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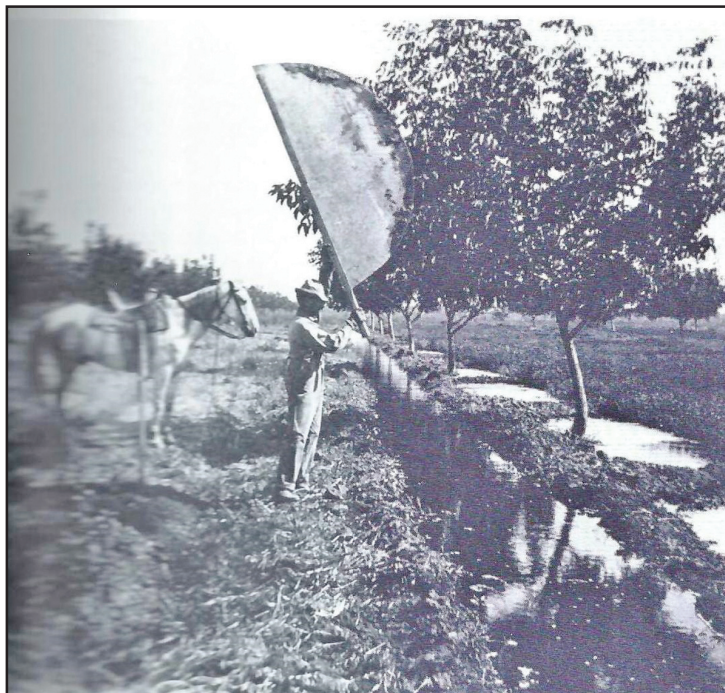
A Novel, Hybrid Walnut Builds West Covina

WEST COVINA - After an irrigation well was discovered in 1904 several astute farmers scurried to buy land from Lucky Baldwin. Their investment was highly rewarded as they quickly learned that WC soil would grow a wide variety of vegetables and grains. In 1903 the early farmers got together and decided they needed a unique crop that no one else had and would be very profitable.

It is unknown who, where, or when the idea originated but in 1903 they collectively believed that they could grow a hybrid walnut. The small, scrub, native walnut tree of the area produced a small, essentially non-salable nut. The WC farmers believed that they could splice or graft roots of the native walnut to the English walnut and obtain a superior nut.

1904 - Experimental Planting

In this year young seedlings were planted throughout the area. They knew that the trees would need about five years to grow and produce, so they planted beans, potatoes, alfalfa, and pumpkins between the symmetric rows. Within a year



A tappon was used to irrigate the young walnut trees. The tappon blocked the irrigation ditch to direct water to the growing trees. Circa 1906.

the seedlings seemed to "come alive" which deservedly created great optimism as they eagerly awaited and hoped that their experiment would work.

1909 - The Experiment Worked!

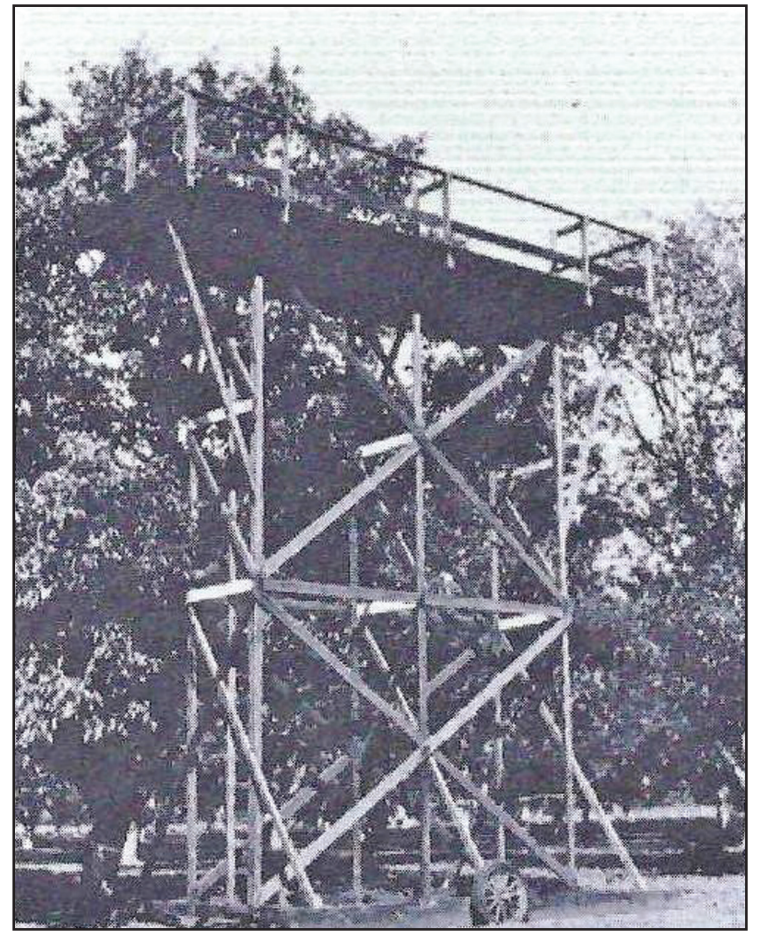
The first harvest brought joy, cheers, and celebrations. The first crop yielded more walnuts than their fondest dreams, about 9 tons.

To harvest the walnuts the farmers had to construct scaffolding as the walnut trees were

huge and over 50 feet tall. They were a stately sight the likes of which the settlers had never seen.

Non-walnut growing farmers and outsiders saw the huge crop and the steady "march to the bank", soon, growing the new hybrid grew like wildfire. Land was quickly purchased. So much more walnut planting was done before the end of 1910 that walnuts trees covered the area. Pumpkins started to disappear and so did the name. By the end of 1909 "Pumpkin Center" had become "Walnut Center".

A 35-Year Industry was



The walnut trees grew to a height that mobile scaffolding or tower had to be built to reach the tops of the trees and pick walnuts. Circa 1909.

Launched

So successful was the 1909 harvest that an industry was launched, and West Covina was transformed into a cohesive community that incorporated itself in 1923. The industry lasted about 35 years until 1945. The walnut industry was most profitable, and it built West Covina. The next issue of the newsletter will focus on some key events between 1909

and 1945, and the reasons for the demise of an industry that was created with the motivation, inspiration, and innovation of West Covina's first farmers. Stay tuned for the 2nd Edition of how a hybrid walnut built West Covina. (1st of Two Part Series)

Article and photos courtesy of Forest Tennant, Historical Society of West Covina

Delta Nu: An Evening of Celebration



The students who received the Delta Nu Student Teacher Awards are from left to right: Hailey Mollno, Robyn Orozco and Taylor-Anne Esparza.

By Rose Kennelley

GLENDORA - On May 11th, the members of Delta Nu Chapter, Area XIII, California State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Village Eatery in Glendora to celebrate fellowship, working teachers, pay tribute to years of membership, and applaud the 2021 Student Teachers.

Robyn Orozco proudly re-

ceived the Leota Batt Award. Leota Batt was a former Delta Nu chapter president who taught Home Economics at Azusa High School. Robyn has since received the Outstanding Student Teacher Award from Area XIII. Hailey Mollno was elated to be awarded the Delta Nu Grant-in-Aid Award. She is, also, a recipient of the Outstanding Student Teacher Award, Area XIII. Taylor-Anne Esparza gratefully accepted the

Delta Nu Grant-in-Aid Award.

Seven Delta Nu members received a working teacher grant for classroom use. Chapter members were presented anniversary pins recognizing years of DKG membership. Toward the end of the evening, all Delta Nu members were recognized for being "Women of History," receiving a red rose; a symbol of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Duarte Kiwanis Presents Scholarships to Duarte High Seniors



DUARTE - Congratulations to Kirsten Fleshman, Key Club Members, Noah Mendoza and Luis Valdez, and Alexandria Tapia - this year's Duarte Kiwanis DHS Scholarship Recipients! They were presented with certificates

and congratulatory letters at the annual Senior Recognition event. Pictured with the students are three Duarte Kiwanis members, Aida Torres, Norm Anderson and School Board member, Reyna Diaz.

