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# Azusa Veterans' Day Observance

By Mary Rietta-Ramirez

**AZUSA** - Thursday, November 11th at 11AM marked the observation of Veteran's Day. The Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee hosted a memorable event celebrating the city of Azusa's military veterans. Members of the Azusa community gathered on the lawn of City Hall to honor their local veterans. It was a beautiful sight to see so many within the community gathered together for such a heartfelt ceremony.

Guest speakers honored our veterans with speeches in recognition of the inspiration and gratitude we all hold for their bravery. There was a wonderful sense of communal unity as the ceremony began with introductions by Jesse Martinez, Commander of VFW Post 8070. The presentation of Colors, laying of the wreath, and a Three Volley Salute were conducted by the Azusa Valley Memorial team. Invocation was led by Reverend Jesse Aramburo from Canyon Christian Fellowship, followed by Memorial Committee member Julie Miranda leading the community in the flag salute. Our national anthem was beautifully sung by Anna Aguilar as she welcomed the attendees to sing along. A near entirety of the crowd joined in for Ms. Aguilar's patriotic rendition of our national anthem. Gold star mother Mrs. Harris was also in



Pictured from left to right at the unveiling of the Plaque at the Azusa Veterans Memorial Monument, Guadalupe Duran-Madrid representing the office of LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Vietnam Veteran Lawrence Carlos, Jesse Martinez commander VFW Post 8070, Former Azusa Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid, Former Azusa Mayor Joseph R. Rocha, Patrick Padilla U.S. Army 1st Sgt. retired, Richard Carter Fraternal Order of Eagles.

attendance and honored Mistress of Ceremony MeLisa Dominguez introduced Mayor Robert Gonzales for his welcome remarks. Mayor Gonzales gave a passionate speech honoring Azusa's veteran. This year's event included the unveiling of the Azusa Veterans Memorial Monument which also included a dedication and certificates presented by Guadalupe Duran-Medina from the office of

Hilda Solis. Accepting the certificates on behalf of the sponsors were, for the City of Azusa were Mayor Robert Gonzales, Representative Jesse Martinez of VFW Post 8070, American Legion Canyon City Member Patrick Padilla, Richard Carter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Vietnam Veteran Lawrence

Carlos. Music filled the air and you could look around and feel the sense of unity as the crowd sang and clapped along in harmony. In the closing remarks by Patrick Padilla, U.S. Army First Sergeant (retired), he shared a touching personal insight from

his fellow veteran and friend, his 75th Ranger brother, Randy Medford First Sergeant (retired). Councilman Edward Alvarez U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer (retired) honored the family of WWII veteran Martin Zavala, who passed away just the Friday before Veterans Day this year. Benediction for the event was wonderfully given by Pastor Marty Celaya from Encouragement Community Church. It was an absolute honor to be in attendance with my fellow community members: volunteer organizers and city officials, police officers, teachers and students, but most importantly our proud veterans and their families. Members of all backgrounds gathered to honor those who have sacrificed everything for the rest of us. To cap off this touching event, Anna Aguilar gifted us with a beautiful rendition of God Bless America. Thank you, Azusa Veterans.

Special thanks from the host, Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee to Azusa High School, Gladstone High School, Christbridge Academy, Paramount Elementary, Fadi's Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rocha and the City of Azusa.

## City of Duarte Renames Business Center Drive to Fasana Road

**DUARTE** - Former Duarte Councilmember and Mayor John Fasana has been immortalized as a pillar of the Duarte community as new street signs bearing his name were unveiled on Tuesday, November 9. Business Center Drive was transformed to Fasana Road as current and former City Council colleagues gathered alongside residents and dignitaries to celebrate Fasana's 33 years of service. Fasana did not file for re-election in 2020.

"John has dedicated his life to making Duarte economically stronger, forward thinking, and a place where you want to raise a family," said Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay. "He had a unique ability to coalesce the Council around our shared values and goals - truly a model of public service. Now we get to celebrate his work every day while driving the streets of our wonderful city."

After moving to Duarte with his wife Kris in 1985, Fasana was first elected to the Duarte City Council in November 1987 and was re-elected in subsequent elections. Since Duarte adopted council districts in 2018, Fasana has represented District 2. Serving as Mayor first in 1990 and five other times during his tenure, Fasana worked to promote transportation, community services, and environmental protection issues in Duarte.

Fasana represented the San Gabriel Valley on the Los Angeles County Metro Board from Metro's inception in 1993



John Fasana stands by a new street sign bearing his name.

to 2020 and served as the Metro Board Chair in 2001-2002 and 2016-2017. During his tenure on the Metro Board, Fasana worked with colleagues in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to obtain several billion dollars for critically needed multimodal congestion relief projects, including creation of Metro Express Lanes. Fasana's policy direction led to the establishment of the Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Board that built the Gold Line light-rail station in Duarte and extension to Azusa that began serving customers in March 2016. He also secured funds to build soundwalls that help mitigate noise for Duarte residents and students adjacent to Interstate 210.

Notably, Fasana advocated for youth programs, serving on the Duarte Education Foundation and local YMCA boards. Over the years, he and his colleagues worked together to open the Duarte Teen Center, build new parks, and develop a new middle school and performing arts center.



Three Volley Salute were conducted by the Azusa Valley Memorial team

## Kindergarteners Honoring Our Veterans



By George Ogden  
**WEST COVINA** - Kindergarteners from teacher Sherry Goin class at Merced Elementary School in West Covina,

drew pictures for our veterans for Veterans Day. Their teacher brought these to the West Covina VFW post. The veterans and guests that came into the VFW

Post saw these and thought it was great. The Marine Corp League who also meets at this facility greatly appreciated the thanks that the kids did with the pictures.

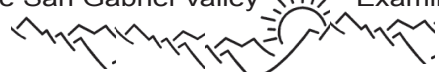
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## Veterans Day Observance in Monrovia

By Joan Schmidt

**MONROVIA** - Monrovia Library Park was the site for the Monrovia/Arcadia Tribute to Veterans. The event began with a warm welcome by Scott Sinclair, President of the Allied Veterans Council. After Colors were posted by Arcadia/Monrovia VFW Post# 2070, MHS Band played the National Anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Sinclair. Craig Switzer, Chaplin, VFW #2070 did the Invocation.

Scott Sinclair noted the VIP attendees: Congresswoman Judy Chu; Kristi Lopez for Senator Anthony Portantino; Hector Rodriguez for Assemblyman Chris Holden; Monrovia Mayor Tom Adams, and Council Members, Becky Shevlin, and Larry Spicer, City Treasurer/Historian Steve Baker and MPD Chief Alan Sanvictores; Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem Paul Chang and City Clerk Gene Glasco. Also attending were Chuck Keen, American Legion Post 44, and Citrus College Superintendent/President Dr. Greg Schultz and Board of Trustees Vice President, Mary Ann Lutz.

