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El Monte Union Recognizes Lunar New Year, Campuses Host Festivities

EL MONTE – The El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to recognize Lunar New Year across campuses during a Board meeting, an initiative that honors the diversity of the EMUHS District and celebrates the history and traditions of Asian communities around the world.

El Monte Union students, faculty and staff celebrated the 2022 Lunar New Year, known as Year of the Tiger, with special festivities held at El Monte High School and Rosemead High School that were organized by Associated Student Body (ASB) members.

“I admire our fellow students for representing their culture so proudly,” El Monte High School ASB vice president Eliana Ynequez said. “It was also amazing to see so many students come together to support the Asian community by wearing red and yellow.”

At El Monte High School, ASB members encouraged students to wear traditional Lunar New Year attire, known as “qipao/ao dai,” decorated the campus in red and yellow and distributed new year grams. Rosemead High School’s ASB



Rosemead High School’s Chinese Club students display their traditional clothing during the Lunar New Year event.

set up four activity stations on campus – a photobooth, wishing tree, kite-making and goodie bags with a red envelope containing a new year greeting for students to enjoy. Rosemead High students also enjoyed a lion dance performance by alumni and competed in an outfit competition by submitting photos of their traditional attire.

The District also hosted a Lunar New Year drive-thru celebration at the District office, featuring refreshments, gifts, desserts, a lion dance perfor-

mance, and festive decorations such as lights, red lanterns and a money tree.



Students participate in Rosemead High School’s Lunar New Year celebration, writing down their wishes for the new year and hanging them on the wishing tree.

“At El Monte Union our population is extremely diverse, with 20 percent of our students being of Asian descent,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “By recognizing Lunar

New Year, we are providing our students and community with an opportunity to celebrate cultural inclusivity and honor historical customs and traditions.”

GCCC’s February Humanitarian Award



Glendora Community Coordinating Council President, Matt Bartlett with Vineet Kaur and volunteers of Fruitfully Yours.

GLENDORA - Fruitfully Yours, founded in 2017, is a Glendora based, community service organization with a mission of bringing the community together to prevent food waste, fight food insecurity and protect the environment. Their motto “Don’t let it drop donate the crop” is fitting for the work they do harvesting unwanted and unharvested fruit from the San Gabriel Valley including Glendora, La Verne, San Dimas,

Covina and Azusa that would otherwise go to waste and donating this fruit to Shepherd’s Pantry. To date, Fruitfully Yours has rescued and donated about 51,000 pounds of fruit that resulted in approximately 35,140 individuals being impacted. Fruitfully Yours is comprised of a team of more than 50 volunteers consisting of youth from local high schools and the larger community. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very proud to recognize Fruitfully Yours with February’s Humanitarian Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit their website at www.glendoraordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. They would like to thank the Glendora Historical Society for being their meeting sponsor.

Carina Rivera and John Wu Appointed as New San Gabriel Councilmembers



Carina Rivera

SAN GABRIEL - After two rounds of extensive interviews held during special City Council meetings on February 9 and 10, the San Gabriel City Council voted to appoint Carina Rivera and John Wu as its two new councilmembers.

They will fill Council seats vacated by former Councilmember Jason Pu, who resigned in January 2022, and former Mayor Chin Ho Liao, who resigned in February 2022. Rivera and Wu were sworn in at the February 15 City Council meeting and will serve out the remainder of Liao and Pu’s terms through November 2022.

As a single mother and successful business operator, Rivera has a unique perspective of the working class and understands the needs of the underserved and underrepresented members of the community. Her priorities include fostering



John Wu

connections with the working class, veterans, and youth to encourage participation in community events and local government; increasing community engagement; maintaining safety in the community; and increasing mental health awareness, resources, and services.

“I am thrilled to be part of the City Council and cannot wait to leverage my experiences to grow mental health awareness and strengthen community cohesiveness,” said Councilmember Carina Rivera. “I will be a strong advocate for residents and businesses of our beautiful City of San Gabriel, and look forward to working with everyone to introduce change and growth.”

A longtime resident of San Gabriel with a diverse background, Wu is an active member of the community, the real estate industry and the San

Gabriel Chamber of Commerce. He is committed to improving the City’s infrastructure, resident safety, engagement with the business community as well as budget efficiency.

“I am excited to join the San Gabriel City Council and work closely with fellow councilmembers and the City’s dedicated staff to elevate the City’s business profile,” said Councilmember John Wu. “With 21 years of experience in the real estate industry and community services in San Gabriel, I intend to leverage my experience to help attract and retain businesses as well as enhance engagement with the business community during my tenure. Bringing the community and businesses together in a more cohesive way will further improve the quality of life for all parties involved.”

Duarte Kiwanis Member Serves Tijuana Children



DUARTE - Duarte Kiwanis member, Reyna Diaz made a recent trip to Tijuana to bring food and clothes to some of the children there. The children were thrilled with the new shirts. Each Saturday, these children now receive a hot breakfast from the



supplies Reyna has brought. Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time. Reyna and all of the Duarte Kiwanis Club are proud to share in that vision

through action. 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.

6 Tips on Running for Office as a Disabled Person

By Daniel Sherwin

Whether you're happy with the current state of politics or hellbent on change, one thing is clear: People with disabilities are underrepresented in government. That invalidation has far-reaching consequences, no matter what side of the boat you're on. So, what's holding you back? It's time to step up! Follow this ultimate guide to running for office to get started.

Fund the Campaign

Before you announce that you are running for office, create a budget for everything you may need during the campaign, from printed materials to staffing to creating a website. How much money you need depends on the position you're running for, the district's size, and the opposition. For instance, if you're campaigning for city council in an area with a population less than 100,000, you may need at least \$10,000 or \$20,000 to cover all the expenses. In most cases, direct mailings can account for 70 percent of your costs.

Know Your Opponent

Before choosing between running for Congress, the state legislature, or municipal or local office, you'll need to focus on your opponent. More than 90 percent of the politicians are re-elected, so choosing to run against an incumbent makes for an uphill battle. However, don't get discouraged. That is not to say it's impossible to get elected, but you need to carefully assess whether the incumbent is vulnerable before entering a race. Running for an open seat increases your winning chances.