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.

Glendora Woman's Club Honors Club Women of the Years, 2019-20 and 2020-21

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club recently honored two outstanding club members with the Club Woman of the Year Award. Linda Price was honored for 2019 - 2020 and Loretta Salazar was honored for 2020 - 2021. Both of these ladies have given "above and beyond" service to the Club.

For the special presentation by Woman's Club President Chris Ohmund presented each honoree with a Certificate of Appreciation, a Club Woman of the Year pin and a gift of remembrance.

Linda Price joined the Club in 1990. From 2000 - 2013, she served as the Club's Rental Chair. Also, in 2000, she started a ten-year service as a member of the Garden and Crafts Department. Linda also served for five years she was a member of the Fashion Show Committee. Her past service also included representing the Club on the Glendora Citizen of the Year Committee and the Club's Budget Committee.

Loretta Salazar's service to the Woman's Club began in 2016, the year she joined. Her service has included chairing the President's Scrapbook Committee, current Chair of the Potpourri Department, and also serving as the department's Secretary and Treasurer. She also has served on the Club's Fashion Show Committee, Art Committee and Nominating Committee. On the Club's Board of Directors, she has served as Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian.

The Club is currently planning their "Sunflowers, Sun-



Glendora Woman's Club President Chris Ohmund with 2019 - 2020 Club Woman of the Year, Linda Price



Glendora Woman's Club President Chris Ohmund with 2020 - 2021 Club Woman of the Year, Loretta Salazar

shine and Styles" Fashion for September 21, 2021. Costumes from the 30's, 40's and 50's will be featured. For in-

formation on the Fashion Show or Club Membership, call 909-598-0554.

West Covina Honors Departed Veterans, WCPD Officer Eric Melnyk Guest Keynote Speaker

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina had its Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31, at the Veterans Memorial in the West Covina Civic Center Courtyard. Their guest keynote speaker was West Covina police officer Eric Melnyk. Officer Melnyk is currently serving and has served the City of West Covina's Police Department for the last 15 years. He works patrol and special assignments. He works with the department where he handles and carries duties such as firearms instructor, active shooter response instructor, less-lethal munitions instructor, use of force/de-escalation instructor, and serves as a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team.

Officer Melnyk Served in the United States Marine Corps for 4 years from 1999 to 2003 where he achieved the rank of Sergeant (E5) and served in the



West Covina police officer Eric Melnyk, the guest keynote speaker for the Memorial Day Service held at the West Covina Civic Center.

3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

Officer Melnyk was deployed to Okinawa Japan from 2001-2002 and was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Officer Melnyk as awarded the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement medal twice, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat

Action Ribbon during his term of service, among other unit awards.

Melnyk lost a good friend while serving in Iraq. As a tribute and an honor to his friend that gave his life, he has patriotic tattoos on his arms. Melnyk was honored to be invited keynote speaker at the event.



Veterans joined the West Covina City Council during the service in honoring the fallen. (Photo by West Covina Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado)

J. Med Corp will be an Exhibitor at Medtrade West

BUENA PARK – J. Med Corp. has signed on to exhibit at Medtrade West, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Arizona scheduled for July 12-14, 2021. The California-based distributor recently invested in a new distribution center in Buena Park, California and John Amirthiah, president and CEO, indicates that plans are drawn for the new state-of-the-art building.

“The new location will make it possible for all J. Med delivery vehicles to access every major freeway with lightning speed for faster delivery,” he says. “I am a firm believer that the easiest way to grow faster and quicker is by offering exceptional service to clients. We have a never-say-no attitude. Our motto is ‘jumping through hoops so you don’t have to’ and that gets drilled into my dynamic J Team every week at huddle meetings.”

The company’s enthusiasm translated to charitable endeavors in India when J. Med helped out with the virus-related crisis. “For a few weeks, the calamity in India was just bad news,” Amirthiah says, “but when a call for help to source oxygen generators came, we heard the desperation and the gravity and J. Med helped.”

J. Med started in a home garage as a one-man show. Four years after those humble beginnings, the company continues to grow. J. Med will host the J Mixer on July 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Hyatt Rooftop Lounge.

For more information call (714) 869-4618.



The J Med Team with President and CEO John Amirthiah (Second from right)

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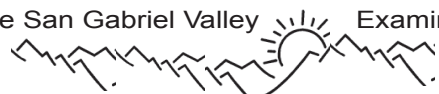


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County Library Reopening Additional Libraries for Select In-Person Service

21 Libraries and 3 Bookmobiles Reopen for In-Person Service Beginning June 7

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County Library announced it will reopen an additional 21 libraries and 3 bookmobiles for select in-person services beginning the week of June 7. The scheduled reopening will raise the total number of reopened brick and mortar libraries to 81 across LA County.

LA County Library will safely reopen its libraries at 75% capacity, while also maintaining 6-feet of physical distance for customers. In preparation for reopening additional doors to the public, LA County Library is continuing to work diligently to ensure safety protocols are met and appropriate preventative measures are in place.

The additional libraries that are scheduled to reopen are part of a phased reopening plan that prioritizes library openings based on geographic location, building availability, and the ability to accommodate physical distance guidelines and Public Health protocols. The Library has placed an

emphasis on equity with special consideration for reopening libraries in underserved areas where residents prioritize in-person services.

Additional libraries across the county will be added to the Library's reopening plan. To view the current list of reopened libraries, please visit the <https://lacountylibrary.org/reopening/>. Outdoor programming for a limited number of participants launched at select libraries earlier this month and will be held throughout summer. County residents are encouraged to visit

LACountyLibrary.org for details regarding library hours, services, additional openings, bookmobile service routes, safety protocols and upcoming events and programs.

Sidewalk Service and Bookdrops will remain available at participating libraries. LA County Library continues to offer enhanced digital offerings at LACountyLibrary.org, including a temporary digital library card to access eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, online classes, and more.

CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program Benefiting Local Economy While Serving Los Angeles County's Senior and Vulnerable Populations

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - CalFresh Awareness Month is the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits and services provided through the CalFresh Nutrition Program. One of this month's highlighted services is the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP).

Established in 2005, the RMP allows residents age 60 or older, people with disabilities, and homeless persons in Los Angeles County the option to use their CalFresh benefits to purchase healthy and nutritious meals at approved restaurants participating in the program.

Restaurants must apply and be approved by United States Department of Agriculture-Food Nutrition Services (USDA-FNS) to participate. Once approved, they are authorized to accept CalFresh Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards as payment.

Benefiting the local economy Currently, participating restaurants in 15 California counties are benefiting economically as a result of the program. In Los Angeles County, RMP is responsible for over 50.3 million indi-

vidual CalFresh transactions and \$557 million in sales since the inception of the program in 2005.

More recently, Los Angeles County reported 5.1 million CalFresh RMP transactions at restaurants with \$74.6 million in sales from April 2020 to March 2021. The average number of transactions per restaurant was 440, and the average amount per transaction was \$15.26.

During this month, DPSS is also encouraging the public to share this important information with those in their community who need it most.

Visit <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/food/meals.html> for more information about the Restaurant Meals Program.



Assemblymember Holden's Legislation Aiming to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water Passes Assembly Floor

SACRAMENTO - Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation, AB 100 that would set a limit on the amount of lead leaching from drinking water faucets and fixtures passed the Assembly Floor.

"We all expect the water we drink will keep us and our children healthy, and not make us sick," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "This legislation ensures that faucets and plumbing fixtures sold in California leach as little lead as possible."

Lead is a severe neurotoxin that damages the brains and central nervous systems of young

children. Lead is also a carcinogen and harms organs. Low levels of lead in children cause IQ loss, learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and impaired hearing.

Currently, consumers have no idea when they go to a hardware store if the faucet they buy is safe or not. Faucets can leach lead when they are used. Holden's bill would restrict the amount of lead leaching from faucets and fixtures to no more than 1 microgram, which is five times lower than the current industry standard. "It is ridiculous that Californians are still exposed to lead

from fixtures leaching significant amounts into our drinking water," said Susan Little, Environmental Working Group's senior advocate for California government affairs. "Ending lead exposure is critical to protect our kids' health, and once again, California is moving the nation toward this goal. We greatly appreciate Assemblymember Holden's work to ensure that California schools, child care centers and consumers will be able to find faucets and plumbing fixtures that leach as little lead as possible."