Congresswoman Judy Chu explained how her father was a Veteran, and how important we honor veterans for all their sacrifices. She worked for seven years and there is finally a medical clinic in the San Gabriel Valley (Arcadia) for Veterans. (A few years ago, Chu learned a Korean Veteran did not get his medals. She was able to, put them in a glass display, and presented them to him. He and his family were so thrilled.) Chu presented a Proclamation to the Allied Veterans Council for their outstanding tribute to Veterans.



Guest Speaker Lt. Col. Anthony Bangloy and Scott Sinclair, President, Allied Veterans Council.

Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem Paul Chang blew us all away. He said he was not worthy to be up there presenting. He had much praise for Arcadia City Clerk, Gene Glasco, whom he called, "The Sixth Arcadia Council Member". Gene is so knowledgeable and helps everyone. Gene is one of the main reasons there is an outstanding Viet Nam Veteran Monument at Library Park. Mayor Chang is an immigrant and very proud and grateful to be here in America.

The awesome Guest Speaker was Lt. Col. Anthony Bangloy, Commanding Officer, 160th Infantry Regiment. He traced his illustrious career and also reminded us of our great country's history. It's not surprising his wife in a Chief Warrant Officer and his son also is

military. The Program included the "Veterans Salute" to all service branches by MHS Band, recognition of all service members, recognition of Blue Star Families, and the Placing of the Wreath by Lt. Col Charles Wiest, Civil Air Patrol, VP, Allied Veterans Council and Robert Edmonds, Commander Western Zone, Royal Canadian Region. The Band had also performed "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America". Janine Coyne read the Gettysburg Address, Benediction by Chaplain Michael Johnson, Post# 2070, Taps by MHS Band, and a Moment of Silence. The Program ended with the Retiring of Colors by the Color Guard for VFW POST # 2070. It was a wonderful tribute to Veterans!

## Industrial Fire in Baldwin Park Guts 6 Businesses

By George Ogden

**BALDWIN PARK** - Just after 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov 9th, 9-1-1 operators received calls of a large industrial fire in Baldwin Park near the 10 freeway.

L.A. County Firefighter responded to a warehouse in the 13000 block of Dalewood Street. The structure was a multiple business facility which housed 12 businesses. The primary business that was on fire was an automotive parts business.

This became a 3-alarm fire and the CHP closed down the off-ramp and the on-ramp to the 10 freeway at Baldwin Park Blvd.

The fire was near the corner of Dalewood and Baldwin Park Blvd. The CHP blocked off all the streets surrounding the fire area. This prompted authorities to issue a SigAlert for a portion of the 10 Freeway and the area around the fire.



Fire burns out businesses in Baldwin Park. (Photo L.A.Co.FD)

The fire was knocked down around 11 p.m. but fire crews remained on scene for the remainder of the night. Cause of the fire is under investigation. No injuries were reported.

A total of 6 businesses out

of 12 were lost to the fire. We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.

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## First Flu Death in LA County Confirmed

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has received the first report of an influenza-associated death of the 2021-22 influenza season. The death was in a middle-aged resident with multiple underlying medical conditions. The individual tested negative for COVID-19 multiple times over the course of his illness. The person had not yet been vaccinated for seasonal influenza yet this season.

Although most people recover from influenza without complications, this death is a reminder that influenza can be a serious illness. Pneumonia is the most common complication of the flu. Flu can also aggravate underlying health conditions like heart disease or asthma. Annually, thousands of people nationwide are hospitalized or die from influenza-associated illness.

Last winter, circulation of influenza and other respiratory viruses was likely suppressed by measures implemented to slow the spread of COVID-19. Although influenza seasons are dif-

icult to predict even in normal years, we are preparing for influenza viruses to spread in Los Angeles County this fall and winter. Indicators of influenza activity in Los Angeles County are currently low but have been rising in recent weeks.

While the flu vaccine can vary in effectiveness from year to year, it still provides the best protection against influenza and its complications. With flu activity low but rising in Los Angeles County, now is an excellent time to get vaccinated. Public Health and the CDC recommend flu vaccination for everyone greater than 6 months old. This recommendation includes children and pregnant women. Healthy people who feel they don't need to be vaccinated should still get the vaccine to protect others in their community, especially the elderly, the young and those with weakened immune systems. Influenza vaccination is also a great way to help protect our hospital capacity in the event of a winter COVID-19 surge. The flu vaccine can be administered at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine.

Groups of people that are at high risk for flu complications include children younger than 5 years, adults 65 years and older, and pregnant women. Medical conditions such as asthma, chronic lung or heart disease, diabetes and being overweight (having a body-mass index >40) can also increase your risk for flu complications. Influenza symptoms are similar to COVID symptoms. High risk persons who test negative for COVID should get an influenza test.

People at higher risk for complications from the flu should seek medical care as soon as they begin to feel ill, whether or not they have been vaccinated. Antiviral medication like oseltamivir (available generically or under the tradename Tamiflu®) and zanamivir (available under the tradename Relenza®) can shorten the duration of the flu and can reduce the risk of complications or death. These medications work best when taken within 48 hours of becoming sick but can still be beneficial if used later in the course of illness.

## Duarte City Council Filling District 6 Vacancy by Appointment

**DUARTE** - On Tuesday, November 9, the Duarte City Council opted to fill the District 6 vacancy by appointment, upon the passing of Councilmember Bryan Urias.

According to California Government Code, the Council has until December 23 to fill the District 6 vacancy by either appointment or by calling a special election. The Duarte City Council considered fiscal impacts when considering these options.

A special election would cost over \$10,000, require a General Fund budget amendment, and would have to be consolidated with the Statewide Direct Primary Election in June 2022.

Any qualified District 6 resident may partake in the appointment process, with the ap-

plication period running November 10 through November 30. Interested candidates must submit an application and resume to the City Clerk. Candidates will be interviewed by the City Council at either a special City Council meeting on December 7 or at the Regular City Council meeting on December 14.

The selected candidate will be appointed at a Council meeting in December 2021 and will hold office until December 13, 2022, which is the expiration of Mayor Urias' term.

The appointed person will need to run for office in November 2022 if they desire a second term.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 357-7931.

## Los Angeles County To Offer Rent Relief Grants For Qualifying Small Businesses

*Up to \$40,000 Available for Businesses in Communities Most in Need of Immediate and Long-Term Pandemic and Economic Relief*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – In an effort to assist Qualifying Small Business Tenants (QSBT) that have fallen behind on rent, Los Angeles County will launch the Small Business Rent Relief Grant Project on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. The Project, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act and authorized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, will be administered by the County in partnership with the National Development Council.

