of energy is hydropower that provides about 16% of all the power in the world and clean energy power to all but two U.S. states. National Geographic explains the process very simply: A typical hydroelec-

tric plant is a system with three parts: a power plant where the electricity is produced, a dam that can be opened or closed to control water flow, and a reservoir where water is stored. The water behind the dam flows through an intake and pushes against blades in a turbine, causing them to turn. The turbine spins a generator to produce electricity.

Obviously, the drought has an impact on the production of electricity using these hydropower systems. According to Behzad Soltanzadeh, Chief of Utility Operations for the Department of Water Resources, when Lake Oroville is full, 900 megawatts of power can be generated. One megawatt is enough to power between 800 to 1,000 homes." Last summer, many areas suffered from rotating black outs, the first in over 20 years and some areas may be looking at a repeat this summer.

Adding to the complexity of issues in the drought is preserving of the fresh water estuary in Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. An exceptionally rare area, habitat to animals, birds, fish and plants, could be destroyed if the San Francisco Bay salt water is allowed to come into that 1,100 square-mile area. Under construction right now is a \$30 million wall, a repeat of the 2015 750-foot-wide barrier, to prevent that intrusion.

Coming out of a pandemic that has exhausted all us physically and some financially, we now face the challenges of another drought. As Gov. Newsom spins his wheel of fortune to encourage all to get vaccinated, will that wheel be able to provide the needed drought relief to Californians without taxing our bank accounts let alone our patience and perseverance.

Have You Really Looked at Your Phone Bill And Those Charges?

Have you ever really looked at your phone bill? The basic rate for the phone bill that I'm going to talk about is \$39.99 a month. Sadly, it has to be a landline. That \$39.99 bill with all the additional charges comes to \$67.21. Let me list the additional charges and show you how the government and possibly the company likes to screw us.

Federal subscriber line charge, \$6.50.

Carrier cost recovery surcharge, \$5.99.

Access recovery charge \$2.21.

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Federal USF recovery charge, \$2.91.

FCA long-distance Federal USF surcharge, \$2.00.

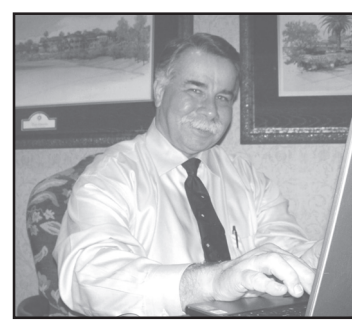
Universal lifeline telephone service surcharge, \$1.97.

CAS F high-cost funds surcharge - B, \$4.3.

Federal excise tax, \$32.

Telekinetic fund surcharge, \$32.

CA State 911 surcharge, \$30.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

CA State high-cost fund surcharge - A, \$29.

CA St Public Utilities Commission Fee, \$22.

Deaf and Disabled Fund surcharge, \$21.

Federal primary carrier single line charge, \$1.99.

Federal excise tax, \$06.

With all these additional charges, this basically almost doubles the original bill.

So, if you're like me, you're wondering what the hell are they talking about with all these extra charges. So I went on a mission and called my telephone service company to find out. I don't want to embarrass Frontier Communications, so I won't use their name.

Using the phone to call my

phone company was kind of a logistical nightmare with the phone lines. I wanted them to explain my bill for me and what all these extra charges meant. Would you believe, they can't tell me what hardly any of it means. Basically they were telling me that all federal charges are there because the federal government requires them to make these charges. I was directed to possibly check with them to find out what this means. I asked for a number. They don't have the numbers.

I can actually see a couple of these charges being legitimate. But... What the hell are these recovery charges for? What is the "high cost funds surcharge"? We have 2 of them, an A and a B. I could not get a satisfactory answer even after I got transferred around. You can't help but feel that they are padding the bill just to make extra money or in some way being scammed to make you pay more money. For some reason I wouldn't doubt that for a minute.

"That's just the way it is!"

MY TURN: The Congressional Black Circus

"It's amazing how much panic one honest man can spread among a multitude of hypocrites."

- Thomas Sowell

A Florida Republican has been elected to Congress. As an African-American, he inquired about joining the Congressional Black Caucus, in order to provide a diverse viewpoint to the discussion. He assumed that the big tent that the Congressional leaders claim they have, should naturally welcome as many voices as possible. The new Congressman was not accepted by the group. I have wondered what would happen when a Conservative Black Republican was elected and would make such an inquiry? Kim Klacik didn't get elected, Mia Love was a Congresswoman for a while but was not a Trump supporter, and Candace Owens considered running, but chose not to, as yet. So with no real challenger to the ideology of the Congressional Black Caucus, it would come down to this Floridian, Byron Donalds. Now we would finally get to see the Caucus reveal their "true colors." Something we suspected all along about them, even despite their lofty talk of bipartisanship and a desire for open discussions.

During the same week when parents rejected Critical Race Theory taught in the schools and key Liberal voices were condemning the waving of so many flags at a gathering, which symbolized racism in their minds, we saw more confirmation once again, that the cultural elite, establishment



Charles Lopresto

Democrat Party's real discomfort was with Conservative voices. Donalds was rejected from this group because he supports "The Donald."