L.A. County Metrics Continue to Show Reduced COVID-19 Transmission

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The State released updated blueprint tier numbers; L.A. County's adjusted case rate dropped from 1.2 new cases per 100,000 people to 0.9 new cases per 100,000. The overall test positivity rate dropped from 0.6% to 0.5% across the county and in areas with the fewest health affirming resources.

Los Angeles County remains in the least restrictive yellow tier in the State's Blueprint for a Saf-

er Economy framework. On June 15, almost all sectors and businesses will be able to return to usual operations with some limited exceptions. In most settings, capacity limits and distancing requirements will be lifted. There will be requirements and recommendations for mega-events and the County will rescind its travel advisory and align with the State and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on travel.

Cases among people who are incarcerated were very high at the beginning of the pandemic and increased during the surge. Since the peak of more than 600 weekly cases in mid-December, there has been a significant drop to seven weekly cases for the period ending May 20. There have been a total 9,656 cases associated with outbreaks in correctional facilities over the course of the pandemic.

Napolitano, Sánchez, Chu Announce \$219.6 Million to Complete Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Upgrades

WASHINGTON, DC - Congresswomen Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte), Linda T. Sánchez (D-Whittier), and Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) announced that the President's budget is providing \$219,591,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to complete the Whittier Narrows Dam safety upgrades.

"On behalf of San Gabriel Valley residents and millions more throughout the region, I am thankful the President has agreed with our efforts to fully fund the completion of the Whittier Narrows Dam safety project, one of the most important flood control projects in the country," Napolitano said. "Since first learning about flood risk concerns, we have encouraged the Corps to make Whittier Narrows the top budgetary priority, including holding a roundtable in my district and tour of the dam last year.

I am glad the President and his administration have taken this request seriously. We will continue to work closely with the Corps as this project moves forward to ensure these improvements are completed in an expeditious manner."

"Restoring the Whittier Narrows Dam is a matter of life and death for the residents I represent. I am thrilled that the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to prioritize the millions of dollars needed to complete this critically important project," said Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez. "For decades, fighting for this project has been one of my top priorities because it will make our communities safer in the face of increasingly dangerous and damaging storms. I will continue to advocate for its com-

pletion and ensure the construction's impact on our community is minimized, including the City of Pico Rivera where the Dam is located. I am thankful for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and for all the community leaders who have fought with us to make this possible."

The Army Corps of Engineers' budget, which was released May 28, included \$219,591,000 for construction of Whittier Narrows, CA (Dam Safety). Combined with the \$192,500,000 Napolitano, Sánchez, and Chu secured last year, if approved by Congress, these funds will complete the dam safety project. The environmental work and design have already been completed, and Utility Relocation and Environmental projects are expected to be started this year, with full dam construction soon to follow.

Barricaded Man Finally Gives Up After Brandishing Weapon

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Paul Przybylla, 57, a male white, was arrested after brandishing a firearm and threatening his girlfriend. When police arrived, he barricaded himself in the apartment. He was booked on suspicion of assault with a firearm, criminal threats, and a no-bail warrant.

The man was accused by his girlfriend of brandishing a weapon, refused to surrender

to officers and barricaded himself in the apartment Tuesday afternoon, May 25. He finally surrendered the following morning.

Police responded to Heritage Park Villas apartments, 1800 W. Badillo St. of a report of a man who was waving around a weapon and pointing it at his girlfriend. When officers arrived, Przybylla refused to leave the apartment unit and barricaded himself in the apart-

ment unit. Residents were evacuated as a precaution in the area.

The West Covina Police SWAT team and detectives worked to get Przybylla to surrender, which he did around 1 a.m. No one was injured. Detectives had yet to recover a firearm.

He had a previous arrest two years ago and was sentenced to 120 days in jail but only served 4 days and released.

Driver Arrested for Possession Of Marijuana For Sales And Illegal Transportation

BALDWIN PARK - On Wednesday, May 25th, while on patrol, Baldwin Park police officers observed an unknown vehicle at a location that has been recently burglarized. As officers approached the location to investigate, the vehicle fled the parking lot at a high rate of speed. Officers ob-

served several other vehicle code violations and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. Upon contact with the driver, officers noticed a strong smell of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle.

Officers investigated whether or not the driver was in compliance with current

marijuana laws and regulations related to possession and proper transportation and found he was in violation. The suspect was arrested, booked, and later released pending a future court date for possession of marijuana for sales and illegal transportation.

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Glendora's Take on Affordable Housing

City General Plans are blueprints for city development so everyone knows what their city will look like ten to twenty years out. Each General Plan has a Housing Element so the state knows where they will be placing "affordable" housing to meet their "fair share" number of units assigned to them by the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process every eight years.

The Housing Element, now called Inclusionary Housing, is defined as a method to increase the quantity of housing available to low-income households. Skyrocketing numbers this year indicate an attempt to meet Gov. Newsom's promise to build 3.5 million new units by assigning that "fair share" number to local governments.

Council Member David Frendall expressed two concerns. First, maintaining local control over zoning standards and design elements. Second, he said is our challenge to figure out how to make housing affordable for the consumer and still allow the builder to make a profit.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Boyer, second-term member, said, "We are all looking for the same solution. We need people to be able to put roofs over their heads they can afford. They don't need to be spending 50% or more of their income to be housed. We just are not quite on the same page on how we want to get there."

Boyer said, "First, I object to the phrase 'inclusionary housing' because it is anything but, and in fact, it is 'exclusionary' because it punishes some to do for others by adding additional costs to a certain percentage of home buyers. Anything that increases the cost of housing is bad for everyone except realtors and real estate investors."



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

Boyer presented what I call Real Estate 101 explaining the following:

A builder comes to town and wants to build some ranch style, 3-bedroom, 2-bath, 1,500 square foot houses with two-car garages and sell them for \$500,000. But because there is inclusionary zoning in place, we have fees that are going to increase the cost of that home to \$510,000.

What happens next is Bob down the street calls a realtor to sell his same model house, built in 1950, and is able to sell his old, used home for \$510,000 because that's the cost to replace it and that new home sale is used as a comparable value in his neighborhood. We increased the cost of housing in that area, perhaps the entire city, by adding these costs on additional homes.

Boyer continued saying homes are typically priced on a square foot basis and, in just this one instance of inclusionary zoning, we've taken the price of that home from \$330 a square foot to \$340 a square foot and increased the monthly cost by \$50. He said Sacramento legislators are continually creating legislation saying 'it is only going to cost a few extra bucks a month'. When it comes to housing every dollar counts.

Boyer said If a family can afford a monthly payment of somewhere between \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month, there is a price in between that gets a roof over their head or pushes them out to the street and living in a car. His study shows the average cost of rent in California has increased \$532 a month based on government fees, taxes and regulations for every California renter, the most affected because they can't afford to buy a house.

"We need to stop increasing the cost of housing even by a dollar. Government has no business increasing housing costs by anything," said Pro Tem Boyer.

Council Member Mendell Thompson said he heard government fees add approximately \$93,000 to the cost of a house. Boyer, using numbers from his study, presented costs of a \$2,000 investment in rental property. The landlord would have:

- Federal income tax on that income is \$740 a month.
- State tax is about \$260 a month (California is 30% higher than the second highest).
- Property tax of \$6,200 a year or \$500 a month.

Those taxes are \$1,500 or 75% off the top of that \$2,000 investment. Boyer finished by saying, "As long as we are taking a dollar from someone to give 50 cents to someone else, we are going to continue to drive the cost of housing up. Sacramento could fix this problem by making housing tax exempt. If there were no taxes, housing costs would plummet.

NOTE: I looked at my property tax bill and literally 50% was direct assessments for flood control, sewer, trauma services, fire and water ... What's happened to Prop 13 to control this excessiveness?