Determine Eligibility and Platform

Are you eligible to run for office? You may assume you are, but not all candidates make sure that they meet all the require-

ments for the office, such as residency and age. Another aspect to consider regarding the candidacy is what you are advocating for. Better healthcare? Helping minorities? For instance, if you're a veteran, you may want to look at the latest polls to know what other veterans need.

Get Started

First-time candidates with little to no political experience are usually confused as to where they should start. There are numerous resources and tools available online to help you run a successful campaign. Most of them generally cover the basics of creating a campaign, strategies for appealing to voters, building a team of volunteers, supporters and employees, and raising funds.

The quality of your team is crucial to your success. Among your staff, you should have a financing director, campaign manager, and graphic designer to help you with building an appealing website. You need to create a website for your platform where you share your message, essential updates, what you advocate for, and so on. To build and refine your site, consider working with a well-versed graphic designer who can make your website attractive to potential voters. Find a graphic designer via an online job board and check their reviews, delivery times, and prices to make sure they fit with what you're trying to do.

Especially important in a political campaign is networking

and engaging with voters and potential volunteers. Create business cards that include your name, office you're running for, and contact information. ZenBusiness recommends using a basic font and avoiding bright colors when designing your business cards.

Seek Help

You may find more resources in your community. If you already belong to a political party, reach out to your local committee to discuss your campaign. The organization should offer you advice, training, and even access to voter demographics, email lists, and historical data. You may also find out how to announce your candidacy, get your name on the ballot, and gather the information that can help support your platform.

Don't Forget About the Importance of Social Media

Social media is a potent organizing tool when used skillfully. Effectively using social media in a political campaign involves more than creating a Facebook page and a Twitter account. You'll have to develop a plan to engage with the voters. This is a time-consuming process, and it's best to delegate it to a social media expert.

The Bottom Line

From the instant you make the decision to run for office, you have to get to work. Start working now on your campaign, and use the tips above to boost your chances of victory.

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Vaccinated Children Provided More Protection from COVID Infection and Hospitalization than Unvaccinated Children

With the winter surge subsiding, Public Health reminds residents that vaccinations and masking remain important effective layers of protection, especially in school settings and crowded spaces.

As of February 10, 34% of 5-11-year-olds and 84% of 12-17-year-olds had received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine and 26% of 5-11-year-olds and 76% 12-17-year-olds were fully vaccinated.

Unvaccinated children ages 5-11, were 2.5 times more likely to be infected when compared to those who were fully vaccinated. For those ages 12-17, vaccinated teens were almost 3 times less likely to be infected when compared to those who were unvaccinated.

Similarly, hospitalizations were also higher for unvaccinated children in both youth age

groups 5-11 and 12-17. Unvaccinated children 5-11 were at three times higher risk of hospitalization when compared to fully vaccinated children. And unvaccinated teens 12-17 were four times more likely to be hospitalized than fully vaccinated teens.

Between February 7 and 11, nearly 477,000 tests were administered at TK-12 schools across the county; test positivity declined by 90% since the beginning of January to 1.5%. This remarkable decline likely reflects lower rates of community transmission as well as the impact of mitigation strategies that schools are using to reduce transmission.

When looking at the number of COVID-19 cases among students and staff in K-12 schools by grade level, the largest number of cases have been among elementary school students, followed by high school and then middle school students. The week of January 10-16, there were over 21,000 cases reported among elementary school students, over 11,000 reported among high school students, and

9,200 among middle school students. By the week of February 7-13, cases had dropped to 1,650 for elementary school students, 810 for high school students, and 648 for middle school students.

The number of school outbreaks currently being investigated also declined to a total of 46, down from 56 that were under investigation last week. This includes eight new outbreaks (5 in elementary schools, one in middle school, and two in youth sports) between February 6-12.

The decision to require masks in schools, along with the other mitigation safety measures likely helped to successfully limit the number of school disruptions in LA County during the Omicron surge. Public Health is aware of only eight learning disruptions across LA County at the district level in 2022. Three school districts had selected school closures and the others had a delayed opening or non-instructional day. In each case, the school or district, not Public Health, made the decision to take this action based on staffing and safety concerns.

Baldwin Park Receives \$1.25 Million Grant to Create Family Bridge Homeless Housing

BALDWIN PARK - At its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16, the Baldwin Park City Council accepted a \$1.25 million grant from the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) to build more homeless housing.

SGVRHT approved Baldwin Park's grant application just two weeks after the City opened Esperanza Villa, a 25-bed tiny home village for un-housed individuals, in November 2021.

"This new funding is another milestone in the City of Baldwin Park's efforts to uplift our unhoused neighbors and bring them out of homelessness," Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada said. "I'm grateful to the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust for awarding Baldwin Park this grant and supporting our efforts to keep Baldwin Park residents sheltered."

The grant will finance housing development at 13167

Garvey Avenue for families that are at risk of becoming or currently homeless. The construction will take place over two phases. In the first, the City will build tiny homes on the city-owned, 0.63-acre property that will open around the time the new school year starts this fall. Then, in the second phase, the City will rehabilitate three buildings totaling 5,212 square feet into shelters that will soon provide up to 50 beds. Baldwin Park purchased the property last fall.

The City will also begin searching for an operations vendor to manage the future housing facilities, and work with partner agencies to provide family counseling, food assistance, medical and mental health assessments, job placements and more to future tenants. The property will also continue to operate as a safe parking site for individuals living in cars.

Board of Supervisors Approve Commercial Cannabis Licensing in Unincorporated LA County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - On February 15, 2022, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors passed a motion directing the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' Office of Cannabis Management to start the development and implementation of an equitable commercial cannabis licensing program in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The Office of Cannabis Management proposed recommendations in December 2021 following a July 2021 Board directive for a cannabis regulatory framework to address the administrative barriers that create inequitable outcomes and to call for investments to bridge the gaps in educational, technical, and financial resources caused by systemic racism and exacerbated by the War on Drugs.

The recommendations, approved by the Board, recommend launching the commercial cannabis program with a low number of licenses (up to 25 retail, 25 delivery, 10 cultivation, 10 manufacturing, 10 distribution, and 10 testing licenses) with priority for equity applicants. This would allow the County to lead the program with equity, to monitor and assess community impacts and efficacy of regulations, and to build appropriate infrastructure to support potential expansion in the following years.

Until LA County fully develops and launches its cannabis licensing program, all commercial cannabis activities, including retail, delivery, manufacturing, and cultivation, remain prohibited in unincorporated LA County.