If we are to achieve unity and "inclusion," we need to begin by getting rid of hypocritical groups like the Congressional Black Caucus, or at least what this one has become. Since Donalds said he had been involved in other Black Caucus organizations including the caucuses on the state level, he saw no problem in being accepted in the Congressional Black Caucus. But to his surprise, this time he was excluded. Just because they want to be the only group to invoke the name of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., feeling as if they have sole possession of his wisdom and legacy, they are apparently the last group that should. Somehow, the words of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. regarding the content of our character over the color of our skin, doesn't pertain to Black Conservatives and certainly not those supporting Donald Trump.

Byron Donalds said he wants to be his own person, with his own opinions, making

his own choices about who he supports. African-Americans can make up their own mind, not needing help in functioning in the adult world with I.D.s and other requirements. Apparently Black Liberals join White Liberals in failing to grasp African-Americans' ability to advance in the world without the help of Democrats. Here is the big lie. Black Americans don't need Democrats. But the truth is, Democrats do need Black Americans. Yes, African-Americans don't need help from the Democrats to make their way in "the White Man's World." And Donalds doesn't have to play that game. His choice is very simple. Join the GOP and be your own person, enjoying what Candace Owens calls "Victorhood, not victimhood." Or, choose to remain with the Democrats in order to "go along to get along," and just be another "plantation Negro." We saw how the Republicans' one African-American Senator was treated. That Senator, Tim Scott, of South Carolina, tries on a daily basis to engage in serious dialogue about things that affect minorities, but his views come from the wrong side of the aisle. And since the media is "all in" with the biased narrative, a fellow like Scott doesn't get very far. He is called Uncle Tom, or Uncle Tim and I would imagine Scott and Donalds are labeled with another far worse name... token.

Too bad we don't have a media and a current administration that would simply say, "stop this nonsense."

Recent Citrus College Recognition Shines Spotlight On Sustainability Efforts

By Patricia A. Rasmussen, Ed.D.
Citrus College Governing Board Member

Earlier this year, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors presented Citrus College with a 2021 Energy and Sustainability Award for its recent retro-commissioning work. One of only five community colleges in the state to be honored, Citrus College was recognized as having the "Best Overall Innovative Project" for a medium-sized community college district. This impressive accolade underscores the significant progress the college has been making in the area of sustainability.

When I was first elected to the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees in 2007, Citrus College was already working to conserve resources and promote environmentally friendly initiatives. Since that time, the college has made great strides toward increasing sustainability on campus. Major advances have included the completion of the aforementioned retro-commissioning projects, the construction of a Central Plant and the installation of green "water-wise" landscaping. However, a major turning point in the college's environmental efforts was the creation of its first Sustainability Plan.

In August 2012, my fellow board members and I made a commitment to advance the college's sustainability policy by approving the first formal Citrus College Sustainability Plan. Designed to prepare the college for the anticipated environmental and regulatory challenges of the 21st century, the plan marked the beginning of a new era at Citrus College. The committee of faculty, staff and students who were tasked with its development followed a clear, concise and effective process to ensure the college's diverse needs were met.

Focusing on the proven suc-



Solar panels cover the Citrus College E2 and portions of the S2 (south of the Student Services Building) parking lots. Solar power provides a more efficient way for the college to meet its energy needs. (Photo courtesy Citrus College)

cess of this first endeavor, Citrus College launched its second multi-year sustainability plan last year. Committee members provided consultation throughout the development of the 2020 Citrus College Sustainability Plan, ensuring that it aligned with the college's institutional planning process and was developed in conjunction with the newly adopted Educational and Facilities Master Plan.

The 2020 Citrus College Sustainability Plan focuses on the college's sustainability goals in the areas of curriculum, green purchasing, transportation, waste management, energy efficiency, renewable energy and the built environment. In the years ahead, the committee will provide the board of trustees with regular updates on the activities, metrics and progress made toward these goals.

While the introduction of this new plan has been a highlight of Citrus College's recent sustainability efforts, two additional efforts were also significant. First, the college completed the construction of its new solar photovoltaic system at the end of the spring 2020 semester. Construction on the project involved the installation of columns, beams and panels over the

E2 and S2 parking lots, as well as the addition of two new electric vehicle charging stations in the E2 parking lot.

The second project, which involved 25 electric vehicle charging stations, was completed during the fall 2020 semester. Located in the S9 parking lot, these stations were made possible by a grant from the Southern California Edison Charge Ready program.

Whether planning for a sustainable future, providing a more efficient way to meet campus energy needs or helping to reduce carbon emissions, Citrus College has made impressive progress toward advancing its sustainability goals. As board president, I am proud of the great work that has been done. From encouraging sustainability awareness to promoting academic success - and everything in between - the employees and friends of Citrus College are always a constant source of inspiration.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Glendora's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, and I look forward to sharing many more highlights and achievements in the future.

Letters to the Editor

Opinions Are The Writer's

Aftermarket Exhausts And/Or Loud Music

I can't count how many times I've been shocked into consciousness at 2 am by the sonic assault of some inconsiderate churl stomping on the gas pedal while outfitted with aftermarket exhausts and/or loud music. I have been conditioned, through decades of hard experience, to equate those loud aftermarket exhausts and/or loud music exclusively with meum interruptum somnum. Some of these obnoxious and rude driv-

ers employ their thundering aftermarket exhausts while attempting to reach 40+mph as fast as they can after the intersection stop on Foothill Blvd and Lone Hill Ave! I've come to eschew the sight of those high volume exhausts and loud music more than fruitcake. Surely the individuals who install these on their vehicles are compensating for some shortcomings. As much as I am repulsed by the prospect of the

city getting any more cash from those drivers, I do hope every one of those selfish noisemakers gets a citation for "loud exhaust and/or loud music" corresponding with the size or volume of noise. Residents in this community are seeking to lower the speed limit from 40mph to 25mph to minimize this noise pollution.