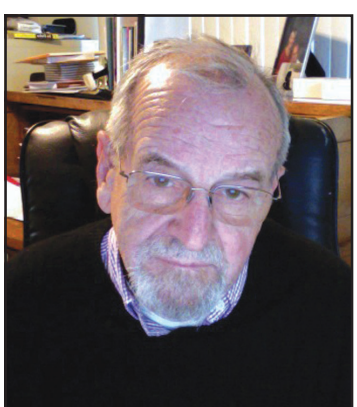
Clues For Tomorrow's Church

"This church practices union; has no creed; seeks to make religion as intelligent as science, as appealing as art, as vital as the day's work, as intimate as home, as inspiring as love." -E. S. Ames pastor of University Church, Chicago 1900-1940)

Once it recovers from the right-wing onslaught marching under the cover of "evangelicalism," American Protestants will be tempted to return to some golden age, failing to realize that the road back may lead to another dead end. Common wisdom will look for and also try fresh patterns and new forms of being the church, realizing that not all of them will be useful. While avoiding those models that attempt to recapture some former images of the church, looking back may, however, offer a few clues worth investigating.

As I reflect on my ministry, I am driven back to the seven hectic years I spent as the pastor of one of America's great churches. While never a large congregation, its influence on its denominations, a significant university, the city of Chicago and beyond has been profound. For more than 125 years, the statement at the head of this column has been the congregation's theme, originally drafted by Edward Scribner Ames, pastor from 1900 to 1940. Ames was also the chair of the University of Chicago's philosophy department and the dean of the Disciples Divinity House.

During those years B. Fred Wise was an associate minister and the director of music. During those years Dr. Wise often employed a hymn that became the congregation's theme song to accompany the statement quoted above.



Charles H. Bayer

A noble life, a simple faith. an open heart and hand.

These are the lovely litanies that all can understand'

These are the firm knit bonds of grace, though hidden to the view'

That bind in sacred fellowship all those the whole world through.

The cries of clashing creeds are heard. On every side they sound.

But no age is degenerate in which such lives are found.

A noble life, a simple faith, an open heart and hand.

These are the lovely litanies that all can understand.

(Rabbi A.S. Isaacs)

Sometime later Ames' original statement was expanded to include the following: *"University Church is a Christian community, which affirms the transformative power of God's love, calling us individually and collectively to act for justice and to respect all creation. We value the life and teachings of Jesus and we believe that God continues to be revealed in the world. We are a faith community that holds our theology and ethics to the light of the Great Commandment: 'Love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And Love*

your Neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39)

Adding action to that statement, this mostly white "University Church of Disciples of Christ" was joined by an African American congregation, and became "University Church."

It was one of the first congregation to declare itself "Open and Affirming," welcoming gays and lesbians. For years it has celebrated Black history month. And for the last decade it has been led by a Black pastor. It was the student headquarters opposing the Vietnam War. Its coffee house, The Blue Gargoyle, daily welcomed hundreds of university students and Hyde Park youth, and funded far-ranging programs for both. It purchased an apartment building in Woodlawn and in it developed a shared housing coop—The Covenantal Community. It joined with a town in Guatemala, with whom it has exchanged yearly visits. It declared itself to be a sanctuary for persons threatened with deportation.

The center of its life has always been worship, paired with its commitment to relate the teachings and will of Jesus to contemporary life.

Throughout its history this massive ministry has resulted in serious financial obstacles, but despite this perennial problem it has never hesitated to take what it believed to be the next step of faith, not knowing where it might lead.

While this may not be a model for congregations seeking fresh ways to be the church, perhaps there may here be clues for church life beyond evangelicalism on one hand, and the fading of Mainline Protestantism on the other.

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Examiner Writer, 90, Dumped Twice By Same Girl - 65 Years Apart

Of all the girls I dated - lots in my time, which includes now - I'd only been dumped once before. I usually did the dumping. But this time, at 90, I got the full-blown treatment. Right down to having my email BLOCKED! Me! A recognized contributor to The Examiner. Who once was nominated for a Pulitzer - [but not for something posted here.]

I'll protect the girl's privacy by not using her real name. Let's call her "Mylvia" - rhymes with Sylvia. I once knew a girl by that name, but she would never have treated me this way, so no one will think this is about her.

This "Mylvia," however, is something else. When I knew her in the mid-1950s she was kind, gentle, loving, friendly - and any other positive qualities you can think of. We had lots of dates - square dancing, a ball game, a play by a Broadway touring company, amusement park, dinner, movie, beach - you name it and we probably were there too. That went on for two ears, whenever I was in Southern California.

That was part of the problem. I was at Berkeley and she was at USC. We first met when a group of Trojan kids drove north to Berkeley for the USC football game with Cal. All the other girls in her group had a male companion. When they were ready to go to Frisco on the evening after the game, they picked me, whom some of them knew, for her date. That was the first, and only, blind date in my life.

And the evening was spectacular. First there was this unbelievably gorgeous girl I was paired with. I must confess that after 65 years I can't recall the color of her hair or eyes, doesn't matter, she was gor-

geous. And here she was with this geek who was in over his head with a girl who looked like that. No matter. She made me feel at ease with her conversation. In the course of our discussion, I learned that she was 19, with a birthday a few days away. I was 24, back at Cal after my draft service in the marine corps. Age didn't seem to matter.

What a night! Mort Sahl at the Hungry I, the premier night spot in Frisco. Folk singer Stanley Wilson at the Purple Onion, the Hungry I's rival. I can still hear him singing Tom Lehrer's "Ricketty Tickety Tin." about the girl who killed all members of her family, one by one, including her brother - and all that was found of him were" occasional pieces of skin, Ricketty Tickety Tin." Mylvia was in stitches laughing!

The evening ended at a dive on Mission street, why we went there I have no idea, but Mylvia and I went to the back wall where other kids had written their names, and she wrote her name close to mine. [Years later I returned to the dive, but the wall had been re-painted.] As we were writing, a guy near us broke a bottle and started to attack someone, Pushing Mylvia ahead of me, we quickly exited, as did our friends and we made our way back to Berkeley.

After two years of sporadic dating I was ready to ask her to marry me, and invited her to my home for dinner to meet my parents. She declined. She knew what was up, and she wasn't ready for it. I was crushed, but I had dumped other girls before, and that was part of the game. I knew the rules. We never met again. or communicated...until this

week. I had been without a significant other for nearly a year and I was lonely. So I decided to re-connect, if I could, with Mylvia. After all, we had parted amicably. She married, and I discovered her husband had died many years ago, about the same time my wife of 50 years passed on. So, why not email Mylvia?

Why not? Because, I discovered she wasn't interested. But I didn't learn that directly from her. It was pretty indirect but very accurate.

Finding her email address was hard, but a mutual friend gave it to me. So, now, what do I write? There was no question that she would remember me. But how to overcome that breakup so long ago? And what's the point of the reunion?

I used the "we've both lost our spouses" approach, suggesting we write to each other about our kids - I knew about her kids from the internet and we both had fabulous offspring. We could write about our spouses, where we lived over the past decades, where we lived now, our work - lots of stuff to fill up numerous emails.

I sent it off. No response. Was the email address right? I called one of her sons who said he never heard his Mom talk about me, but he would see if Mylvia wanted to communicate with me, that was early one morning. By 9 p m there had been no response. I assumed Mylvia's answer was "No,"

There is a sad Rod McKuen song, a farewell lyric sung by Glenn Yarbrough, which was appropriate for this occasion. "Hello's The Word Before Goodbye." I penned a short note, quoting the song's title - I

was pretty sure she had heard the song sometime. I began with a simple "Hello." Told her I assumed she didn't want to exchange email, and said I wouldn't write again. The email ended with a simple "Goodbye." I hit send.