The Small Business Rent Relief Grant Project will provide up to \$40,000 to help businesses cover rent that became past due as of March 4, 2020. To be eligible, a QSBT must meet the following criteria:

- Have a brick and mortar business located in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County;
- Have an annual average number of nine or fewer full-time equivalent employees;
- Have annual total gross revenues of no more than \$1 million; and
- Be able to demonstrate a gross revenue loss of at least 25% over a 12-month timeframe

falling at least in part within the period of Los Angeles County's COVID-19 Emergency Order that went into effect March 4, 2020.

Only one application per QSBT will be considered.

"The County has a moral obligation to pursue partnership to bring much needed funding to small businesses and help our region recover from both an unprecedented pandemic and the ensuing severe inequities in the region," shared Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District. "Our economic healing depends on the wellbeing of this sector and their employees. To that end, I urge our small business community to take advantage of this project - this relief will help guide our local small businesses to recovery and set them on the path to long term prosperity."

"Providing tangible economic support to small businesses during times of need is critical," stated Supervisor Kathryn Barger, who represents the County's Fifth District. "The County's new rent relief grant project is another important step forward that

will help business owners in our unincorporated areas recover and thrive again."

The County is working to ensure equitable distribution of resources, focusing on communities most in need of immediate and long-term pandemic and economic relief interventions based on relative risk using indicators that assess risk factors for COVID-19 infection, vulnerability to severe outcomes if infected, and ability to recover from the health, economic, and social impacts of the pandemic. Small Business Rent Relief Grant Project applications will be sorted by tier per equity lens and a lottery will be held for each tier to determine ranking order.

Applications will be accepted starting Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., and remain available through Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. To apply or obtain additional information, please visit <https://ndconline.org/small-business-lending/california/lacsbrrr/> or call (626) 210-4500. Questions regarding the Small Business Rent Relief Grant Project can be sent to [LACountySBRR@ndconline.org](mailto:LACountySBRR@ndconline.org).

## Public Health Details Improvements in Hospitalizations & Positivity Rate in Year over Year Snapshot

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) provides a year over year snapshot as the County heads into the winter. Looking back a year ago, much has changed, while at the same time, some things remain the same.

Last year in November, the County reported daily deaths in the low 20's. Today, November 12, Public Health confirms 25 new deaths and 1,344 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 25 new deaths reported, 11 people who passed away were over the age of 80, eight people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, four people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and two people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49.

A year ago, about 7,200 people had lost their lives to the virus - today, that number has tragically increased by nearly 20,000. To date, Public Health has identified a total of 26,838 deaths and 1,509,073 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County.

There are 633 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 27% of these people are in the ICU. Last year at this time, there were over 900 patients each day receiving care for COVID-19 infections at hospitals.

Testing results are available

for more than 9,222,000 individuals, with 15% of people testing positive. Today's test positivity rate is 1.0%, a dramatic decrease from last November 11 test positivity of 5.6%. While overall, it is clear the County is in better shape this November than we were last fall, the similar numbers for deaths is a reminder of the destructive power of this virus, and the relatively high numbers of cases and hospitalizations, a reflection of the dominance of the more infectious Delta variant.

Public Health continues to track both staff and student cases at schools. Last week, there were 500 student cases and more than 2,600 student close contacts at schools. Among staff, we saw about 101 cases and 173 close contacts. These case numbers represent a 53% decline in student cases and a 48% decline in staff cases from the prior week. This amounts to a test positivity of 0.2% among students and staff being tested, with 0.2% identified as close contacts.

There were two outbreaks the week ending November 6: one in an elementary school and one in a youth sports program. With more than 3,000 TK-12 schools in L.A. County, this is a remarkably low number of outbreaks. Although we expect to continue to see outbreaks, we also expect

that as confidence in vaccination safety for children increases - and with it, rising vaccination levels in school-aged children, we will eventually blunt outbreaks substantially.

Out of nearly 10.3 million L.A. County residents, including those who are not eligible for the vaccine, 70% have received at least one dose, and 63% are fully vaccinated. As of November 9, nearly 25,500 children aged 5 to 11 years old, nearly 3% of eligible residents in this age group, received their first doses of vaccines. More than 865,000 additional or booster doses have been administered in L.A. County.

Public Health encourages everyone to prepare for the winter. There are strategies everyone can use to reduce transmission as the weather cools. Please help everyone 5 years and up in your family and your social circle get vaccinated - and, if it is your time, please make sure you and others you know who were vaccinated a while back return for a booster dose. Many adults 18 and over are now eligible for booster doses, and here in California and the County, boosters are available for all adults 6 months out from receiving their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or 2 months out from receiving Johnson & Johnson. Getting boosted before the holidays is important, particularly if gathering with others or traveling.

Get tested before gathering with people who are at high risk for bad outcomes of a COVID infection, such as elderly people, immunocompromised people, or people who have not yet been vaccinated. And given how significant transmission is across the county, when gathering in crowded places, especially indoors, be extra sure to wear a mask when you aren't eating or drinking.

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# Ethnicity Takes Back Seat To Politics

In 2017, Glendora received a letter from a Malibu attorney, Kevin Shenkman, who said they needed to start electing their council by districts because "voting within Glendora is racially polarized, resulting in minority vote dilution" making Glendora elections a violation of California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).



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

51,444 people has the following demographics as of the 2020 census:

- 30,201 Hispanic population and a 17,704 voting-age population.
- 10,075 White population and a 9,170 voting-age population.
- 1,977 Black population and a 1,488 voting-age population.
- 7,997 Asian population and a 4,617 voting-age population.
- 836 other populations totaling 1.63% of the Covina population.

Covina Council is currently three Hispanics, one of which is female, one black and one white, both males. Any math person, looking at this population from the last census, would say this Covina Council is balanced representing almost every ethnic group in the community, both genders and with a wide range of experiences and occupations providing the best representation any council could have in today's economics and critical needs services. Those members include:

- Small business owner who understands the impacts health regulations have had on small businesses, how to help them dig out to provide services and revenue cities now need.
- Career law enforcement officer who understands the impacts of Prop 47 and 57 with early release mandates imposing increased criminal activity and homelessness on local govern-

ment and with know-how to mediate.

- A person water specialist who knows the crisis we are in, legislation that is fixing and not fixing water issues impacting our lifestyles in the San Gabriel Valley and works across political lines to find solutions.
- Long-term experienced person in utilities, water and agricultural management issues that need coordination and conservative management to continue cost-effective services.
- Realtor who is personally impacted and concerned with housing availability and costs. And, leaving the area to find an affordable home.

The diversity, both ethnic and occupational, of Covina Council begs questions of attorney Scott Rafferty. Who is his client and what will be accomplished by breaking up this city into sectors allowing 1/5 of the population to vote for one person only, when five members will make decisions for all of Covina, and 4/5 of the people that didn't vote for that one Council candidate? And, of course, how much is Rafferty being paid to represent this effort in Covina?

Rafferty's office is in Walnut Creek, a city east of Oakland, with information on LinkedIn and names acus.gov as his website, no fax line, and seems to have the same situation as attorney Shenkman. Walnut Creek is a 5-member city council with no apparent ethnic representation and still holding elections at-large ... no district voting there.