Jason Duarte
Glendora, California

Our Newest Big Threat

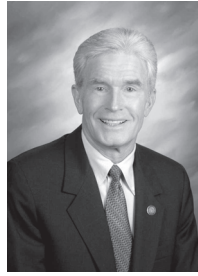
The majority of stocks in the S&P 500 have announced their first-quarter results and, so far, the average sales and earnings surprises are running at 3.7% and 23.2% (respectively above consensus analyst estimates). This is why analysts are so busy revising their consensus 2nd quarter estimates higher, and why equities continue increasing in price.

Since many companies are also awash in cash, stock buy-back announcements have also soared. According to The Financial Times \$484 billion in stock buy-backs have been announced during the first four months of this year! This is the biggest surge in stock buy-backs in two decades (according to Goldman Sachs). In absolute terms 2021's "buy-back bonanza" is expected to increase at least 35% vs. a year ago. Due to low interest rates many companies can also borrow in the bond market at ultralow rates. Issuing new bonds to refinance existing corporate debt, as well as to buy back outstanding shares, increases expectations that this trend may continue for some time.

Let's also face it, there is a lot of chaos in the world, and the market is reacting to it. However, historically the market usually rises, month after month - even during most weeks. Many of my colleagues on Wall Street predicted that sales and earnings momentum would peak in the first quarter, but those predictions may have been premature. Second quarter results look like they could surpass the first quarter and help sustain this significant earnings momentum.

As if we did not have enough to worry about, America's frag-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

ile cyber infrastructure may become the market's newest big threat. Our energy sector has shown once again how vulnerable it is to natural and man-made events, specifically the shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline. That shutdown was resolved after making a \$5 million ransomware payoff (in difficult-to-trace cryptocurrency). However, the Wall Street Journal (June 8th front page) noted that U.S. authorities were able to recover almost half of that bitcoin payment!

Immense pressure was faced by the Georgia-based operator to get gasoline and jet fuel flowing again to major cities along the Eastern Seaboard. The hackers, whom the FBI said are linked to a group called DarkSide, specialize in digital extortion and are believed to be located in Russia or Eastern Europe. Fuel availability was affected in 13 states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey) plus Washington DC.

Unfortunately, Ransomware and Business E-Mail Compromise (BEC) have become two huge cyber security concerns for businesses of all sizes, public as well as privately owned. While

these threats have been around for many years, both are becoming more prevalent. All businesses of any size have likely realized the need to add multiple layers of protection as well as detection in hopes of preventing an attack from being successful, or to quickly identify the presence of malware if attacks are successful. This threat has forced most businesses to have backups as well as Cyber insurance (which includes technical help to remediate in the event of an accomplished Cyberattack).

The only positive takeaway is that so far these attacks, even large ones like the Colonial Pipeline, have had no material impact on the stock market. However, this should serve as a major wake up call to all federal, state, and local authorities about potential inadequate preparedness. It may take something on a much larger scale to materially disrupt the financial markets. Hopefully America can become better prepared to minimize the damage created by the next significant cyberattack.

The proposed infrastructure spending bill (if this bill could become focused primarily on infrastructure improvement issues) might also take aim at rapid response systems to restore transportation, power, water, as well as communications (including internet services) if they were taken down by future cyberattacks (or whatever).

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Los Angeles Business Journal Names Emanate Health CEO Rob Curry to its 2021 LA500 List of Influential Business Leaders in Los Angeles

COVINA – Emanate Health CEO Robert H. Curry, who oversees the largest health care system in the San Gabriel Valley, has been named by the Los Angeles Business Journal (LABJ) to the 2021 LA500 List recognizing the most influential leaders in Los Angeles. Click here to see the citation honoring Curry.

Curry, who has served in his current role at Emanate Health for 13 years, was named for a third time to the list, which features the most dynamic leaders who are "driving innovation, creativity, community and industry," said LABJ. He is one of 28 leaders from local health care systems to be included.

"The 2021 class of the LA500 was faced with challenges over the past year that many may never have to address again — at least not to the same extent. It was a year of difficulty, tragedy, optimism and achievement. It was a year of growth, in so many ways, for our leaders, our communities and our nation," said LABJ Publisher & CEO Josh Schimmels.

Curry's citation in the LA500 edition credits him with guiding current expansion projects at Queen of the Valley Hospital (QVH) and Inter-Community Hospital (ICH). This includes expansion of a new 60-bed emergency department and a 24-bed intensive care unit at QVH, and a new catheterization laboratory and front lobby renovation at ICH. It also notes that QVH received a Primary Plus Stroke Center certification for treatment of serious strokes late last year. In 2021, QVH received its Comprehensive Stroke Center designation from Los Angeles



Emanate Health CEO Robert H. Curry

Emergency Medical Services.

"Under Rob's leadership, Emanate Health has financially and clinically weathered the challenges created by the pandemic and today, we're a stronger and more nimble health care system because of it," said Gary Mathewson, Chair, Emanate Health Board of Directors. "With lessons learned from the last 14 months, we know that patients want more health care options and flexible choices, and under Rob's guidance, we intend to deliver on the needs of our patients."