"For the past few years, my office and I have worked closely with many community members to combat illegal cannabis businesses in unincorporated areas of the First District. And while we've been able to shut down many illegal dispensaries quickly and permanently, our residents remain frustrated about the lack of effective measures to protect their families from the negative impacts of these unlicensed establishments while also respecting the intent of California's voters who supported the legalization of cannabis," said Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, who authored the Board motion. "To that end, the time is right to begin developing a plan for the legal distribution, retail, manufacturing, enforcement, and regulation of cannabis in unincorporated Los Angeles County that is rooted in equitable access, strong and effective enforcement, and community awareness and education."

"A cannabis program that is safe, regulated, and equitable is necessary for unincorporated LA County and for addressing the injustices that have caused communities of color to be disproportionately criminalized and shut out of economic gains from the legalization of cannabis," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Holly J. Mitchell, representing the Second District. "I am proud to co-author this motion with Supervisor Solis and look forward to the Office of Cannabis Management leading the development of a framework to expand access to opportunity and reduce the stig-

ma associated with the cannabis industry."

"Building a truly equitable regulatory program is challenging and requires a critical rethinking of the County's administrative infrastructures, the cannabis industry including its failures and successes, and government's role therein," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal, "The Office of Cannabis Management is committed to participating in this process with our partners to create a healthy, sustainable, and equitable cannabis market in Los Angeles County."

The Board also approved the Office of Cannabis Management's recommendations for a robust Equity Program, which will provide referrals and access to resources such as education, job training, technical assistance, and capital for qualified candidates. The impact of this program would be monitored by a Cannabis Working Group of subject matter experts and County Departments to track equity data and promote data-driven decision making.

The Office of Cannabis Management will work in collaboration with County Departments, community stakeholders and partners and will hold community engagement meetings to share information and gather feedback.

For more information about the Office of Cannabis Management, including updates on upcoming public and stakeholder engagement meetings and a list of retailers that participate in LA County's Cannabis Compliance and Enforcement Program, visit cannabis.lacounty.gov.

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity and the City of Baldwin Park Partner for Solutions to Combat the Growing Housing Crisis

BALDWIN PARK - The City of Baldwin Park has committed \$3.6 million to fund the construction of new homes, rehabilitation of existing homes, and critical home repairs to low-income residents in partnership with San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity (SGV Habitat).

The funds will support SGV Habitat and its affiliate's projects in Baldwin Park for the next three years. This funding has the potential to possibly fund 30-40 affordable homeownership opportunities through new home construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of existing homes, and over 3 dozen critical home repairs for low-income individuals and families.

"Housing stability is vital to the independence of our families," says Baldwin Park Mayor

Emmanuel Estrada. "We are committed to keeping families in their hometown and making sure the next generations have the same opportunity. A lack of affordable housing hurts our ability to remain healthy and together. I am proud of the work we are doing in partnership with San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity. These programs will help Baldwin Park families have access to stable, healthy homes, and create generational wealth."

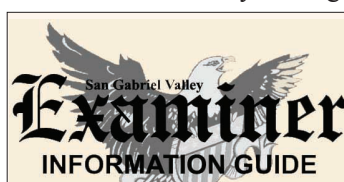
In the US, homeowners have a 400% higher net wealth than renters with similar demographics and earnings. Yet, nearly half of all households in California are excluded from homeownership opportunities. By investing in affordable ownership production, lower-income Californians, can access permanently affordable, equi-

ty-building homes.

Later this year SGV Habitat will begin construction of a 12-home project on Torch Street - the largest SGV Habitat project in Baldwin Park to date. These houses are part of SGV Habitat's "Expanding the American Dream" campaign, which seeks to transform the lives of 100 families by providing homes and/or home repair services by 2023.

"Our goal is to dramatically increase the number of affordable homeownership opportunities in the San Gabriel Valley" says Bryan Wong, Executive Director at SGV Habitat for Humanity. "The need for affordable housing in the area is overwhelming. With Habitat's 'hand up, not a handout' program model we are breaking down the barriers that previously kept many local residents from qualifying for a home purchase."

Currently market rate California homes cost nearly seven times the average household income. The price of homes in the San Gabriel Valley continues to escalate which causes most lower-income families and first-time homebuyers to be priced out of the market. The need for affordable housing is immense, and the lasting impact it can have on families is undeniable. Partnerships like this one between the City of Baldwin Park and SGV Habitat provide a solution to increase access to safe and affordable homes.



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Should Children be given the mRNA Shot?

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Short answer is no, no and no. The vaccines appear to modify your genes by putting new genetic information into your cells, which then causes your own cells to make the spike protein. Many scientists feel the spike protein is toxic to your body. The first two weeks after the vaccine, your immunity shuts down, making you more vulnerable to catch COVID or other viruses. Scientists do not know the long-term side effects of the vaccine. How long will that spike protein stay in the body. Initially, we were told that it stayed in the injection site for two weeks. They do not. They can stay in our body up to fifteen months and travel all over the body. Initially we were told that the vaccines prevented COVID. They do not.

The vaccines efficacy is only about two months, then you need another shot, and two months later you need another shot. Each time you are getting a booster, you are introducing more spike proteins into your body. Pfizer expects revenue around \$29 billion from the COVID vaccine in 2022. Perhaps there is an incentive to keep recommending boosters. How rich do you want to make the pharmaceuticals?

The only benefit of the vaccine for adults is preventing one from getting very sick or dying. You have to weigh the risk of having an adverse event from the vaccine versus having COVID, when there is inexpensive successful Early Outpatient Treatment.

Children are at very little risk from COVID severe disease. Most kids in the USA now have natural immunity and many have been vaccinated. Omicron is



Karin Schott

nothing more than a cold for the vast majority of children and adults. Even during Delta, children rarely develop severe COVID disease. They have strong, healthy immune systems. There is no benefit for children to take this vaccine, unless they have comorbidities or immune deficiency problems. Children have a high risk of an adverse event or even death with the vaccine compared to having COVID. They are six times more likely to get sick from the vaccine. They carry low viral loads and in general, do not spread the virus. Statistically they have a near 0% chance of severe disease or dying from COVID.