This isn't about ethnicity in Covina or any other city. Any person no matter ethnicity, sex, experience or inexperience is free to pull papers and run for office in this country. The diversity issue these attorneys bring forward is all about politics and the money that goes with it. There is nothing to sue about in Covina, just the politics and one individual or political party out to control elections and appointments.

power to call for a 'convention of states' to propose amendments to the Constitution. What is needed to call for an "Article V" convention, is for two-thirds of the states to agree that a convention is necessary. Once convened, the states can create Amendments that would effectively reign in the federal government. Amendments recommended by this convention would still take a three fourths 'yes' vote by the states to ratify.

Several states have signed up for calling an Article V Convention. However, only the "red" states seem to be concerned about the destruction of our rights through Federal Government bureaucratic mandates and the laws they created.

There is one gigantic obstacle blocking the path to returning our government to the hands of "We the People". That obstacle is the 'woke' Marxist, globalist oligarchs that now control government, corporate board rooms, MSM, social media and education.

Joe Biden recently stated; 'your freedom to choose to be vaccinated or not must be sacrificed at the altar of the public good.' He also said; 'public servants - last year's heroes - must be vaccinated, or be fired.'

Joe Biden is not 'king'. Nor is Nancy Pelosi Queen. Both are elected public servants behold to "We the people".

Today's Americans have let our forbearers - those brave people who created, fought and died for our freedoms - we have let them down!

Vote the tyrants out in 2022 and 2024 - if this nation survives that long!

Article V gives the states the

# It's Time for Washington to Change its Syria Policy

For too long, the U.S. has continued headline policies toward Syria that have proven unsuccessful and counterproductive. The ten-year war in Syria has killed over 350,000 people, forced over thirteen million to flee their homes, and devastated the country's institutions and infrastructure. With the U.S.-led conflict in Afghanistan coming to an end, President Biden should seize this moment to also reconsider the U.S. approach to Syria.

Most immediately, the Biden administration needs to recognize the new reality that Syrians are facing. A decade of conflict has brought unimaginable suffering. An estimated 13.4 million people out of a Syrian population of under twenty million now require humanitarian assistance, according to Martin Griffiths, the United Nations humanitarian affairs chief. Griffiths concluded after his visit there in late-August that "the lived reality is even more dire than figures can describe." Among those struggling daily to survive, he encountered many women-led households without income and children in need of "help to learn, to receive health care, and for fuel to survive the upcoming winter."

The spread of Covid-19 has further compounded these societal challenges. The war ravaged the national health system, leaving Syrians ill-prepared for the pandemic. A new, more severe wave of Covid cases hit the country's northern region last month and hospitals have been unable to cope with oxygen and ventilator shortages. Vaccine distribution in Syria has been slow and uneven, with only 1.1 million vaccine doses administered as of October 31, according to the World Health Organization.

Instead of recognizing these realities, Biden has so far continued to rely on a combination of diplomatic inaction and the use of sanctions pursued by both Obama and Trump. On top of that, U.S. airstrikes in February against Iran-backed militias in Syria, which President Biden or-



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dered without congressional approval, have further thwarted meaningful diplomacy. Engaging in robust diplomacy must always be a policy option, and should not be equated with rewarding Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's authoritarian rule. Rather, it is an acknowledgment that the status quo approach of diplomatically isolating Assad and refusing to negotiate with the Syrian government unless he steps down has not led to strategic success. Assad's brutal grip on power remains and has been buttressed by Russian and Iranian support during the war.

Furthermore, the U.S. obsession with sanctions has only worsened Syria's humanitarian crisis. The U.S. first began sanctions in 1979 and has imposed successive rounds in the mid-2000s and in 2011 after the outbreak of war. The last round curtailed most remaining trade between the two countries and further sanctioned individuals in the Syrian government as well as prominent businessmen. Congress later expanded these sanctions in 2019 to prohibit third-country individuals and companies from engaging in specific types of business with the Syrian government and also individually sanctioned persons and companies in Syria. Collectively, all of these sanctions have failed to change the government's behavior but have crippled the country's already war-battered economy. The costs are ultimately borne by the Syrian people who must contend with impaired im-

ports and exports and a lack of much-needed reconstruction investment.

On its current course, Syria is in danger of becoming a failed state, which would serve no benefit to U.S. strategic interests in the Middle East or to the Syrian people themselves. A destabilized Syria all but guarantees more refugees, which have already overwhelmed neighboring countries. It may also turn the country into a breeding ground for terrorism and proxy wars as Russia, Iran, Turkey, and militant groups continue to jockey for influence, with the potential to broaden conflicts.

The time has come for the U.S. to change course by elevating a diplomatic track and brokering a political settlement to truly end the Syrian war. Biden should commit to a phased approach to negotiations with Syria instead of all-or-nothing. This could include a mix of incentives for cooperation on short- and long-term targets. For instance, brokering a halt to government attacks on civilian infrastructure would allow humanitarian aid to access all Syrians unimpeded. A verifiable commitment to political reforms could also be coupled with renewed diplomatic engagement, increased reconstruction aid, and lifting sanctions. In a January 2021 framework paper, the Carter Center recommended such an approach after consultations with Syrians from all political leanings as well as the international community.

The long-standing U.S. policy of isolating Assad and imposing sanctions has not ended hostilities, overthrown Assad, or provided Syrians with a better life. The status quo only threatens to destabilize an already unstable country. Charting a new course would best serve U.S. interests and the Syrian people.

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# Is The Constitution Still Relevant Today?

*Article VI says: The Constitution is the "Supreme Law Of The Land".*

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

The concept of an omnipotent tyrannical government that controls every aspect of our daily lives was abhorrent to the founders of this nation and should be abhorrent to us. Today, we find ourselves dominated by a tyrannical dictatorial government, in Washington D. C. and at state and local levels. If we allow these elitists dictators to continue to rule our lives unabated, our freedoms will be lost.

In his Gettysburg Address President Abraham Lincoln made a monumental statement about the purpose of our government with these famous words: "... A Government of the People; for the people and by the people, shall not parish from this earth." We Americans, are letting this noble idea 'parish from the earth'.

The people who created this Nation did so based on two basic principles. 1) We the people are the sovereign rulers of this nation. 2) Our Constitution gives the federal government only those powers granted to it in the Constitution. If the Constitution does not grant a power to the government, then the government does not have that power; period!

The Constitution and Federal government were created by a coalition of the individual states solely for the purpose of defending the country - therefore the nation's citizens and to provide unity of laws and money.

Back to the premise of this article, is the Constitution still relevant?

It is, we only need follow it! The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution says:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

This Amendment was put into the bill of rights solely for the purpose of preventing the tyrannical federal government we are have become the subjects of today.