Curry has held executive positions with hospital systems in Arizona, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and joined Emanate Health from O'Connor Hospital in San Jose. Curry is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and has been

involved with several philanthropic organizations including the American Heart Association, United Way and the YMCA.

"I'm truly humbled to be mentioned with some of the leading corporate and business leaders in the region," Curry said. "To me, this award says a lot more about the doctors, nurses and staff who are the backbone of Emanate Health and live our mission and values every day—especially during a global pandemic. I'm proud to say that their hard work and commitment has led to Emanate Health's success and achievements, and I'm very thankful for that."

Curry holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Master's in Public Health Administration, both from the University of Pittsburgh.

Your Money - Ask Julia

Father's Day!

Acknowledge and express your appreciation for your dad, grandpa, stepdad, or the guy who has been the father-figure in your life. Share some childhood memories that were special between you two. If he's nearby, consider helping him with a project around the house or detail his car for him. If you live far apart, call, Skype, or send him a video. If your dad is no longer around, find a dad who could use some recognition from you.

Is now the right time to sell? (We're so anxious to move closer to our grandchildren.)

Now is a great time to sell. Homes that are priced right are being snapped up, many with multiple offers. There are still more buyers than sellers. Buyers are anxious to take advantage of the low mortgage interest rates, but there's a shortage of homes for them to buy. However, if your home is not priced right for the market (what buyers are willing to pay based on comparable properties), it'll probably sit there for awhile until you lower your price. Let me know if you'd like me to recommend a Realtor.

We'd like to sell our house and buy another. What are the costs involved?

If you will need a mortgage to purchase a different home, make certain that you qualify. Although mortgage interest rates are low, borrower's qualifications have become stricter. For an independent loan professional, go to findamortgagebroker.com. Also, ask your Realtor for a Seller's Estimated Net Sheet. As the title infers, it is an estimate of what



Julia Yoder

you will net from the sale of your home. A realtor, or a loan originator could give you a similar document with the estimated cost of buying another property. The Estimated Net Sheet shows the math to figure out the costs of paying off your current mortgage, Realtors fees, Title, Escrow, repairs, and other costs involved in selling. As a buyer, the math will include your down payment, loan fees, tax and/or insurance impounds, appraisal, inspections, Title and Escrow fees, etc. Since you have purchased before, you're more familiar with those costs. Nowadays, when submitting an offer on a property, you are almost always required to include a pre-approval letter, (not just a pre-qualification letter), and/or proof of funds.

Is there a way to have good retirement income and still keep my taxes low?

Depending on your personal, individual circumstances, you might have a couple options. You should learn about different places to put your money based on it being taxed now, taxed later, or never taxed again. Some of these

investments involve life insurance. Others involve fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. You'll need to take a look at what you have now, think about what you want your money to do for you, and then make a plan to best suit your needs and desires.

I'm 72 years old. A telemarketer called me and convinced me to make an appointment with a representative about my finances. It would have saved us both time if I'd known that what he really wanted to do was sell me some life insurance. Isn't there some way to protect us seniors from salespeople like this?

California Insurance Code, section 798.8 requires a written advance notice to any person, age 65 or older, when potentially offering to sell a life insurance or annuity product. There's also a Medi-Cal disclosure requirement. That salesperson broke the law and could be reported. On the other hand, if you were to call an insurance agent and request an appointment to discuss finances, an advance notice would not be required.

Ask Julia by email: juliayoder@yahoo.com

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Mechanical Failures That Cause Accidents

Brakes - Brake failure tops the list. Brake pads wear out, brake lines leak fluid and ABS systems can also be the cause of brake failure.

Tires - Bald tires can cause a car to "slip and slide" even on dry pavement. If there isn't enough tread to hug the road you can be in serious trouble. Tire blowouts can also cause accidents.

Wipers - If you can't see, you can't drive! It is that simple!

Lights - More accidents happen at night and if your

headlights, taillights, or brake lights, turn signal blinkers aren't working...people can't see you! Don't be a road hazard!

Steering - Loss of fluid, tie rods, ball joints and other components that make up this system can cause mechanical failure and accidents.

Roadside Assistance Calls AAA and other services are called mostly for:

- Dead battery
- Flat tires
- Cars that run out of fuel
- Locking keys inside the vehicle

Now...we can't keep you from locking your keys in your car, or make sure you get to the gas station on time, but we can sure help with the mechanical issues! Don't let these things happen to you...contact us today!

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Hometown Service You Can Count On!

WIC to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Benefits for Participants for Four Months

LOS ANGELES – WIC participants are now enjoying a temporary increase to their benefits for the purchase of fruits and vegetables. Participants formerly receiving the cash-value benefit of \$9-\$11 for the purchase of fruits and vegetables now experience a monthly increase to \$35 for four months. This increase started on June 1, 2021.

Funding from the American Rescue Plan increases the monthly cash-value benefit for children ages one to five, and all pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women in the program. These additional funds will increase the purchasing power for WIC participants so they can consume more

healthy fruits and vegetables.

"This is an enormous benefit to the most vulnerable. As an example, a family with a pregnant mom and a 2-year-old will be able to get \$70 per month to add vegetables and fruits to the family's diet. And these benefits can be used for fresh, frozen or canned vegetables and fruit, purchased at a WIC authorized grocery store or WIC-participating farmer's market, and comes at a great time in California when summer fruit and vegetables are abundant," said Kiran Saluja, Executive Director, PHFE WIC.

This action by USDA aims to address the increased risk of

hunger resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the pandemic, as many as 30 million adults and 12 million children may not always have nutritious food.