The vaccine manufacturers have not tested these vaccines with children. Your child getting the vaccine becomes part of the testing trial. The vaccines can affect their future of fertility when they become adults. They just don't know. They suspect that pregnant women carrying a female fetus might have the fetus' ovaries effected by the vaccine. A female fetus has all the eggs she will have for a lifetime. The long-term effects on the vaccinees are unknown until the person is grown up and has children of their own. The FDA has failed in not mandating these studies.

Before the vaccine roll out, the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit (CTICU) of a major San Di-

ego hospital would normally see four or five myocarditis cases a year. In the last half of 2021 there have been 33 cases. Myocarditis primarily affects young men. Over 80% of people who get myocarditis get it after the second vaccine. If you get it after the first shot it's likely you have already been infected with COVID. The third vaccine myocarditis data looks bad. It suggests a dose-dependent response. The increased rate of myocarditis cases did not happen by chance. It only started after the COVID vaccines rolled out. How do the numbers change after the four or fifth vaccine? Again, we don't know as the pharmaceuticals never did this test.

In July 2020, Pfizer phase three trial of adolescents aged 12-15 years began, 1131 were administered two-doses of the vaccine and 1129 were given a placebo. Maddie de Garay, aged 12 at the time, was one of the 1131. Now Maddie can barely see, has tinnitus, mobility issues, vomiting, blood in her urine, numbness in her body, and has at least 10-20 seizures a day. Her life is utterly destroyed. Both her parents were highly educated people and thought they were doing a good thing. A child does not have the legal capacity to volunteer or consent. Parents have the ultimate responsibility to protect their children from experimental vaccines.

No, no and no is still the answer.

Karin Schott is a long-time Glendora resident, having lived in the city since 1989. Currently retired, having spent 34 years as a software engineer. She spends her time with gardening clubs, dancing classes, yoga classes and volunteering for Glendora causes. She defines herself as a "truth-seeker".

Yemen's Tragic Descent into Chaos

The United Nations has called Yemen "the world's worst humanitarian crisis," yet that designation hardly captures the full extent of misery endured by its people over seven years of violence and unrelenting war. For the most part, American mainstream news outlets have remained silent on this crisis and the U.S. government's complicity in prolonging the Saudi-led war.

In 2014, the Houthis, a Zaydi Shiite Muslim rebel movement, overthrew the Yemeni government under President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and seized most of northern Yemen, including the capital city of Sanaa. After Hadi fled to Saudi Arabia, a coalition of Arab countries led by Saudi Arabia launched a military intervention in March 2015, mainly fought from the air, to roll back the Houthis and restore the Hadi government. The ensuing proxy war continues today, pitting Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and other Gulf Arab states against the Iran-backed Houthis. While Houthi religious beliefs differ from those of the Shiites who rule Iran, both peoples share a common enemy in predominantly-Sunni Saudi Arabia.

Yemen's fragmented political history set the stage for the current war. Zaydi Shiites take their name from Zayd bin Ali, the great-grandson of Ali, the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law, whom all Shiites revere. For thousands of years, Zaydi's followers have fought for control of Yemen with mixed success. Zaydi republican general Ali Abdullah Saleh came to power in 1978 after a succession of coups. His 33-year rule was notoriously corrupt and autocratic.

Under the leadership of their namesake Hussein al-Houthi, the Houthis emerged in the 1990s as a Zaydi resistance to Saleh and his corruption. Saleh launched military campaigns to destroy the Houthis after many became rad-



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icalized following the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Al-Houthi himself was killed in 2004, but his death failed to extinguish the Houthi movement. When an "Arab Spring"-inspired uprising finally ousted Saleh in 2012, a momentary reversal of alliances found the Houthis colluding with Saleh against the new president, Hadi, who had been Saleh's former deputy. Conflict broke out in 2014, and the Houthis later killed Saleh when he shifted his support to the Saudi coalition.

The U.S. has continuously backed the Saudi-led coalition against the Houthis since 2015 and has directly participated in the war despite the absence of Congressional approval. It has provided military logistical support and supplied weapons to both Saudi Arabia and the UAE, who have conducted over 24,000 air raids according to the Yemen Data Project.

While weapons manufacturers have profited from the prolonged war, the Yemeni people have endured unconscionable suffering. Last year, the UN estimated that close to 400,000 Yemenis have been killed by the conflict, with 70 percent of these deaths being children under the age of five. A Saudi blockade of Yemen's ports has fueled the internal humanitarian crisis and has deprived the country of critical food, fuel, and medicine. Over 16 million Yemenis live on the brink of starvation. The indiscriminate targeting

and killing of civilians by the Saudis, Emiratis, and Houthis have also contributed to the death toll.

"Children are traumatized-we tell them don't worry, it's all fine, but they wake up to the sound of massive explosions just like we do," Abdulwasea Mohammed, the Yemen advocacy, campaigns, and media manager for Oxfam, told Common Dreams on January 26.

A year ago, President Biden pledged to withdraw U.S. support from the Saudi-led coalition's "offensive operations" in Yemen. Instead, the opposite has happened. The administration provided over \$1 billion in weaponry to Saudi Arabia in 2021. The U.S. also still provides logistical support for the Saudi air force's deadly bombings. While Biden's State Department has duly condemned the Houthis for their "terrorist attacks" in Yemen, it maintains virtually unwavering support for Saudi Arabia's crimes. When Saudi airstrikes killed at least 70 Yemeni civilians, including three children, in January, the administration called for parties to only "de-escalate."

This failed approach has only intensified the Yemeni peoples' agony. It is within the power of the U.S. to end this war in Yemen through enhanced diplomatic efforts and cutting off the flow of U.S. arms and military logistical support. Congress needs to also rein in America's unconstitutional involvement in this conflict through a new war powers resolution. The international community can also pressure Saudi Arabia to ease its blockade and can assist with sorely needed humanitarian aid.

The alternative would be for the U.S. to continue its complicity in this needless bloodshed and for Yemen to sink deeper into chaos.

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Do You Know the Law? Can You Refuse to Show ID to Police?

This is an interesting topic... So do you think you know the law??? Can you refuse to show ID to the police in California? This is interesting and it depends on the "approach" when asked. This is a misunderstood "law of compliance" by citizens and also many police officers.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

California does not have any laws that require individuals to show ID to the police if they simply ask you for it. If they ask you and you don't want to show it to them and you can politely refuse to furnish ID in most circumstances, they can't do much.