The COVID - 19 pandemic has clearly demonstrated the dictatorial, tyrannical government that we the people have allowed to flourish.

Nowhere in the Constitution does it give the President the power to mandate that all citizens must wear a mask or take an experimental drug.

Article IV states, the government 'shall defend this country from invasion'. Invasion like we see at our Southern Border. Is Biden defending this Country or destroying it?

We the people and the states are not powerless in the fight to combat this tyrannical Marxist takeover of our National Government. A near term remedy is through the court system.

The Federal Courts are our first line of defense. Many states are currently suing the Biden administration over the COVID - 19 mandates, - mandates like 'get the vaccine or lose your livelihood - the open southern border, and other destructive policies. Notice I said mandates not laws, only congress can make federal laws.

If appealing to the courts fails to control these dictators there is one option remaining. That option is to exercise Article V of the Constitution.

Article V gives the states the

# Son of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Not Going to Jail for Attempted Murder. Guess that Makes Him Special.

This guy is not going to jail. Why? Because he is the son of basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Adam Abdul-Jabbar, 29, was sentenced to six months of house arrest for stabbing a Southern California neighbor with a hunting knife during an argument over trash cans.

Adam Abdul-Jabbar was sentenced this past week after pleading guilty to three counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of carrying a dirk or dagger, with sentencing enhancements for inflicting great bodily injury, according to Orange County district attorney's office.

Abdul-Jabbar, with a plea deal with the judge will get home confinement instead of incarceration. The DA's office nearly did a backflip and protested to this little slap on the wrist for the attempted murder of a senior citizen who is his neighbor.

The DA wanted a seven-year jail sentence flat out. Abdul-Jabbar and his San Clemente neighbor have a common driveway that they share. Abdul-Jabbar, who is 6'7" and 200 lbs., went after the 60-year-old neighbor, chased him down a stabbed him several times with a hunting knife on June 9, 2020.

The senior confronted him about failing to take in trash cans. The innocent victim, Raymond Windsor, 60, who is white, was stabbed in the back of the head, back, neck, arms and side. One of the stab wound to the head was so hard, it fractured the skull and he nearly died of blood loss. He



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

collapsed outside of the emergency room, and lifesaving procedures had to be done to save his life.

"This is an absolute miscarriage of justice." Anyone else who would have done this would have gone to jail. Some feel that this was also racially motivated

attack. The innocent victim spent months trying to recover from the injuries and is scared for life and is still recovering.

Windsor, now 61, is afraid to be at home alone and the family fears for his safety.

So this is how it works. So let's see if I got this right. You try and kill an old man with a huge hunting knife, critically injuring the victim, go to court and plead guilty with plea deal of 6 months of home confinement to be able to watch TV, play video games, have friends over to party with and so on.

So I guess it is who you know, who you are and who you are related to.

*"That's Just the Way It Is!"*

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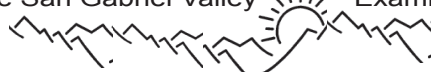
## 22nd Annual Winter Wonderland

December 11, 2021 • 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Heritage Park, 5001 Via de Mansion

### VENDORS NEEDED!

If you would like to be a vendor for this year's Winter Wonderland, please contact the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700 or email [jcervantes@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:jcervantes@cityoflaverne.org) for more details.

For additional information contact the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700, Monday - Thursday 8AM - 6PM





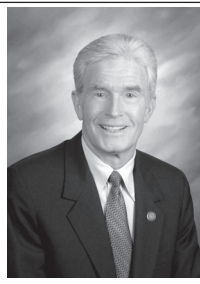
# Build Back Socialism

Equities rallied to fresh record highs last Friday following a stronger than expected jobs report that showed 531,000 jobs added in October as well as a revised gain of 312,000 in September. All three major market indexes closed at new all-time highs. With this kind of trading, you might assume economic growth is off and running. But wait, the Atlanta Fed just cut its third-quarter GDP estimate to a snail's pace 0.2% annual growth rate, meaning that the U.S. economy could be teetering on the edge of the next recession. Officially, the initial third-quarter GDP estimate came in at 2.0%, but that will be revised twice - at the end of November and December - so we will likely see a downward revision in what not so long ago was expected to be 6% 3rd quarter growth.

Patience was the primary message last week from several central banks, especially the Fed. The Fed announced the taper, effective next week, but chair Powell spent most of the press conference discussing inflation and the timing of rate hikes. The Fed's communication has been excellent, and the bulk of what was communicated last week is that there is no reason to hurry to hike rates (ignoring ongoing record inflation).

Last week the house finally passed the infrastructure bill, opening the door for a leftist push for a vote on their bigger Build Back Better bill. Speaker Pelosi wanted a vote on this extravagant socialism bill as well, but could not get the votes to do so. Less liberal Democrats insisted they would not vote on that bill until the CBO scores the bill so they can understand the cost. Over the weekend some of those less radical Democrats expressed confidence the CBO will confirm White House cost and revenue estimates, but they want

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



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to be sure.

Economists estimate the infrastructure bill will boost economic growth by a few tenths in the first year or two, with a modest additional boost over 10 years. A fifth of the spending is slated for highways. More goes toward bridges, tunnels, subways, railroads, airports, and power facilities. However, that bill also includes funding for a nationwide system of highway EV charging stations, money for high-voltage transmission lines, and other parts of the electricity grid. Analysts quoted in the WSJ said the numbers are big (compared to what is being done currently) and will have a significant impact on the economics of the electric vehicle industry.

After another ridiculous Biden pick the WSJ predicts a tough confirmation battle for Comptroller of the Currency nominee Saule Omarova. She has advocated shrinking the biggest US banks and shifting some of their commercial banking activity to the Federal Reserve. Omarova has written glowingly of the Soviet economic system and is no fan of capitalism. For her part, she says critics have misunderstood her writing. She adds that she is a big fan of community banks, calling them essential to the economy. According to Bloomberg News Omarova also claims some of her views have changed since her undergraduate years, which is when she praised

the Soviet system. She was an exchange student in the US planning to return to the USSR when the Berlin Wall fell and, as she puts it, there was nothing to return to. Since then, she has lived half her life in the US and has come to love it. Some Senators remain very skeptical.

Last Monday (the 8th) Bloomberg News praised Joe Manchin for forcing a proper accounting of the BBB bill. They acknowledged that his obstructionism is preventing the pass-it-so-you-know-what's-in-it legislative process. And yet the White House and its economic team has done precious little to explain what is in the massive socialism and welfare spending bill.

The Fed's Beige Book survey was released last week. It said that businesses were burdened with "significantly elevated prices" due to higher raw material and shipping costs. The Beige Book survey also said that businesses continue struggling to find qualified workers, which is also contributing to higher service and labor costs. The comments in the Beige Book survey clearly cited many of the Fed's frustrations with the labor market and rising inflationary pressures. And, we all should see the next labor market crisis unfolding as Biden and OSHA push their vaccine mandates. Hopefully the courts will save America from the economic and safety disaster which would be felt throughout the USA if all proposed mandates can be executed. Most Americans do not want Biden's vaccination mandate! Especially not for the military, police, firemen or for private businesses!