About PHFE WIC: WIC is the USDA-funded Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. PHFE WIC, a program of Heluna Health, is the largest local agency WIC program in the nation, serving approximately 180,000 participants each month in Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. About 50% of all infants born in LA County receive WIC services. www.phfewic.org.

Around the Valley & Senior News

Drive-Thru Dog Vaccination & Licensing Clinic

DUARTE - Through a partnership with VET CARE, rabies vaccinations will be available, in addition to the ability to purchase Duarte dog licenses which need yearly renewal, during the City of Duarte's drive-thru vaccination and licensing clinic. Join us Saturday, June 19, 8-10 AM at Encanto Park (777 Encanto Parkway).

All attendees must stay in their vehicles, no walk-ups. Residents are required to wear a face covering/mask during the event. En-

ter through the north driveway park entrance, queuing south on Encanto Parkway.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$10 each, microchip registration for \$25, and other vaccinations will also be available upon request.

Don't Forget to Get Your Dog License! One Year, unaltered \$60. One Year, spayed/neutered \$25.

Senior citizens, 65 years and older, are eligible for one free dog license if the pet is spayed or neutered.

Avoid late fees and purchase your license by August 31, 2021. Rates including penalty after August 31 are as follows: One year, unaltered \$120, One year, spayed/neutered \$85.

And remember, all dogs over the age of four months must be vaccinated for rabies to comply with state law. With the foothills in our backyard, your dog's chance of having contact with local wildlife is high. Don't hesitate...Vaccinate!

Man Charged in Vaccination Card Theft

POMONA - Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that a Los Angeles County contract worker was charged for allegedly stealing hundreds of blank vaccine cards from a COVID-19 vaccination center at the Pomona Fairplex.

"Selling fraudulent and stolen vaccine cards is illegal, immoral and puts the public at risk of ex-

posure to a deadly virus," District Attorney Gascón said.

Muhammad Rauf Ahmed of Las Vegas was charged in case KA127660 with one felony count of grand theft. Arraignment is set for August 25 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

On April 27, officials deter-

mined that blank vaccine cards had been stolen from a vaccination site in Pomona. Ahmed, who worked at the center, allegedly stole more than 500 cards, which have a value of at least \$15 apiece if illegally sold, prosecutors said.

The case remains under investigation by the La Verne Police Department.

Napolitano Secures Nearly \$20 Million for 32nd District Transportation & Infrastructure Projects, \$38 Billion for California in INVEST in America Act

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) announced she secured \$19.975 Million for nine of the Member Designated Projects she submitted to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, in the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act."

"I am very pleased that critical funding and priorities I submitted on behalf of my constituents, commuters, and transit agencies are included in this bill. I thank all of our cities and local stakeholders for their valued input, which will help bring federal dollars to our region to put people back to work, while ensuring our long-term infrastructure needs are addressed. As the senior Californian on the Committee, I am proud that this bill will provide \$38 billion in transportation funding for California, including \$27 billion for highway projects and \$11 billion for transit," Napolitano said. "The INVEST in America Act will make a significant impact in improving American lives by reducing commute times, increasing safety on our highways, bridges, buses and rails, and safeguarding our environment. I thank Chairs DeFazio, Norton, and Payne for working with me on provisions important to the San Gabriel Valley included in this bill to improve transportation in our region and country."

The INVEST in America Act, which passed out of committee early this morning, is the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's \$547 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill that will create good-paying jobs to rebuild and re-imagine America's surface transportation infrastructure. This package helps meet President

Biden's vision-as laid out in the American Jobs Plan-by investing in American workers and communities of all sizes, while tackling the climate crisis head-on.

Projects championed by Napolitano include:

Parkway Drive and Merced Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
Project Location: El Monte
Amount Awarded: \$2,600,000

Francisquito Avenue Metrolink Rail crossing improvements
Project Location: Baldwin Park
Amount Awarded: \$2,300,000

Donald & Bernice Watson Multi-Use Parkway Improvement Project
Project Location: Duarte
Amount Awarded: \$1,225,000

Arrow Highway Raised Median Installation Project
Project Location: Azusa
Amount Awarded: \$3,000,000

Bicycle and Pedestrian Project on Puddingstone Drive
Project Location: La Verne
Amount Awarded: \$998,000

Arrow Highway road and sidewalk reconstruction
Project Location: San Dimas
Amount Awarded: \$1,600,000

Amar Road in Unincorporated West Puente Valley
Project Location: Unincorporated L.A. County
Amount Awarded: \$2,250,000

Azusa Avenue Pedestrian Handicap Accessibility and Signal Synchronization Improvements Project
Project Location: West Covina
Amount Awarded: \$3,000,000

Quest Zone and Grade Crossing Safety Improvements throughout City
Project Location: Covina
Amount Awarded: \$3,000,000

Azusa Man Arrested After Shooting at Police

By George Ogden
AZUSA - On Sunday, June 6, around 11 a.m., Azusa police responded to the area of Alostia and Citrus Avenues on a call with a man with a gun running around. When police arrived, they were unable to locate the individual.

Around 12:15 p.m., more calls came in of a man shooting into the air on the 800 block of East Foothill Boulevard. Police quickly responded.

Police located the man and he exchanged gunfire with the police and the man ran into a nearby mobile home park. He was able to break into an occupied mobile home and barricaded himself in the home. The home owner was able to escape and get away from

the shooter.