Let me give you a couple of scenarios. You are pulled over by the police while driving. Usually the police officer will come up and introduce themselves and identify what police department they are with. They should tell you why the traffic stop BEFORE they ask you for your driver's license. You, at that point, when asked for your DL and other paperwork for the vehicle are required to present it.

Now if you are pulled over and the officer simply asks for your driver's license, you may contest this. So far, he has not told you why you were stopped. You should ask why and if he tells you, now you are required to present

your license. If the officer refuses to tell you why he pulled you over, then you can stand your ground and request a supervisor. An officer needs to have probable cause for stopping you in your vehicle. Otherwise, it is considered "fishing" and that is certainly frowned on.

You don't need to answer personal questions. In fact, you don't really need to say anything to the officers. Be polite and keep you cool. Most police officers do "respect" your right not to talk with them. In my opinion, go ahead and have interaction with the officers. You can at any time simply not answer or respond to a particular questions or statements if you want.

If you are stopped by the police, the last thing you want is to incriminate yourself unknow-

ingly. Therefore, by remaining calm, polite, and reasonable, you can avoid most issues and refuse most requests from the police.

If you are one of those people who doesn't want to cooperate, you better know your rights. So the officer pulls you over and then "tells you the reason" for the stop, the officer has complied with the requirements needed to request your driver's license. You must provide it per California Vehicle Code § 12500. If you refuse because you "know the law..." Better think again. You're going to have some issues which could get out of hand for you. This includes Vehicle Check Points which are sanctioned by the California Lawmakers. You show your driver's license when asked. Other paper work may be asked for as well.

So, let's say you elect NOT to show or provide your license. Here is the deal and many officers don't know they can do this. We had a guy who was defiant and would not show his license during a Vehicle Checkpoint. He was pulled into an inspection area and he still refused to provide a driver's license. There was a simple solution... tow the guy's truck. How can this be done you ask? Well, the officer may know who the truck belongs to via a plate check (10-28, 10-29). However, he doesn't know who the driver is because he won't identify himself or herself. Once the tow truck pulls up in front of the guy's truck, it is usually a game changer. If the driver's vehicle does get towed, this could be a rather expensive interaction with the officers. If he would have complied with the law, this could have been avoided. Many officers are not aware that they can do this (the towing of the vehicle).

It is okay to exercise your rights, but know what they are. If the officer has a "reason" then comply.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

My Turn: Democrats' Israel Policy Is One Of Confusion And Contradiction.

Do Democrats really care about Israel? Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi delivered a speech in which she said:

"Our delegation is a representation of Congress' bipartisan, bicameral commitment to an unbreakable bond between Israel and the United States, built on mutual security, economic interest, and our common values - our commitment to democracy." She continued, "The greatest political achievement of the 20th century was the establishment of the State of Israel. I am very proud that America is Israel's oldest ally."

In this speech, Speaker Nancy Pelosi described Israel in a way as to remind people that support of Israel is not just with one party. But once again, she talks as if she means it and says things that no one would argue against. But the actions and the realities don't ring true. She fails to mention the involvement of Trump had that resulted in the Abraham Accords. And in addition, she doesn't acknowledge the bold decision to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. People and Presidents talked about moving the embassy for years. But Trump was the only one to do it.

Tom Tillison wrote in a BPR website remarks about Candace Owens who attended the Embassy dedication: "Candace Owens may not be content with break-



Charles Lopresto

ing down the barriers that keep black Americans in the Democratic Party, as seen in a tweet that should open the eyes of Jewish Americans. On the historic day that President Donald Trump fulfilled his campaign promise to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Trump 'for having the courage to keep your promises.'" Candace Owens said in a Capitol hearing that she proudly went to Israel to see the dedication of the new Embassy and didn't recall seeing any involvement from the Democrats. In Tillison's article she was quoted as saying: "Amazingly, not a single elected Democrat is here to celebrate this historic event in Jerusalem, a bonafide signal that they do not stand with Israel. This snub will not soon be forgotten-not in America or abroad," Owens tweeted. Owens continues to

challenge Democrat voters on their loyalty and knee-jerk behavior of automatically voting Democrat, even though they receive no real benefits beyond the empty promises. And for Democrats, Israel is just another pawn in the hate-Trump campaign that refuses to recognize what President Donald Trump and the Republicans have done to advance peace in the Middle East.

Joe Biden proves once again why the Democrat Biden Administration is no friend of Israel. This from the Western Journal....."As tensions between Russia, Ukraine, the U.S. and NATO continue, it is affecting the Mediterranean world as well as Europe's energy sector. The U.S. is pulling its support for an Israeli underground natural gas pipeline that would run from the eastern Mediterranean to Europe. Many are predicting this will simply cause more problems in the region. Moreover, this decision from the Biden administration undercuts Israel, one of America's most steadfast allies." The report went on to say, this was an opportunity to hobble Russia.

President Biden apparently has difficulty dealing with pipelines, Russian agreements and foreign policy sanctions. It begs the question, is Joe the "Manchurian candidate" or the "Moscow candidate?" Only time will tell.

Republican Women Federated Monthly Meeting To Feature Joe Gardner

WEST COVINA - The East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated (ESGVRWF) is having their regular monthly meeting this Friday, **February 25th** at 10:30 a.m. at South Hills Country Club, 2655 S. Citrus St. West Covina. Reservations are required for this \$25 luncheon. Speaking this month at the

ESGVRWF General Meeting is Joe Gardner, retired 27-year Santa Monica Police Officer, a six-term Los Angeles County Probation Commissioner, an Alternate Member of the 48th Assembly District Republican District Committee and a 2012 and 2014 candidate for the California Assembly in the 48th District.

Joe Gardner is experienced in gang intervention efforts and has written several articles on homelessness describing the issues creating those problems and necessary intervention approaches to alleviate and solve that problem.

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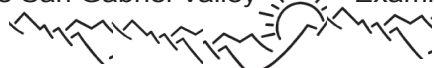
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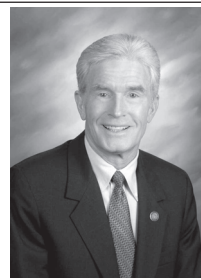
Fed Tightening Comes with Recession Risk

The FOMC appears anxious to start raising rates, which is probably a good thing considering significantly increasing inflation. Whenever the Fed tightens, however, it is a good idea to prepare for at least some possibility of recession. That is especially true when, like now, the Fed is in a hurry.