As I rose to leave the computer, there was a tone that indicated an incoming email. I went to the inbox, and there it was. A Microsoft message indicating my message had been BLOCKED. I doubt that Mylvia knew how to block an email, and suppose her son had done it for her,

I had now been dumped twice by the same girl, 65 years apart! Is that a Guinness record? At 90 - next month I turn 91 - it's not likely to happen again - unless Isabela, having heard how Mylvia did it, decides to cut me off too. But I won't tell her this happened, and she lives to far away to read this in the Examiner. Thus, I almost made it through life with only one dump. Now I know how Carol and Nancy felt, when I dumped them rather crudely so long ago.

Now, if you happen to know who Mylvia really is, don't tell her this is on the Internet. She might sue, and my lawyer son only handles creditors in big corporate bankruptcies... and would bill me at \$1850 an hour. What the Examiner pays for stories like this one would hardly get him in the door.

But if there is an elderly female out there - do elderly females read the Examiner? - who's looking for an email companion, get in touch with me via the Examiner. Better yet, email me directly at reshaffer@cpp.edu. I promise you I won't block your messages!

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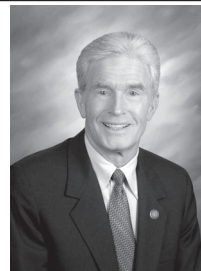
This past week the financial media highlighted one guru after another calling for a market correction to the tune of anywhere from 5% to 20%! They cited "peak earnings" comparisons, rising inflation data, and the inevitability of the Fed having to walk back their stance of "no rate hikes until at least 2023". To these nay-sayers' credit recent economic data suggests that the upcoming inflation data will confirm what worries the market most - sudden spikes that may rattle the bond market, leading to higher interest rates.

The preferred inflation metric utilized by the Federal Reserve is the change in core personal consumption expenditures (PCE). This index is based on a dynamic consumption basket. However, the PCE increase remains under 2% year-over-year. Even though the trend for PCE data is grinding higher, the Fed apparently continues to believe that the current rise in inflation will not be long-lasting.

One observation about why the Fed is maintaining such a high level of conviction (regarding fiscal policy) is that the global reopening is not a synchronous economic event. China and parts of Europe are experiencing late-stage pandemic growth, but this is not happening in several key developing and emerging markets where Covid-19 data has been surging. Those impacted economies are still suffering. This is especially true in India, where daily cases for Covid-19 are surging.

This uneven world-wide re-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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covery from the pandemic is dampening the narrative that the entire globe would see synchronous growth that could stoke inflationary pressures (to where central banks would have to taper QE much sooner than forecast). The Fed recognizes these imbalances. Apparently, that is at least one reason why they are standing pat on their "transitory" inflation forecast that the market has so far accepted.

Five months into 2021 the market is enjoying the solid tailwinds of QE, stimulus, low rates, and upward earnings revisions. (Russell 2000 +15.0% YTD, S&P 500 +11.3% YTD, Dow Jones Industrials +11.2% YTD, Nasdaq Composite +8.8% YTD)

However, five months into President Biden's term as President, his administration has implemented more radical changes than at any time since FDR's term of new alphabet soup agencies in 1933! We have seen talk of DC Statehood, packing the Supreme Court, another \$2 trillion spending package, a Green New Deal, and a doubling of capital gains tax rates.

Thanks to President Trump's

efforts (developing the vaccine) we can give high marks to Mr. Biden for carrying through with "warp speed" vaccine distribution, more than doubling his goal of 100 million doses delivered. Now, on to the reality of what comes next - a booming economy, likely rising stocks, and significantly rising wage inflation.

Americans have \$16.3 trillion socked away in the bank. With so much money on tap, we don't need to worry too much about a stock market crash, as any downward correction will be met by buying support. After all, where else will our investment dollars go? Bonds aren't exactly a screaming bargain nor an invitation to riches. Real estate is hard to find in many areas, and very expensive by historic standards almost everywhere. Gold is good in small doses as a portfolio balancer, but stocks are the main component of most portfolios, and likely always will be.

So, the bottom line is: Do NOT SELL. While Democrat policies may wound the stock market, they probably can't kill this bull market. Biden likely won't get his desired doubling to a 39.6% on capital gains - or all of his other "soak the rich" tax wishes. For that we can thank a few sensible Democrats in Washington who want to get re-elected in 2022.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We currently rent a 1 bedroom, 1 bath place for \$1,950 per month. This includes water and trash. We have about \$15,000 in savings, and my parents said they could help with another \$15,000. We'd love to be homeowners, but how do we figure out if we could afford the payments?

You've done really well to save up \$15,000, and are blessed to have that offer from your parents! The most direct way to know what you can afford is to apply for a mortgage. Banks and Credit Unions have a limited selection of loan programs. I suggest you go to FindAMortgageBroker.com to find an independent mortgage professional. I also recommend you get a 30-year, fixed-interest loan, giving you the freedom to pay it off in less time. Once you have the preapproval letter in hand, you'll be ready to work with a Realtor and make offers on properties! Make a list of gotta-have's, would-like-to-have's, and refuse-to-haves when it comes to the areas, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, one-story or two, corner lot, fixer, pool, proximity to work, freeways, schools, parks, airports, cemeteries. Do your finances a favor and buy a house for less than you can afford.

I got hired at a new company, and I don't want to leave my retirement account with my former company! How do I move it without having to pay taxes?



Julia Yoder

To avoid the risk of having to pay taxes, it's a matter of doing the paperwork properly so that the money is transferred in a timely manner to another qualified account. In a 12-month period, you can do an unlimited number of institution-to-institution transfers, but only one transfer if the funds are handled by you. It's best to use the services of a financial professional to help you with this.

I'm in my late 20's. How much should I be saving for retirement?

The most common conclusion from recent studies is that you should be saving 10-percent to 12-percent of your annual income for retirement. If your employer provides 3-percent, then go ahead and save 10-percent so you'll be essentially saving 13-percent. If this exceeds the government limit for a 401(k), see if you can put \$5,000 annually into a Roth IRA, as well as purchasing a life insurance policy (Fixed-indexed Universal Life) providing life insurance and

potential funds to use during your lifetime. It is equally important to plan on being debt-free when you retire. Pay off credit cards, auto loans, student loans, and mortgage. If you do not pay off your student loans, payments will be taken out of your Social Security check. If you find yourself still owing a considerable amount on your mortgage when you are close to retirement, consider working a few more years to pay off that mortgage, or sell and move to a more retirement-friendly state, or lower your payments by refinancing into a 30-year loan just before retirement, while you still have income and lenders cannot age discriminate.

Is there a way for us to help our children pay the taxes when inheriting our estate?

Life insurance. The income-tax free benefit from a life insurance policy is typically paid quickly to the heirs, providing them with the funds to help with final expenses and estate taxes that exceed the prevailing exemption amount.

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THE CAR GURU
WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Why My Vehicle Needs an Inspection

There are a lot of questions about inspecting a car when it comes into a shop for service.

In years past vehicle manufacturers suggested you change your oil every 3,000 miles. That meant you visited a service facility 3-4 times a year; that was 3-4 times a year that your technician had the opportunity to look over your car and catch potential failures in your vehicle's tires, wipers, brakes, fluids, leaks or any other concerns.

Today, the vehicle manufacturers are now extending oil and servicing to 7, 10 and even 15 thousand miles. This also extends the time your technician gets a look under the hood of your vehicle. This gives your technician less

times per year to inspect and identify issues with your vehicle.

Consider air transportation; a jetliner goes through a safety inspection before each flight. In fact, all public transportation including planes, trains and city busses all go through a certification and regular inspection process to find, identify and fix potential problems before they happen.

Our personal vehicles, on the other hand, usually see their technician for oil changes and maybe get a check over every few years. Just as regular oil changes keep your car healthy, having a professional inspection done on a regular basis will save you time,

money and avoid the headaches of major mechanical repairs.

A basic inspection can be simple, fast and efficient. It will allow the technician to fill your tires, top off your fluids and give you peace of mind when you are on the road.

Talk to your service professional about a scheduled inspection program to supplement your vehicle's service plan.

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Temple Beth Israel Preschool Expands Mission and Rebrands as "Tree of Life Children's Center"

Continues to Welcome Children from All Faiths Throughout the Community

POMONA - Building on its long history of successfully nurturing and educating local preschoolers and with a vision to grow the opportunities the school provides; Temple Beth Israel Preschool has announced that it will be renamed the "Tree of Life Children's Center at Temple Beth Israel."