A witness told police that he was shot at by the suspect, and helped direct the police to the mobile home park where the suspect ran to.

An air unit flew overhead and directed officers to the mobile home. Soon the suspect, realizing that he had been located, gave himself up. He was identified as Edward Anthony Gamino, 34, of Azusa.

Gamino was charged with suspicion of attempted murder (of a police officer), assault with a firearm (on a police officer), discharging a weapon in a negligent manner and burglary. His bail was set at \$1,195,000 with pending court dates.

Solo-Vehicle Traffic Collision Results in the Death of Motorcyclist

IRWINDALE - On Friday, June 11, 2021, at about 5:10 P.M., Irwindale Police Department patrol officers and the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the area of Longden Avenue and Live Oak Avenue in the city of Irwindale, regarding the report of an injury, solo-vehicle traffic collision involving a motorcycle.

On arrival, our officers discovered that a white 2017 BMW motorcycle with a single rider was traveling westbound on Live Oak Avenue, transitioning to westbound on Longden Avenue, when the motorcyclist apparently lost control and struck the center median and then a light stan-

dard, ejecting the rider. The motorcycle continued moving on its own, eventually striking a parked vehicle.

Paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department arrived and attempted lifesaving measures on the motorcyclist; however, he died at the scene. There were no other parties or vehicles involved in the traffic collision, other than the parked vehicle.

All lanes of Longden Avenue between Live Oak Avenue and Myrtle Avenue were closed for approximately 7 hours during the traffic collision investigation. Officers from the Azusa Police

Department's Traffic Unit assisted the investigation.

The identity of the deceased rider, an adult male, is not being released at this time, pending notification of his next of kin by the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office.

The cause of this traffic collision remains under investigation and it is not yet known if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Anyone with information regarding this traffic collision is asked to contact Officer Jaycon Sanchez at (626) 430-2244 or by email jsanchez@irwindaleca.gov.

Public Health Underscores Importance of COVID-19 Testing

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As the County reopens on June 15 and with increased intermingling, testing will be an important tool to stop COVID-19 outbreaks. Public Health recommends testing for anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status or recent infection. Testing is also recommended for unvaccinated people who have been in close contact with someone who has a

confirmed COVID-19 infection or who has had a potential exposure. Additionally, you should get tested if you are unvaccinated and you spend time indoors around a lot of people not wearing masks, whether you've had symptoms or not. Testing remains widely available across the county.

"Transmission in L.A. County is low, but the people getting infected unfortunately, are people who are not vacci-

nated. If you're not yet vaccinated, you do not have the same protection as vaccinated people so you will need to take extra care by keeping your mask on when you're indoors and when you're in an outdoor crowded situation. As the County reopens on June 15, masking will continue to be the best protection that unvaccinated people have" said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MED, Director of Public Health.

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- Medicinal succulent
- Hit the bottle
- Earthenware pots
- View from a high-speed train?
- Observer
- "Glengarry ____ Ross"
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- "The Fountainhead" author

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 - Petri dish filler
 - Mother of Calcutta
 - Roebuck's partner
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 - *"No ____ without representation"
 - Unfortunately, exclamation
 - *Drink to wash down burgers and hot dogs?
 - Table scrap
 - Steal, past participle
 - What haters spew?
 - Crane or heron
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Glendora Community Coordinating Council's June Humanitarian Awardee

GLENDORA - For the past four years longtime Glendora resident Regina de Doelder has spearheaded a months long project using tickets from the Vons/Albertsons Monopoly game to donate food and other items to local food banks and the Veterans Success Center at Citrus College in Glendora. Regina has set up collection boxes at the La Fetra Center and the Veterans center for people to donate their Monopoly tickets. She then turns in Instant Win tickets and donates those items. If seniors were unable to drop these tickets off at the senior center prior to and during the pandemic Regina would go to their homes. Regina has said "Don't say you're too old or too this or that, don't give excuses for not doing something" and she certainly has done something and helped many with her service above self. It's Glendora residents like Regina that makes her such a shining example of what makes Glendora so unique and special. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very proud to recognize Regina de Doelder with June's Humanitarian Award.



Regina de Doelder has no intention of slowing down when it comes to helping others

for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at www.glendora-coordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information.

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Jehovah's Witnesses' Year Without Knocking on Doors

It's been one year since Jehovah's Witnesses adjusted their hallmark methods of sharing comfort and hope from the scriptures due to the pandemic.

For many, the change from ringing doorbells and knocking on doors to making phone calls and writing letters expanded and invigorated their ministry.

"At the beginning we were apprehensive, but once we understood how to go virtual, it's been a very positive thing," said Wilburn Lofton, who attends meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses in Pasadena with his wife, Gaynell. "We are very enthusiastic and happy to have an alternative form of our ministry."

In March 2020, Witnesses in the United States suspended their door-to-door and face-to-face forms of public ministry and moved congregation meetings to videoconferencing.

"It has been a very deliberate decision based on our respect for life and love of neighbor," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "But we are still witnesses, so we must testify about our faith. It



The Loftons joyfully continue to participate in their ministry despite having to make adjustments

was inevitable that we would find a way to continue our work."

Many have checked in on neighbors as well as distant friends and family-sometimes sharing links to Bible-based articles from the organization's official website, jw.org, on timely topics, such as isolation, depression, and beating pandemic fatigue.

If anything, the pandemic has heightened Witnesses' concern for others, said Hendriks. "We are finding that people are perplexed, stressed, and feeling isolated. Our work has helped many regain

a sense of footing-even normalcy-at a very unsettled time."