With markets laser-focused on the situation in Ukraine investors seemed to shrug off the latest figures on red-hot inflation. Stocks powered higher despite a PPI (and strong CPI) that showed U.S. wholesale prices in January soaring 9.7% from a year ago, more than twice analyst estimates and just short of the largest jump on record seen in May 2021. This latest data continues to decimate the 'inflation is purely transitory' theory. After pricing in less than one Fed hike as of last September, markets and Fed watchers now expect between 6 and 7 hikes over the next year, with some arguing for 50-basis point increases (and not just 25).

For those doubting recent signals from the Fed, it's pretty clear that the hawkish monetary era has arrived. St. Louis Fed Chair James Bullard, a voter on the FOMC this year, said he now favors a half-point interest rate hike in March, the first increase

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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of that magnitude since 2000. While Bullard is on the more hawkish side of the central bank, other policymakers have also expressed urgency about rate increases as well as reducing the size of the Fed's balance sheet, which could put further upward pressure on yields.

The Fed faces a choice. Slow the economy somewhat, avert a significant recession, and tolerate inflation still being at uncomfortably high levels for a couple of years. Or, tighten the economy into a recession in which inflation will subside quickly. We should be concerned that recessions, once started, are not predictable or easily manageable. There's no such thing as intentionally engineering a safely mild recession. The Fed can engineer a recession, and then we will find out whether it is mild or not.

The Biden Administration's

popularity remains ultralow, despite recently strong GDP growth. This is partially because inflation is the #1 problem that most businesses and consumers now share. Consumers are becoming increasingly frustrated every time they go to a gas station or grocery store. Furthermore, businesses are finding it harder to plan as prices of key components continue to rise (even when they can get everything they need). This uncertainty causes price increases, which creates even more inflation, especially as service costs also rise.

To break the back of inflation the Fed must engineer a "soft landing," which is easier said than done. Furthermore, the Fed's toolbox is also compromised due to the fact that if they raise interest rates too much the interest burden on the almost \$30 trillion in federal government debt will be unmanageable. Historic inflation hedges, like residential real estate and growth stocks hopefully will provide somewhat of an investor oasis.

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Lost in Translation

In major metropolitan cities around the world, we see an ever-changing melting pot of cultures and languages. This brings opportunities and challenges in how we communicate and conduct our daily business that I ultimately see as a positive.

The migration of people has been mainly a search for resources and a better way of life which brought challenges in communication among other issues. People find ways to cope and excel in the human way of survival. Whether through using your hands, drawing pictures, translation books and now advanced electronic translation tools that help in this process.

There are around 7,139 languages spoken around the world with close to 50% that are endangered of becoming extinct. My hope is that as languages decrease the various unique cultures can survive and be passed down to the next generations.

English is the most spoken language in the world and as a side note and a fun fact; the air traffic around the world uses one language to communicate with the control tower and with other aircraft and that language is English. Can you imagine the safety concerns if this wasn't standardized? Think about our everyday life as well, food for thought.

In many cases when someone is conversing in a language that is not their native tongue, they tend to translate what they heard into their native language, process the information and then respond in kind. This is where the challenge comes in to society of getting the communication wrong or right. As I have said before, communicating is when someone sends a message and that message was received as intended by the sender.

Translating your website for these four countries is estimated to give you access to 50% of worldwide sales potential: United States, China, Japan, and Germany.

Businesses that invested in translation were 1.5 times more likely to observe an increase in revenue. Even when a consumer speaks fluent English but English is not their native tongue, they would prefer to purchase from companies who cater to their native language.

The global language services market was valued at approximately USD 56.18 billion in 2021 and climbing.



Michael Allowos
Glendora Councilmember

Governments print documents in multiple languages to help service their constituents. The US alone spends around \$4.5 billion annually in this process. Businesses also print instructions in multiple languages as well not just to service their diverse customer base but to also help add to their bottom line.

This website provides an in-depth wealth of knowledge for which I pulled some of the data for this news article: <https://redokun.com/blog/translation-statistics>.

With the world starting to open up and business travel is increasing, it's important to use all of the tools at your disposal doing your best to communicate in that local language. In most cases the locals will be grateful for your efforts and try to meet you half way in communicating. Some tools for translation that are available but not limited are:

- WayGo.
- iTranslate voice.
- SayHi.
- Naver Papago translate.
- Microsoft Translator.
- Triplingo.
- Google Translate (verbale and by way of the camera).
- Pilot translation kit.

• WeChat

A word of caution is that not all translation is accurate and dialects can differ from street to street in some countries. One of my favorite apps is Google Translate using the camera that when placed over a foreign written language translates the writings into any language you choose. Several years ago on a trip to Japan I found this tool extremely helpful. For legal and international dealing professional translators must be used and preferably be certified.

While I prefer the world to use one language for economic and communication reasons the data is clear that even though the language pool is shrinking the various cultures still love their native languages as part of their culture and should be celebrated.

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Visiting Angels Celebrates 20 Years Of Serving Seniors

GLENDORA - On February 25th, 2022, Visiting Angels Glendora, celebrates their 20th anniversary. Located in the heart of Glendora, near the downtown village, Visiting Angels has faithfully and compassionately served thousands of families in the surrounding communities for 20 years. With humble beginnings in a garage near Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, Visiting Angels Glendora has grown to be one of the largest senior homecare providers in San Gabriel Valley.

Visiting Angels Glendora

was founded by Lindsey Rehfeld in 2002 to address an unmet need in the community-a need for seniors to receive care in the comfort of their own homes. In 2019, Andrew Dilwicus retired from a 20 career with CarMax, and he transitioned into the leadership roll with the support of Lindsey and her team. With a passion for our community, Andrew continues Visiting Angels' traditions of excellence and service.

"I want to invest in our seniors who have given so much by keeping them at home dur-

Your Money - Ask Julia

A friend told me that American truckers might follow the example of the Canadian truckers, and basically go on strike. If this happens, how will it affect me?

IF this happens, it could greatly affect the supply chain for at least several weeks. If the truckers do not pick up and deliver goods to the stores where you shop, the shelves will empty. Don't panic. Don't hoard. Just plan ahead by purchasing items you regularly use. Just like earthquake preparedness, it is better to be prepared and nothing happens than to be unprepared and something happens.