Located in the heart of a community known for educational excellence, the TLCC, as it will be known for short, remains committed to the successful developmental philosophy that has guided it for over three decades - meeting children where they are and helping them thrive.

That philosophy also extends to engaging families and building community around school participation. Hundreds of local families of all faiths and backgrounds have developed lasting relationships which started with their children attending preschool at TBI. This tradition will continue forward at the Tree of Life Children's Center.

As this name change is initiated, another transition will take place at the school, the retirement of long-time Director, Deborah Pruitt, and the transition to a new Director, Robin McConnell, who will take the reins of the TLCC on July 1.

"My 32 years at the preschool has been an amazing experience. I'll always treasure the years of seeing children blossom as they grow and sharing our Jewish traditions and values with parents and their young children," said Pruitt. "I move into retirement feeling confident that the school is in great hands and that it will continue to offer a rich nurturing learning environment now and in the future. I am thrilled that Robin, who's already had so much success at our school, will be taking the helm at Tree of Life Children's Center."

McConnell was a loved and respected lead teacher at TBI Preschool from 2012 to 2018 where she planned and implemented the play-based curriculum for two-to-three-year-olds. Her strong commitment to the field of early childhood education is evident as she both taught preschool and was Adjunct Faculty in the Human Development Program at Pacific Oaks College. More recently, McConnell was the Early Childhood Program Director for the Family YMCA of the Desert, Palm Desert, where she was responsible for three preschool sites of 60-100 children each.

"I am delighted to return to TBI as Director of the Tree of

Life Children's Center and just love the name. The six years I was lead teacher were among the most enriching of my career. Carrying Deborah's legacy into the future is an honor and I look forward to welcoming hundreds of families into our Children's Center during the next few years," added McConnell.

Becoming Director of the Tree of Life Children's Center at Temple Beth Israel (formerly TBI Preschool) gives McConnell the opportunity to work closely with families and teachers as they collaborate to provide children with the best possible developmental environment.

Pruitt said she was especially proud that the TBI Preschool was able to successfully reopen in August 2020 and that by following best practices during the pandemic, not one child or staff member contracted Covid-19, a record that the school intends to keep by continuing to follow the public agency guidelines and best practices it has maintained to date.

"We are thrilled to welcome new and returning families who will benefit from expanded hours and options," said Christine Akin, incoming TBI Vice President of Education. "Our new schedule, which can soon be found on our updated website, is now more flexible including 2, 3, or 5 days a week plus half, extended, and full-day programs."

For further information or to register your child, contact the school at TLCC@tbipomona.org or call 909-626-6937.

Business of the Year & Non-Profit of the Year Nominations

GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for our 2021 Glendora Chamber Business Awards. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, June 4, 2021.

To nominate a current Glendora Chamber Member as

Business of the Year & Non-Profit of the Year please complete the form at <https://www.glendora-chamber.org/business-awards/>.

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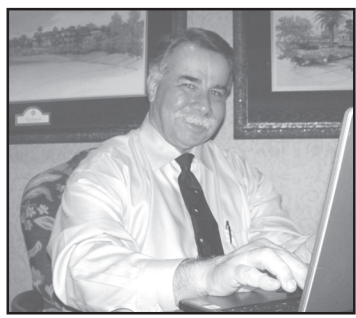
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Around the Valley & Senior News

Special Thanks for Attending a Veterans Memorial

Across the valley and across the state as well as across the nation there were a number of Memorial Day ceremonies. Over the last 40 years or so I've seen a big change in the attendance to these memorials. The numbers have gone down. My guess is because people have lost interest or don't care, diversity has changed, and right now you can't help but not dismiss the health issues out there with the Covid-19 from possibly holding people back.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!
I just wanted to thank those that did attend about an hour-long ceremony to remember our fallen and departed military veterans. Usually those that at-

tend these events are or have been in the military or are military families. It's kind of like the veterans are honoring themselves. However, there are people that do attend these Memorial ceremonies that have no connection whatsoever with the military. They come to give thanks and to remember those veterans who have passed. For those people I want to give you a special thank you. You are our heroes.

"That's just the way it is!"

Residential Burglary Prevention Tips

ARCADIA - As we all know, warmer weather is just around the corner. During warmer weather its not uncommon for many of us to leave windows and doors open. This is also a good time for criminals looking for easy targets.

The Arcadia Police Department wants to share some crime prevention tips to help our community stay safe and avoid being the victim of a burglary.

Remember the basics first: LOCK your doors, CLOSE your windows, and SET your alarm.

Here are some other tips to help keep your home safe:

- Close and lock your windows and doors! Thieves look for an easy target.
- Install surveillance cameras (to the front, side, and rear of your house, if possible)
- Keep bushes and shrubs

trimmed so that windows and doors are visible.

- Maintain your home and make it looked lived in. Arrange for care if you leave on vacation.

- Don't leave newspapers, mail, and door hanger materials in place. Arrange for a trusted friend or neighbor to collect these items for you.

- Know your neighbors! Be familiar with cars, faces and who belongs in your neighborhood.

- Leave different lights on when you're away. Use timers when gone overnight.

- Leave a radio or television on inside when you're away.

- Use window stops/pins to prevent windows and sliding doors from being opened.

- Get an ALARM. Even simple alarms that are not connected to a central system are a deterrent.

The suspects in recent residential burglaries have accessed homes by shattering rear sliding glass doors or windows. We encourage our residents to have lighting, and if possible, surveillance cameras in these areas.

There are companies who make a security film you can apply to a window or sliding glass door, that will keep the shattered glass intact, detouring or preventing a criminal from gaining access.

These are just a few tips to help prevent crime. One of the biggest things we rely on is YOU. It's important to report suspicious activity. If you see something or someone suspicious, report it as soon as possible. The quicker you call us, the quicker we can respond.

Remember, if you SEE something, SAY something!

CalFresh Eligibility Requirements Temporarily Expanded for Low-Income College Students

The State of California has temporarily expanded student eligibility requirements for CalFresh Program for low-income college students until the end of September 2021, to reduce food insecurity during the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic sparked the expansion of students' eligibility, as it became apparent that students were suffering food insecurity more than other populations," said Abraham Gomez, DPSS Human Services Administrator Manager II in the CalFresh Nutrition Program Section.

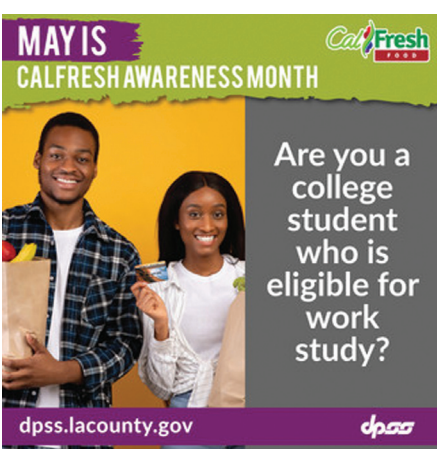
"The lack of jobs due to shutdowns and classes not being held on campuses made things especially challenging."

Previously, students were required to participate in college work-study; however, now they only need to be eligible to participate. Students attending local colleges with an estimated family contribution of zero are now eligible for CalFresh ben-

efits if they meet all other financial and non-financial eligibility requirements.

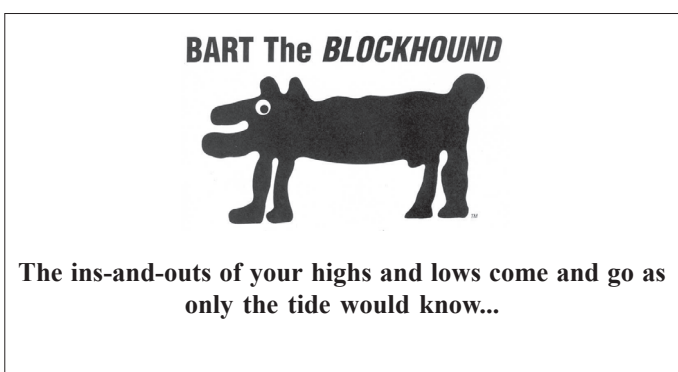
Eligible students can receive a maximum of \$192 a month for groceries and discounted internet services. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or have a permanent legal resident status and meet CalFresh income requirements.