Witnesses' virtual meeting attendance is up, but the most significant gains don't have numbers, said Tony Fowler, who helps organize the ministry in part of Michigan. "We've grown in appreciation for other avenues of the ministry, our love for our neighbor, and love for one another. We're a stronger people because of all of this."

(Article courtesy of the Public Information Desk of Jehovah's Witnesses)

Sheriff Alex Villanueva Announces Crack Down on Illegal Marijuana Operations



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and several other agencies on Tuesday, June 8, launched a massive raid on illegal marijuana grows in the Lancaster area.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 8, 2021, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration conducted a collaborative operation to take down multiple illegal marijuana grows in Unincorporated Lancaster.

As a result of information received through public calls for service and multiple complaints from residents in Unincorporated Lancaster, the largest operation in the history of the Sheriff's Department was developed to put an end to the hundreds of illegal marijuana cultivations in the Antelope Valley. Over 400 personnel from multiple Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Bureaus, the National Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and

members from the Kern County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County and Ventura County Sheriff's Department were part of the operation.

In the year 2020, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Narcotic Bureau Detectives identified 150 illegal marijuana cultivations during a flight reconnaissance. This year, the number increased to over 500. The cultivations grew in size as well, the average size per grow was eight greenhouses and now the average is 15. Today, a 75 greenhouse grow that covered 10 acres of ground was bulldozed. Violent crime is also directly linked to illegal cultivations. Armed cartel members stealing water in the middle of the night from farmers and residents has become a common sight.

"We're going to send a loud and clear message to all the car-

tels and illegal operations, 'your days here are over and you need to pack up and leave or we're going to find you,'" said Sheriff Villanueva.

So far, 23 arrests were made, 5 firearms were seized, 2 water trucks were recovered, and marijuana worth millions of dollars was seized from greenhouses. Also, during the operation, seven mixed breed dogs including four puppies were recovered by LASD personnel and are now under the care of Reversed Rescue, a non-profit dog rescue organization.

The success of this operation was possible because of the wide range of agencies that collaborated and thanks to the information collected from countless investigation hours and tips provided by courageous people who trust law enforcement.

Ron Hockwalt Academies Teens Bond, Mentor Adult Transition Students

WALNUT - For the past three years, Ron Hockwalt Academies Leadership students have been building connections with the HARTT Center's SELPA Adult Transition Program (ATP) class.

The HARTT Center serves 18-22-year-old students with disabilities who are receiving a high school certificate of completion along with important life skills as they transition into adulthood. "Our ATP students look forward to these Tuesday meetings and really love all the students in Leadership!" said adult transition teacher Linda Woods. "Both sets of students have grown to care



HARTT Center adult transition students gift lily pads to RHA Leadership for the school's new koi pond.

for each other deeply."

The groups were able to continue to their weekly sessions throughout school closures on Zoom. "During a time when so many were confused and lives were stretched, the students from RHA and HARTT found joy in encouraging and supporting each other," said Leadership teacher Marla Rickard. "They laughed together, learned together and each impacted another just by being present and real."

Even though most of the ATP students are older, the Leadership teens have "risen to the occasion" offering mentoring and forming long-lasting relationships,

Woods praised. "We have so many funny stories to share and these bonds will never be broken - even as students move on!" she said.

On May 27, the ATP students presented a thank you gift of lily pads to the RHA Leadership group for the school's new Wellness Garden koi pond. "I am in awe of the incredible community that continues to develop within our site," Rickard added. "Social Emotional Learning (SEL) enriched all our lives during a time when we needed it most and it is because these students shared hope and love to each other."

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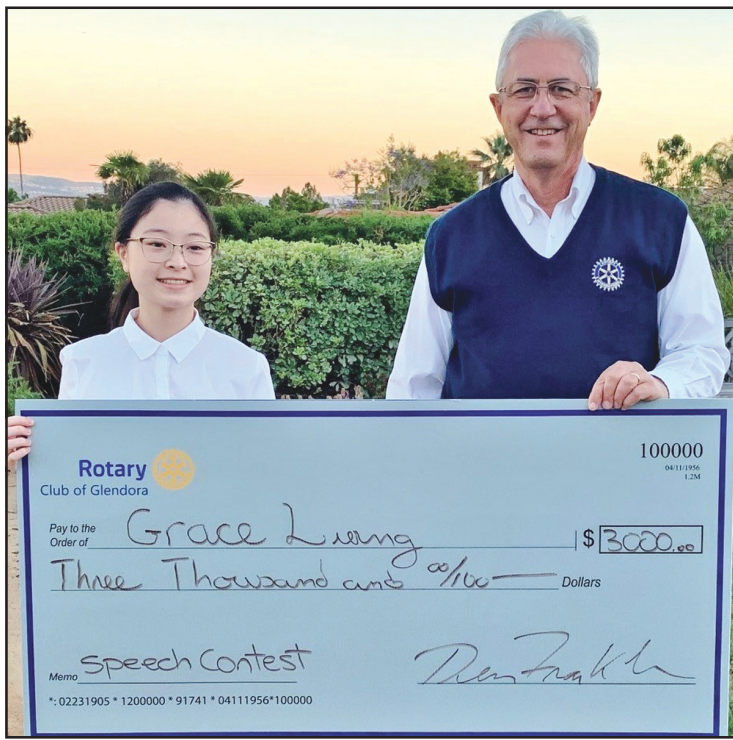
Glendora Student Wins The \$3,000 Rotary Four Way Speech Prize!