My W-2 has a code DD in box 12. What's that?

Box 12, Code DD is the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage. This is for your information only, and is not taxable for 2021. It should include both what you paid and what your employer paid for your health coverage. (ref: www.irs.gov)

Is the interest on student loans tax deductible?

Yes, IF you've made all payments on time, and IF your adjusted gross income is within current set limits. The deduction starts to phase out when your AGI (adjusted gross income) hits \$70,000 (filing 'single'), or between \$140,000 and \$170,000 (married, filing jointly). The maximum student loan interest deduction, each year, is limited to \$2,500. You'll need the 1098-E as proof of interest paid. These



Julia Yoder

figures stay the same for 2022.

We bought a home in 2021. What are our tax breaks?

Detailed information is available at State and Federal tax websites, or ask your CPA if it's better for you to take the Standard Deduction, or to Itemize. Also see if you qualify to take deductions for mortgage interest, property taxes, exclusive use of home office space for a small business, mortgage insurance premiums, home improvement loan interest, and construction loan interest. You can only deduct interest on up to \$750,000 of your mortgage debt.

Can you tell me about Roth IRAs?

Although a Roth IRA is not tax deductible, it has many benefits. By following the current rules, you won't have to pay taxes on any of the money you take out, including the growth. "Qualified distributions" are distributions which are made after a five-year waiting period, and which are

made: 1. after the taxpayer reaches age 59 1/2 or 2. In the event of a taxpayer's death, or 3. Because the taxpayer becomes disabled, or 4. To pay for "qualified first-time home-buyer" expenses (there are limits). Distributions which do not come under any of those qualifications are subject to tax and possible penalties. A real plus is that Roth IRAs are not subject to the mandatory distribution requirements (RMDs) triggered on traditional IRAs at age 72. The amount you can put into a Roth IRA each year is limited, typically not enough to fund your retirement.

How does life insurance fit into financial planning?

Some life insurance policies carry benefits that you can take advantage of while you are alive. For example, a Fixed Indexed Universal Life insurance policy gives you the reassurance of having life insurance, potential cash accumulation, plus the option to access that cash account down the road for any reason.

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Car Talk by **THE CAR DOC**

What You "AUTO" Know

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

How Drivers Can Keep Their Car's Value High

Many of our customers at Certified Automotive Specialists plan to keep their car going until it can't go another mile. If you are in that category, this article is not necessarily for you. If you do plan to sell your car in the near future, or trade it in someday, read these pointers on how to give your vehicle more value when it is time to part ways!

1. Keep up with regular maintenance: A good technician can always tell if a driver skipped oil changes or other maintenance. When we do a used car inspection at Certified Automotive Specialists for our customers prior to purchase, our technician runs tests that can tell if the fluids have been changed or not. Some leasing companies charge lessees for unperformed maintenance. Make sure you keep receipts to prove you have kept current with your vehicle's service.

2. Mileage: Keeping your

mileage between 10,000 and 12,000 miles per year gets you more at trade in. If you're driving significantly more than 10,000 to 15,000 miles per year - especially if the high mileage pushes the vehicle out of the manufacturer's warranty - that could lower the car's value. Many drivers rent a car when they have to travel far distances, for example, to keep the mileage on their vehicle lower.

3. Make Changes That Increase, Not Decrease: Modifying your car to suit your style might make you feel great...but it might just hurt the value when you want to sell it or trade it in. Keep that in mind before you spend the money to install any feature. Research to see what changes may hurt...and what changes will affect the vehicle's warranty.

4. Color: I have seen every-

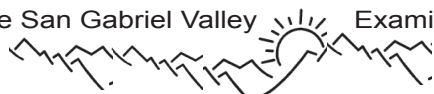
thing under the rainbow when it comes to paint colors on cars. When you have been in the industry as long as I have, nothing will surprise you. Just keep in mind that painting your car an unusual color could deter potential buyers. Stay with a generic color like a silver or white because those tend to be the most popular colors.

5. Fresh: Cigarette or pet smells often linger and could give the impression you haven't taken the best care of the vehicle. If you smoke in the car, then that smell will remain in there so someone who gets into the car will be able to tell. The smoke can also discolor the ceiling and other areas. Before trading in or selling, you might want to visit an auto parts store and ask what they suggest to remove the smell. Keep pet hair removed. If it is not coming off for you, go to a car wash that does a great inside job as well and explain your predicament.

6. Keep it Clean: Wash your car regularly to maintain its appearance. Try to wash your car once a week and wax it once a month. If the car looks good that will absolutely improve its value and you will feel good driving it as well. It's part of proving that the car is well-maintained. It shows you care!

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"TIME JOCKEY" - America's Artist

Norman Rockwell... Every artist has a talent that which brings out their creative skills whether its singing, dancing, sculpting, painting or drawing. For the artist whose skill it is to paint or draw, each artist chooses a particular type of art which he or she wants to excel in. It could be modern art or gothic, landscapes or portraits, architecture or automobiles, it all depends on what the artist feels comfortable in drawing. For Norman Rockwell, he chose a very simple topic, drawing everyday people doing everyday things. He drew images of people going through everyday ordinary tasks. The Saturday Evening Post was his platform that shared his unique art with America and Rockwell's magazine covers were the Post magazines' biggest draw.



Joe Castillo

Christmas season that took Rockwell to the heights of the art world. Rockwell's Christmas paintings literally began with the start of his career when at the age of 14 he started by drawing four Christmas card covers for Mrs. Arnold Constable. Within a couple of years, national magazines, manufacturers and advertisers were requesting his services to draw Christmas scenes and request for his services would continue for the rest of his life. His annual Christmas cover for The Saturday Evening Post became so popular it was comparable to a town's lighting of the civic Christmas tree, the annual Christmas concert and Santa's sleigh ride around town. The Christmas cards Rockwell

designed for Hallmark in the 1940's and 50's were the most popular in the card maker's history and the Brown and Bigelow Christmas calendar he designed were the hottest on the market. Christmas brought out the best artwork of Norman Rockwell, and when he was asked why that was so, he replied that if you really enjoyed your work, you would draw with the same joy and spirit so that those who see your art will have the same joy and spirit which had been drawn. Rockwell truly loved Christmas and the joy, spirit and feeling it had upon people but it was Rockwell's genius that he was able to paint the same joy, spirit and feeling on a blank canvas so that the viewer could "feel the same way". Indeed, Norman Rockwell's unique, simple and ordinary images of regular people doing everyday tasks is what made his artwork so special and continues to be enjoyed by millions especially during the Christmas season....