Apply today for CalFresh online at getcalfresh.org.



Summer Drive-In Bingo!

ARCADIA - Feeling cooped up in the house? Come out and join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services as they safely play Drive-In Bingo at the Community Center in the parking lot - 365 Campus Drive in Arcadia. The cost is \$5 to play, and each participant will be given five (5) game cards for a chance to win gift card prizes. All participants must register prior to the event, be in the same household if they are sharing a vehicle, and must wear face coverings. The 50+ Drive-In Bingo Event will be held on Friday, **June 11** from 10-11:30am, and you can register now! Please register online at ArcadiaCA.gov/Recreation or contact the Community Center at 626.574.5130.



El Monte Union High Schools Celebrated in 2021 Best High Schools List

EL MONTE - El Monte Union's five comprehensive high schools have been listed among the top-performing public high schools in the state and the nation, according to the 2021 Best High Schools rankings by U.S. News and World Report.

Arroyo, El Monte, Mountain View, Rosemead and South El Monte high schools earned high rankings among approximately 1,675 high schools in California. All five schools boast a graduation rate of approximately 90%.

"El Monte Union is a community of hard-working students and dedicated educators, and these rankings reflect the remarkable efforts of our scholars and teach-

ers during an extraordinary time," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "Congratulations to our staff who go above and beyond every single day to ensure that our scholars have the support they need in order to succeed and graduate ready for college and career."

U.S. News evaluated more than 17,860 public high schools across the country and ranked them from top to bottom, both nationally and at the state level, using six ranking factors to measure academic quality.

These factors included college readiness, college curriculum, math and reading proficiency and performance, underserved

student performance and graduation rate.

Each high school received an overall score that correlates to its percentile position in the 2021 Best High Schools rankings.

El Monte Union's strong scores exemplify the strength of the District's college and career readiness programs, which include Advanced Placement courses at each school, as well as honors coursework, AVID programs and career technical education pathways across the five schools, including business, engineering, health science and technology.

Duarte Unified School District Offering Summer Meals

DUARTE - Duarte Unified School District is offering free meals during summer for children 18 and under starting June 1. Two meals will be provided daily that include lunch for that day and breakfast for the following day. Both meals will consist of an entrée, fruit/vegetable, and milk.

Dates: June 1, 2020 - July 30, 2021 (closed July 5, 2021 in observance of the July 4th holiday)

Days: Monday - Friday (Daily)

Times: 11:30 AM - 1 PM, June 1-30 and 12-1 PM, July 1-30

Meal service will be available at two locations:

Beardslee Elementary School, 1212 Kellwill Way, Duarte, CA 91010

Royal Oaks Elementary School, 2499 Royal Oaks Drive, Duarte, CA 91010

Please be aware that there is no need for any numbers or names to be given. It is preferred that the children be present to receive their meals, but it is not necessary. You do not have to be a Duarte resident or attend school in Duarte Unified School District to participate.

If you have any questions, please call (626) 599-5022 or email bvolz@duarteusd.org.

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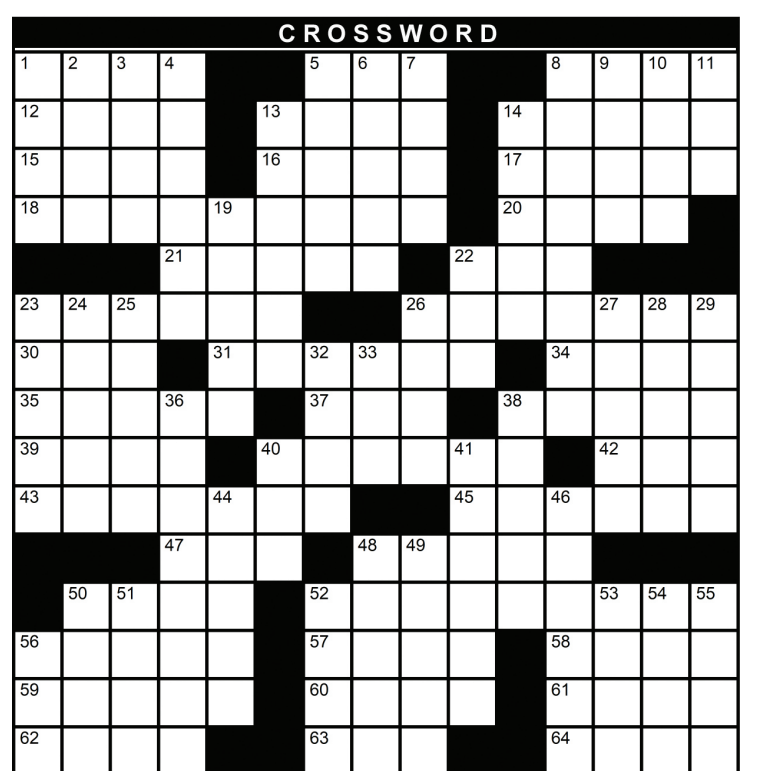
ACROSS

- *Trebles or bass
- Pharaoh's cobra
- *Zeus' sister and wife, and character in Broadway musical "Xanadu"
- Hair-dwelling parasites
- Quinceañera or bat mitzvah, e.g.
- Puts money in the bank
- Pearl Harbor locale
- Flair
- Inuit boat
- *Record-holding musical for most awards received by a single production, with The
- *Broadway hit "Jagged Little"
- *Comment to the audience
- Web address
- ____'er _____, at the pump
- Private chapel
- Keats' poem
- Quit
- Medley
- ____ or do nothing
- Right-angle building extension
- Razor nick
- Like lemon
- Make a choice
- 1960s teen idol, Bobby _____
- Give authority
- Bias crime perpetrators
- *Theater, e.g.
- Cordial disposition
- Surrender
- *Non-musical with record number of Tony nominations
- Shredded cabbage dishes
- *Melpomene, e.g.
- Just a little
- Gold unit
- Lodge fellows
- "Game of Thrones" bastard
- Without purpose
- Past tense of "is"
- Short-term employee

DOWN

- Hoof sound
- Yarn spinner
- Canyon sound
- Like medieval European society
- Was sick
- Fixed look
- Montblanc and such
- *Musical with record number of Tony nominations
- Like most fairytale stepmothers
- Madrid's Club de Fútbol
- Pose a question
- Chef's prescription
- Toyota sports car model
- Shylock's practice
- Coffee pot
- *Bob _____, choreographer with most Tony awards
- *"Break a leg" or "have two

THEME: NIGHT AT THE THEATER



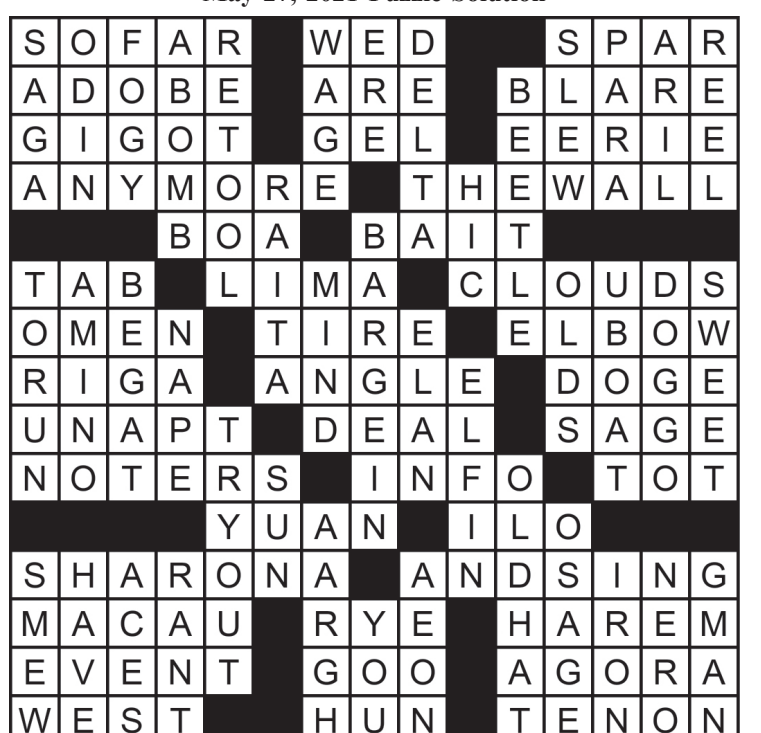
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- left feet," e.g.
- Reduce pressure (2 words)
- Eye up and down
- Mediterranean appetizer
- Type of potato masher
- Ox connectors
- *Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
- Feverish
- *NYC district
- Washington, e.g.
- Sun's descent
- Onion-like herb
- Seize by force
- Obsolete office position
- Spurious wing
- *Comedy and tragedy, on a Tony medallion
- Attired
- *James _____ Jones, multiple Tony winner
- Old World duck
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Monrovia Unified School District Selects New Superintendent