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*Due to the problems with the supply chain, inflation, and rising prices, how's a person supposed to afford the holidays?*

It's very important to plan further ahead. Review your budget and stick to it! For Thanksgiving, consider having guests bring side dishes so the financial burden is not yours alone. For Christmas, consider an agreement that sets a price limit on gifts exchanged with family, or that only the children will receive gifts. With a firm Christmas budget, take advantage of Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales. No matter how stressed, make an extra effort to be kind.

*What are the qualifications to get a home through the Habitat for Humanity program?*

The Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity covers a 16-city service area. They said they "look at three distinct areas of selection criteria when reviewing potential 'Partners': 1. The family's housing need and suitability of current shelter, 2. Current income, and the ability to pay a 0-percent interest loan, and 3. Willingness to participate as a 'Partner' and complete the required sweat-equity hours by helping to build your home." For more information, call (909) 596-7098.

*We plan to retire in 7 or 8 years, but are worried that we won't be able to afford the payments on our mortgage that still has 12 years left. What could we do?*

You have several choices. 1. Pay off your mortgage early. Go to Bankrate.com and use their mortgage amortization calcula-



**Julia Yoder**

tor. Put in the mortgage balance, rate, and number of years. This will allow you to see the amount you could pay each month in order to pay off your loan in 8 years rather than 12 years. 2. Refinance now, while still employed, into a 30-year mortgage to lower your payments to an affordable amount. You can still pay it off in a shorter time, but this gives you a lower payment, if needed. 3. Upon retirement, rent your home out, or sell it and obtain less-expensive housing. 4. In retirement, if you find yourself cash poor (not enough money to pay the essential bills) and you have a high amount of equity in your home, you might qualify for a reverse mortgage (HECM - Home Equity Conversion Mortgage), allowing you to stay in your home without mortgage payments. Use a loan professional who specializes in Reverse Mortgages.

*My parents are strongly encouraging me to start saving for retirement. I don't have much money for that but would like to start. What do you have for me?*

Start investing in your own Roth IRA for around \$100 per

month. Then, as your income increases, you can put in more. Or apply for a life insurance policy that includes a cash-accruing account, available for you to use for anything you want (downpayment on a house, retirement, etc.) while you're alive. You might even ask your parents to match your retirement savings, up to a set limit for the first year, to help you start building a good savings habit.

*How can I be certain that the income from my annuity will last my whole lifetime?*

Insurance companies use mortality tables to determine how long you are expected to live. What happens if you annuitize your annuity (start taking regular withdrawals), and you live longer than the insurance mortality tables said you would? Depending on your annuity contract, and providing you selected the right payout option, the insurance company is obligated to continue paying no matter how long you live. You read that right. Even if your annuity is penniless, you could continue to receive income for the rest of your life.

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## Congratulations to "A Special Event", the Irwindale Chamber's November Business of the Month

**IRWINDALE** - Judy and Dave Bradt started A Special Event in January 1992 as a balloon decorating business. Keeping their eyes on the ever-changing trends in the event industry, they quickly added fresh flowers, fabric draping, lighting, props, linens along with tables/chairs/tents and wedding/event coordination services.

Judy and Dave are international award winning designers winning numerous awards at industry conventions as well as being featured in many trade publications. They have had the honor and privilege of teaching in Australia, Mexico, Brazil and across the United States. Last year they were voted by the Whittier business community as the "Best of the Best" in the "Event Planning" category.

A Special Event has been with the Chamber for the past two years. They have worked closely with the Chamber and their

events, providing decorations for the 2021 Installation and, more recently, the 40th Annual Golf Tournament.

## Thanks For Being Our Customer!

We always find time to be thankful for our wonderful customers! We wish each and every one of you a safe, enjoyable Thanksgiving!

**Make It A Happy Thanksgiving!**

Whether you are going on an extended road trip, driving to the airport or just plan to get groceries or do some Black Friday shopping, it will probably involve your car! Here are what the roadside assistant companies suggest you have checked out before the holiday to make sure your vehicle

is safe and your Thanksgiving less stressful!

- **Tires:** Make sure your tires are properly inflated. If they have bad tread wear and need to be replaced, it is better to do it before you are in a breakdown situation.

- **Wiper Blades:** Many an accident could be avoided if drivers could see where they are going! Make sure your wiper blades are up to the challenge!

- **Battery:** A dead battery can be avoided! A simple test will make sure it is up to par.

The best thing you can do before

any road trip is to make an appointment with us and let us do a vehicle inspection. It will give you peace of mind! Don't let your car be a "road side assistance" Thanksgiving statistic this year! We sure don't want our customers sitting on the side of the road!

Certified Auto Specialists: the friendlier and more helpful auto shop! Feel free to call 626-963-0814 with any questions and we will be glad to help, or visit our website at [CertifiedAutoCa.com](http://CertifiedAutoCa.com).

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## High Compliance with Vaccine Verification Requirements at Bars, Lounges, and Nightclubs

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) inspectors continue to visit businesses across the county every day to ensure compliance with required safety measures, including masking guidelines and vaccination verification; provide technical assistance; and respond to complaints of non-compliance.

Between October 30 and November 5, 93% of bars, 94% of nightclubs, and 100% of lounge

s inspected were in compliance with customer vaccination verification requirements. Over the same time period, inspectors noted the overall majority of businesses were in compliance with safety requirements. However, only 68% of garment manufacturers, 67% of office sites, 80% of nightclubs, 82% of lounges, and 85% of bars were in compliance with employee masking.

From October 30 through

November 5, a total of six citations were issued to businesses including gyms, schools, and a restaurant for non-compliance with Health Officer Orders. A list of non-compliant businesses that received citations can be found online. Violations of safety requirements and dangerous conditions can be reported anonymously to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).



# Around the Valley & Senior News

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Honoring Veterans

**Museum Memories...** Veterans' Day always lands on November 11th which is coincidentally the birthday of General George S. Patton Jr. It's a National Holiday to honor those who served and defended our country, both active and inactive servicemen who kept us safe in this world from those who do not believe in what we stand for. There are numerous ways to celebrate the holiday but it just seems that its best to celebrate the day at a location where our military is honored in a special way. The General George S. Patton Jr. Museum at Chiriaco Summit just east of Indio is one such location.



**Joe Castillo**

number is not final as there were so many atrocities which occurred during the war. Even though the General Patton Museum includes numerous military artifacts, it also includes displays and information on the casualties of the war itself and unfortunately innocent civilian casualties are always part of any military action and conflict.