GLENDORA - Each year the Rotary District 5300 sponsors its Four Way Speech Contest, where high school students from Nevada and this part of Southern California compete for the chance to win cash prizes.

This year, Glendora High School Junior, Grace Liang, took first place at the club, area, region, and district levels. Along the way she earned \$3,425 in prize money!

The Rotary Club of Glendora also provided encouragement and support along the way. Local attorney Jack Gordon and club President Dennis Franklin coordinated with her at each step of the way. They arranged to have Grace work with their partners at Toastmasters to help her sharpen her public speaking skills. Peter Romero from Toastmasters took on that responsibility. He worked with her on a weekly basis for two months helping her hone her presentation.

When asked to share a little bit about herself, Grace stated that the Liang family moved to Glendora from Ohio when she was 11 years old. She enrolled in Sandburg Middle School where she was champion in middle school Lincoln-Douglas debate in the Southern California Junior Forensics League for the fall season of 2017, the student conductor for middle school



Dennis Franklin, Glendora Rotary President, presents a symbolic check to Grace Liang.

district winter concert and competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Grace is a chess enthusiast who has successfully competed in state and national tournaments. Among other titles she won first place in the 2018 American Open Chess Championship Blitz. Grace is also the President of the Chess Club at Glendora High School, a talented violinist, and was concertmistress of Glendora High School orchestra.

During quarantine this year, she spent time gardening, swimming, and playing ping pong with

her mom.

With the \$3,425 in prize money, Miss Liang plans to buy a better computer for school, and save the rest to help pay for a 4-year university where she would like to major in humanities or the arts.

Grace stated that she is extremely thankful for the opportunity that The Rotary Club of Glendora made available. She said that she, is now more confident about public speaking and believes that what she has learned by participating in the competition will benefit her for the rest of her life. Not only that, she also conveyed that, "the 4-way test can be applied to all aspects of life;

I will definitely use the 4-way test as a standard of measuring actions and events from now on."

The Rotary Club of Glendora, Toastmasters, and the Glendora Unified School District congratulate Grace Liang on winning the 2021 Rotary District 5300 Four Way Speech Contest. Way to go Grace!!!!

Monrovia Unified School District Dedicates High School Wellness Center in Memory of Longtime Educator

MONROVIA – Longtime Monrovia Unified educator Susan Hirsch dedicated her career to championing student wellness and equipping students with the skills and support for success.

Hirsch, who died in December 2020, worked in Monrovia Unified for more than 30 years, building a legacy of compassion and connection. On June 3, the Board of Education dedicated Monrovia High School's Wellness Center – of which Hirsch was the architect – in her memory, renaming it the Susan Hirsch Wellness Center.

"Susan Hirsch's compassion and understanding of what the needs of our students were, to creating partnerships with organizations to support our students, is why naming the Wellness Center after Susan Hirsch is not only the right thing to do, but also ensures that generations to come will know about Susan's legacy and will have access to the resources they need," Board President Maritza Travanti said. "On behalf of the Monrovia Unified Board of Education, we are forever thankful for Susan's love and dedication to our students, families and her colleagues."

Joined by members of the Monrovia and MHS community, Travanti, MHS Principal Kirk McGinnis, Susan's daughter and MHS counselor Samara Hirsch, and Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian delivered emotional speeches that recounted Hirsch's time at Monrovia Unified and the impact she had on students and the entire school community.

"We are extremely grateful to have the opportunity to rename our Wellness Center in



Samara Hirsch helped honor her late mother during Monrovia Unified's dedication event, during which Monrovia High School's Wellness Center was renamed in memory of Susan Hirsch. The artwork on the Wellness Center was created by MHS student Casey Clark.

honor of Susan Hirsch," McGinnis said. "During her time at Monrovia Unified, Susan developed relationships with students, families and staff, ensuring they had mental health support and so much more. We are forever thankful for her years of service to our community."

During her career in Monrovia Unified, Hirsch served as a special education teacher, then as an administrator, focused on creating and leading intervention programs for at-risk students. She also developed parent education opportunities through the Adult

Education program.

Drawing on her skills in working with at-risk students, Hirsch ensured the Wellness Center provided tools and resources such as counseling, tutoring, family support, and family/parent education programs in English and Spanish.

"It is only fitting that we dedicate the Wellness Center in name of Susan Hirsch, with hope that all who enter, leave with their hearts filled and their minds cleared," Thorossian said. "That was Susan's vision when she introduced the concept five years ago. That will be her legacy."

Youmee Kang named new Principal of Sutherland Elementary School



Youmee Kang - Principal of Sutherland Elementary School.

GLENDORA - The Glendora Unified School District Board of Education has approved Ms. Youmee Kang as the new Principal of Sutherland Elementary School, replacing Carren Acevedo as she retires.

Kang most recently served as an elementary school principal for the Los Angeles Unified School District for the past 5 years. Prior to that role, she served as an elementary assistant principal, intervention coordinator, and taught Pre-K, 1st grade, and 5th grade.

Youmee Kang earned her

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UCLA as well her Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She also obtained her Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Pepperdine University.

"It is an honor and privilege to join the Glendora Unified team. I look forward to working with students, families, and staff to ensure a high-quality elementary school experience for all at Sutherland", says Kang.

Youmee Kang will begin her role effective July 1st, 2021

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