MONROVIA – The Monrovia Unified School District Board of Education has selected Dr. Ryan Smith as the District's new Superintendent, bringing nearly 25 years of education experience to the District. Smith is scheduled to begin his position on July 1.

The Board unanimously approved a contract with Smith during its May 26 meeting, where he was formally introduced to the school community via livestream.

"I am truly honored to be selected by the Board of Education as the next Superintendent of Monrovia Unified School District," Smith said. "Monrovia Unified is a district with a reputation for excellence and tremendous community support. Its outstanding academic programs are well known throughout Los Angeles County, the state, and beyond and are complemented by its fantastic offerings in the arts, athletics, wellness and mental health, and more. I am very excited to begin meeting with teachers and staff, parents and families, community members and organizations, and those who matter most – our students."

During the selection process, input sessions were held with administrators, staff, parents and district stakeholders in order to learn about the qualities they wanted in a new superintendent.

Additionally, the school community was invited to fill out an online survey. Using this information, Leadership Associates – Monrovia Unified's search firm – conducted an extensive search. The Board was presented with an impressive list of candidates, ultimately selecting Smith.



During a meeting on May 26, Monrovia Unified Board of Education selected Dr. Ryan Smith as the new Superintendent for the District. Smith will assume his role on July 1.

"I plan to continue to build on the great foundation that is in place here in Monrovia to ensure that we reach new heights," Smith said. "It's a privilege to join the Monrovia Unified family!"

Smith earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California. He also holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and educational leadership from Chapman University and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from California State University, San Marcos.

Smith comes to Monrovia Unified after five years in the Paramount Unified School District, where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Educational Services and oversaw the entire Educational Services division.

During his time in Paramount, Smith oversaw a variety of key initiatives, including the development and implementation of the district's first strategic plan, the expansion of instructional technology to include a 1-1 Chromebook program for all district students, and the creation of the district's first new high school, Odyssey STEM Academy.

Additionally, Smith worked to expand access to and develop new Career Technical Education programs, build partnerships with local colleges and universities, and increase access to the Advanced Placement program and other rigorous courses.

Smith has been married to his wife Jennifer for over nine years; they are excited to relocate to the Monrovia area from Orange County soon.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ryan Smith as our new Superintendent, and look forward to all of the wonderful things he will do for Monrovia Unified," Board President Maritza Travanti said. "Dr. Smith has an extensive background in education, bringing with him years of experience and a strong passion for student success. Dr. Smith rose to the top out of 34 applicants and the board strongly believes he will make a great fit at Monrovia Unified School District."

The District will host a Superintendent Roadshow throughout July, which will serve as a meet-and-greet opportunity for stakeholders. More information on the Superintendent Roadshow will be shared as it is made available.

Governor Newsom Announces Historic "Vax for the Win" Program to Get More Californians Vaccinated by June 15

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom launched "Vax for the Win," a new multi-faceted vaccine incentive program designed to motivate Californians to get their vaccination leading up to the state's reopening on June 15. The incentives aim to give an extra nudge to those who still need to get vaccinated against COVID-19, especially those in hard-to-reach communities, while also thanking everyone who has already been vaccinated.

"Getting every eligible Californian vaccinated is how we bring our state roaring back from this pandemic," said Governor Newsom. "California has already made incredible progress in the fight against COVID-19, with the lowest case rates in the country, while administering millions more vaccines 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 fully reopen safely."

More than 62.8 percent of Californians aged 12+ are at least partially vaccinated, but an estimated 12 million people who are eligible still have not gotten a vaccine to protect their health and the well-being of their communities.

"Some Californians weren't ready to get their COVID-19 vaccine on day one, and that's okay. This program is designed to encourage those who need extra support to get vaccinated and help keep California safe," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer. "The State will work closely with our partners at local health departments and community-based organizations to ensure the program reaches families living in communities with the lowest vaccination rates, who might face language barriers and other obstacles."

All Californians aged 12+ who are at least partially vaccinated are automatically eligible for the cash prize drawings taking place in June. Thirty winners in total will be selected for the "\$50,000 Fridays" cash prize drawings on June 4 and

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June 11, totaling \$1.5 million. On June 15, \$1.5 million will be awarded to 10 lucky Californians – for a grand total of \$15 million in cash prizes. 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.

Beginning on May 27, the next two million people who begin and complete their COVID-19 vaccination will automatically be eligible to receive a \$50 prepaid or grocery card, worth a total of \$100 million. It gives them the option to select from a \$50 Virtual Prepaid Card (which can be spent online, in-store where major debit cards are accepted, or added to a mobile wallet to be used to shop in stores that accept mobile wallets), or a \$50 grocery gift card from Kroger (which includes Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co.) or Albertsons (which includes

Safeway, Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions and Andronico's Community Markets), while supplies last. Californians will receive a text message with an electronic prepaid card redemption code sent to their mobile phone or email address 7-10 days after their two-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna, or single dose of Johnson and Johnson. An incentive card will be held for those who start their vaccination at the launch of the program. Those who do not have a mobile phone or email address can receive a physical card by calling 1-833-993-3873, 7-10 days after receiving their final dose. Those without a permanent address can also call to coordinate delivery.

For more information, visit COVID19.ca.gov/vax-for-the-win. To schedule an appointment to be vaccinated, visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call the CA COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255.

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Apartment Blaze Injures Three, 4 Units Guttled



All units lost as the fire burned from the garages (right out of picture) to this void area which had patio covers.

By George Ogden

LAPUENTE - A huge apartment fire in the 900 block of Willow near the corner of Amar and Willow put 3 people in the hospital and displaced 6 families.

The fire started in a garage, presumably from a cracked gas line to a dryer that was in the garage, which quickly spread to the four-unit apartment complex.

It quickly became an inferno which spread to the complex with the help of wooden patio coverings in the easement or void area between the apartments and the garage. This caused the fire to spread quickly and out of control and igniting the apartments themselves.

When the fire was noticed by the residents of the 2nd unit, where the fire originated in their garage, a male attempted to enter the garage with the hopes of possibly removing their vehicle. However, a defective garage door opener made it impossible to open the door and the man was overcome by the smoke and flames. Once the other residents realized he did not come out a 2nd man when and dragged this man

out. He was burned on his upper torso head and arms. The rescuer was overcome by smoke. As they were on the floor of the apartment, they realize that it was also

on fire and they were all dragged to safety out into the front of the apartment. A 3rd person, a female, who may have been upstairs had to come through the heat and

smoke to get away from the fire. All 3 have ended up in the hospital with 2 being critical. The burn victim himself, has been upgraded from critical to serious and is expected to live. All 4 units were basically gutted and the entire building has been red tagged

as well as all for garage units.

One vehicle was a total loss and possibly another one. A total of 6 families have been displaced. The Red Cross did respond and assisted the best that they could.

The VFW Post in West Covina was able to get some money to-

gether for one family so they could buy some clothes since they lost everything. Other people have also come forward to assist.

Although they believe it was a gas leak, the fire is still under investigation.



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