World War II brought about one of the worst human initiated events in world history, the Holocaust, a systematic elimination of the Jewish population and its religion. Over 6 million European Jews were killed with another 3 million Polish Jews and 125,000 German Jews also killed. In total, nearly 10 million Jews were quickly removed from their homes, businesses, cities and lives just to satisfy some crazed persons idea of who should live in the world and be a part of it. Another 20 million soldiers died throughout the world with Russia alone losing 10 million soldiers and the United

States nearly 500,000. War always has casualties and it is in the trust and protection we have with our military personnel and veterans that we feel protected so that we are not a casualty like so many were during World War II.

General George S. Patton died after the conclusion of the war while he was presiding over the reconstruction of Germany. He died in Germany and the Army worked with his family in identifying where he was going to be buried. Choosing not to be buried in the United States including his family plot at the San Gabriel Cemetery, Patton chose to be buried at the American Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg alongside the men who served under him. His casket was placed in state for two days in Germany and then taken by train to Luxembourg. The train made numerous stops along the way allowing people to place flowers on the train in respect to his efforts during the war. Patton received a full military burial with a 21-gun salute. All these stories and more can be found at the General George S. Patton Jr Museum at Chiriaco Summit where our veterans are honored in one of the most informational, interactive and educational military museums in the United States...

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## Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed Torres

1. Seems too many Americans do not appreciate the concept of "delayed gratification" - they want everything, and they want it right away... These people see older folks -- who for years served their country, supported their families, plus, planned for retirement -- and simplistically imagine that the perceived wealth of these middle class folks, came easily and/or was gained by taking advantage of the poor... Unwise people like these need to understand that advancing financially, takes time, planning and hard work...

2. Some people reportedly have campaigned against the CARVANA (dispensary auto sales) location at the Pomona Fair grounds - this company apparently buys used cars and resells them. They need strategic locations around the country in which cars that are bought, can be refurbished, washed and stored, until they can be resold... Through-out the country, some people reject the pollution, noise and congestion at such facilities, and especially express concerns where water rates for citizens in certain communities are being increased.

3. Regarding the Infrastructure Bill just approved by the Congressional House of Representatives, a reporter suggested that steps should be taken so that when new roads, freeways and bridges are constructed, the new structures will-not-be-racist... Yes she did... When anyone thinks they have heard everything that is asinine, about applying the racist term to so many things, a new more insane one arises... Maybe if the construction projects in year 2022 and beyond are not carefully monitored, new projects might be completed that taunt, mock and sneer at non-White motorists, as they travel over the asphalt and concrete that vibrate violently, trying to throw

them off?... Seriously?...

4. Fortunately, this mess America is going through seems to be waning, because common sense usually prevails, once the regular folks of all races and ethnicities, rise against the pseudo intellectuals who are messing things up... However, the ones trying to destroy America the Beautiful, will probably fire a few more parting shots... They might still preach -- before possibly being voted out in the next election -- that if you have a white dog, your dog is a shaggy, fluffy racist... If you have a white refrigerator, it's a friggin', freezing racist... And, that if you have white toilet tissue in your house, you can bet that the tissue is equally a dirty, filthy racist...

5. Recently, a professor speaking at a conference at Arizona State University, reportedly lectured that White people who speak, read and write the English language, are using a racist language... So, he suggested, when someone is reading or grading a written report or work assignment, written by a non-white person, the QUALITY-of-the-work turned in, or the grammar used, should not be consid-

ered... What should be important in judging the excellence of the written work, should be, HOW-MUCH-TIME did the individual devote to completing the assignment!... THIS, appears to be another example of why, nowadays, significant numbers of college students and college graduates, who apparently have SPENT-A-LOT-OF-TIME thinking about the topic (but have utilized limited-QUALITY-of-thought), think it makes perfect sense that if folks want crime rates to go down -- in crime-troubled communities -- then police departments must be abolished...

6. By the way, commonsensically, the professor's kind of thinking would suggest, for instance, that if a bricklayer is hired to build a 5 foot long narrow sidewalk, plus, takes 160 hours to complete the job - and, the finished work results in a cracked, crooked and uneven sidewalk, made of poor quality materials, the worker should still be paid top-dollar for the shoddy work, because (wait for it), he spent A LONG TIME completing the shoddiness... Huh?...

*Comments/suggestions: honnod1@yahoo.com*

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

**LAVERNE** - Are you looking for ways to give back this Thanksgiving season? Check out the local Meals on Wheels, an organization that is dedicat-

ed to delivering healthy and homemade meals to homebound residents!

Help deliver meals to resi-

dents on one of five routes around the La Verne and San Dimas area! Volunteers only need to spend about 1 to 1.5 hours a week driving meals to local residents. Bring a friend or family member along with you too!

Contact Susan Carson at (909) 596-1828 for more information!

## Holiday Snow Festival

**ARCADIA** - The free Holiday Snow Festival will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, from 9am to 2pm (rain or shine). Join us for holiday crafts, sled runs, and a snow play area. Food will be avail-

able for purchase. Free parking and shuttle service will be available from Centennial Way entrance at Santa Anita Race-track starting at 7:45am. For more information call (626) 574-5113 or visit the City of Arcadia's website: www.arcadiaca.gov.

## Angeles National Forest Ends Free Use Firewood Permits

**ARCADIA** - The Angeles National Forest will end issuing free use firewood permits on November 11, 2021. All permits for forest products, including firewood, will go back to a charge basis starting November 12, 2021. Only dead and downed wood is available for firewood collection.

If you would like a permit, please contact one of the following offices: Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District Office - 818-899-1900; Acton Work Center - 661-269-2808; and the San Gabriel Mountains Monument Office - 626-335-1251. Or you may contact the following individuals via email to request a permit: Steven Bear, LA Gateway Resource Officer, Steven.Bear@usda.gov; Vilius Zukauskas, LA Gateway Forest-

er, vilius.zukauskas@usda.gov; Angie Stever, LA Gateway Special Uses Permit Administrator, angela.stever@usda.gov; and Errol Zamora-Sanchez, Forest Protection Officer Visitor Services Information Assistant, errol.zamorasanchez@usda.gov.

Permit and maps are available at the Forest Service Ranger District offices by appointment. You are required to have a copy of the permit with you while collecting forest products.



### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: LANGUAGES

#### ACROSS

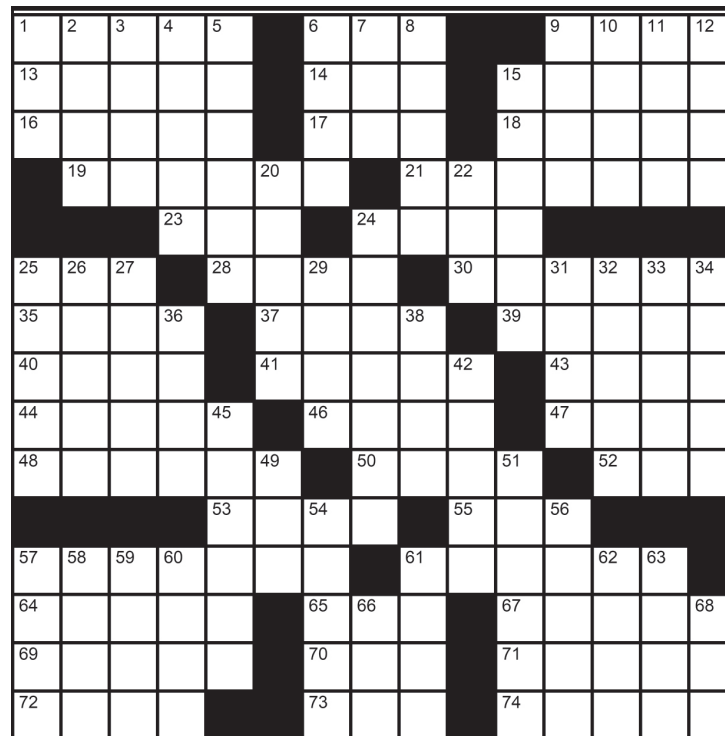
1. Lacking imagination
6. Afflict
9. Bob of boxing world
13. From then on
14. Ornamental pond dweller
15. Not asleep
16. Cuzco valley people
17. Overnight lodging
18. 5th of 7 canonical hours
19. \*Brothers Grimm language
21. \*Language considered to have most words
23. Man's tasseled hat
24. Cross to bear
25. Retriever's word, for short
28. Person, place or thing
30. Like a bow or a racket
35. Pale \_\_\_ beverage, pl.

37. It has multiple limbs
39. Mister in Madrid
40. Spare in a trunk
41. Manuscript changes
43. Romantic occurrence
44. Letter-shaped girder
46. Russian mountain range
47. Curved molding
48. HNO3 acid
50. Egyptian goddess of fertility
52. Rub the wrong way
53. CISC alternative
55. Cry of horror, in comics
57. \*First language spoken in outer space
61. \*Once considered the language of diplomacy
64. Like old cracker

65. What acrimony and acrobat have in common
67. Get ready to drive, on a golf course
69. It's often rewarded with a medal in military
70. Sturgeon yield
71. Backyards separator?
72. "That was close!"
73. "C' \_\_\_ la vie!"
74. "Silas Marner" novelist

#### DOWN

1. Pressure unit
2. A year in a trunk
3. It's sometimes enough
4. Cozy accessory
5. Unquestioning ones
6. Similar
7. H+, e.g.
8. Flax-derived fabric
9. Deserter's acronym
10. Indian princess
11. Luau instrument, pl.
12. Mosquito net, e.g.
15. Teenagers' emotions
20. Nitrogen, in the olden days
22. \*Greek N, pl.
24. Relating to dreams
25. \*"Veni, vidi, vici" language
26. "My wife can vouch for me", e.g.
27. Prince's "Raspberry \_\_\_"
29. \*Pakistani language
31. Make over
32. Eel in a sushi restaurant
33. Annotator
34. \*Hellenic language
36. Popular way to cook tuna
38. \*Greek H, pl.
42. More like a fox
45. Quaggier
49. Langley, VA org.
51. Be full of anger
54. Rabbit trap
56. Land on patellas
57. Invitation acronym
58. One of Four Corners states
59. Price reduction
60. Snail-like
61. Guitar part
62. Ghana monetary unit
63. Designer Boss
66. Trigonometry abbr.
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# Arcadia Remembers Council Member Roger Chandler

ARCADIA - It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that the City of Arcadia announces the passing of Council Member Roger Chandler after a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Chandler is survived by his wife Jane and their two sons.

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend and colleague," said Mayor Sho Tay. "My family and I send our sincerest condolences to Jane and the entire Chandler family. Roger's presence on the City Council will be missed but his legacy of service and his impact on Arcadia will live on for generations."

A lion of the City Council and a pillar of public service, Mr. Chandler lived in Arcadia for over 40 years and served on the City Council for nearly 24 years. As a lifelong servant of the public good, Mr. Chandler began his career at 21, joining the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department where he served with distinction for 24 years. After retiring from the Sheriff's Department, he went on to become the Chief of Police of the Los Angeles City Housing Authority and, in 1994, he created the City of Hawaiian Gardens Police Department.

Mr. Chandler was elected to six terms on the Arcadia City Council, serving four times as



Arcadia Council Member Roger Chandler

Mayor. During his career on the City Council, he consistently demonstrated a commitment to ensuring Arcadia residents receive outstanding public services, and was particularly focused on public safety and water quality issues. Mr. Chandler was well known as a force for his common sense approach to the City's municipal affairs.

Memorial donations may be

made to the City of Hope in his honor.

# How Citrus College Served Students During The Pandemic

By Laura J. Bollinger  
Citrus College Governing Board Member

Creative, collaborative and committed - these are a few words that can be used to describe Citrus College in its efforts to support students in a remote learning environment.

From providing equipment and course materials to offering virtual counseling, drop-in hours and phone assistance, Citrus College has been focused on doing what is needed to keep students on the path to completion.

One of the most successful efforts in the past academic year involved the distribution of Chromebooks or \$250 Best Buy vouchers to eligible students with funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The items were given to eligible students to help them successfully complete their courses from home.

Throughout the year, Citrus College organized Chromebook distribution events where students drove onto campus to safely retrieve their items. In order



Staff from the Citrus College Student Affairs Division distribute Chromebooks to students during a drive-thru event in October 2020. (Photo courtesy Citrus College)

to receive the Chromebooks or vouchers, students had to meet several requirements, including being actively enrolled, meeting unit requirements and having applied for financial aid prior to applying for the grant.

By the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, 359 Chromebooks and 719 Best Buy vouchers were distributed to Citrus College students.

Other groups on campus held similar events. In September 2020, for example, the Citrus College Mathematics and Business Division hosted a drive-up distribution for statistics textbooks and calculators.

The college also provided online resources to students through the Owl Success Hub. The website gave tips on computer-based learning, studying at home, and maintaining health and wellness. It also made it easier for students to make appointments with academic counselors.

The Citrus College Foundation also played a pivotal role in supporting students this past year.

Even as the pandemic shut down the campus in March 2020, the Foundation continued its ongoing support and increased volume to award emergency grants. It also introduced the PASS (Providing Assistance for Student Success) initiative, which was designed to help students who are challenged to reach their academic goals.

The Foundation continued awarding emergency grants during the 2020-2021 academic year as well. The funds were available to students who faced hardships that may have jeopardized their ability to complete their program of study.

As the representative of Claremont and portions of Pomona and La Verne on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am incredibly proud of the staff at Citrus College for finding new and creative ways to support students during these challenging times. No matter what adversity lies in our future, I have confidence that our college will persevere.

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