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FOOD & WINE

By Jaunenito Pavon, Sommelier



Drinking The 'Blood Of Jupiter'

As a kid growing up in Oklahoma City, there were certain murmurs about wine, here and there, that I would overhear my parents referencing. When I was old enough to read labels I saw "Burgundy", "Chablis", and "Chianti". Of course, many years forward, I learned that a jug (or box) of Franzia's "Burgundy" and "Chablis" were not Pinot Noirs from the Côtes de Nuit or Chardonnays from the Côtes de Baune, or in fact, Chablis itself. Those non de plumes were super-generic for any cheap white or red wine found in a jug or box. Neither Chablis nor Burgundy is a grape. The aforementioned Chardonnay is the predominantly grown and produced varietal in Chablis and the same can be said for Pinot Noir pertaining to Burgundy.

But Chianti was never presented as an alias or pseudonym. Rather, it was and is still Chianti, albeit Chianti Classico now and its primary grape is Sangiovese. The King of the hill. If you've ever traveled to or studied Tuscany then you know about the hills, slopes, mountains, and the amphitheatre of the Southern exposure in the region.

Sangiovese, the 'Blood of Jupiter' (etymology: sangius Jovis), is the iron fist in a velvet glove. It's a delicate grape. In the higher elevations it produces hints of fresh rose petals and wild cherry with fantastic acidity. In the warmer Montalcino, home of the great Brunello di Montalcino, you experience somewhat of a more powerful and tannic wine with an oxidative character exhibiting the heartiness of the forest and stewed tomato much like those coming

from the cucina back at camp. The aboriginal distinction of its "savoryness" elicits brain waves of hunger. Literally, I can feel my mouth starting to salivate as I inhale Sangiovese into my nostrils. Perhaps, this is why I (and many) believe Sangiovese-based wines are most suited to any cuisine, never mind Italian food. Clonal selection (I won't list the 50+ clones currently known) as well as better farming has dramatically improved the overall quality of Chianti wines in the past 20 years or so opposed to those nesting wicker basket wines which my parents use to table.

However, the Grosso Montalcino is probably the most well known clone. Here in California, the Pepi vineyard Biondi Santi clone of Sangiovese Grosso (Brunello) was experimented with by Robert Pepi in Oakville 1996. California has produced some intriguing Sangiovese wines over the last 10-15 years, scoffed at by Sangiovese snobs and devoured by others. Although it may be sacrilegious for Sangiovese to be grown outside of Italy to the purist but, like in California, Australia has respectfully jumped on the

gondola to produce some fascinating wines.

Old world classics like Merlot, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon are very tempting for new world winemakers to blend with Sangiovese. Yet, I tend to cringe a bit when those blends exceed 6% because of the easily influenced nature of Sangiovese. Those old classics are all alpha wines in the company of Sangiovese and tend to develop into wines other than Sangiovese-type wines. They lose that native bitterness and overall regional "Italianness" that I've come to love and appreciate. Perhaps the most ideal matrimony is that of Canaiolo (traditional Chianti blend up until the late 19th century) or Colorino (adding color) which brings about the old world nature of Chianti that, perchance, my sagacious parents were murmuring about when drinking the 'Blood of Jupiter'.

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Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. Retired Los Angeles Police Chief Beck reportedly has withdrawn his past support for District Attorney Gascon — maybe because of the D.A.'s lax enforcement of laws and for being overall unsupportive of police officers, which is harmful to citizens of all races, ethnicities and social classes... Maybe Chief Beck next will sign the recall petition to have Gascon removed — how about it Chief, you're retired, you're free: go for it! 2. In some cities in the area, reportedly more and more retired city and county civil servants are planning to run for city councils, in order to represent the views of their still working fellow civil servants... Will be quite interesting, eventually, especially with the cities that have created voting-by-Districts... 3. Some people don't see the forest because of the trees standing in the way... Others don't see the trees because they are concentrating on the forest... A few say that they care neither about the trees, nor the forest — that they all ought to be bulldozed and made into free parking lots!... 4. Michele Tafoya was a long-time T.V. sports reporter and recently retired from that gig... During her career, apparently no one said she was anything other than professional, fair, and objective in fulfilling her duties and in her life... After retiring, she indicated that she was a conservative Republican and would now help elect Republicans to public office... Almost immediately thereafter, simpletons in the progressive press began calling her a racist, and a hater of fluffy kittens and cuddly puppies... Huh? 5. Awhile back the New York Times and Washington Post won Pulitzer Prizes for their reporting — main parts of the articles suggested that President Trump was a Russian spy... However, regardless of how they were phrased, those parts were false, according to the Special Counsel Durham's Investigation... But apparently neither the newspapers nor the writers feel any need to amend the original stories — which were a basis for the never-

ending fake Russian Collusion charge against Trump.

6. It seems that too many university and school instructors — whether they teach science, math or English, or other subjects — spend too much time discussing politics and social issues, rather than teaching their students what the curriculum and syllabus say is being taught... Consequently, students as well as instructors fail in their roles — to the detriment of society.

7. Every day, numerous advertisements appear on television imploring viewers to send money, because the countless disfigured and disabled military personnel on the screen need your help — evidently, the money is requested because the government receives the military men and women in healthy one piece, then sends too many of them home incomplete — and does not provide for them as they should. 8. Overwhelmingly, most politicians did not serve in military combat... Given that America has an all-volunteer military, some wonder if such a status makes it too easy for politicians to send young Americans to fight useless wars, in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, because the volunteers are seen as mere pawns - - by the way, the children of politicians rarely volunteer for military combat duty...

9. And now yet again, many American politicians of all-parties are screaming to fight another useless war, this time in Europe against Russia... But reportedly, Germany and France and other Europeans DO NOT want war with Russia — because instead of war, they-want-to-buy-cheap-oil-and-gas from (drum roll please), THE RUSSIANS... Isn't it time for the Europeans to defend themselves, IF they-want-to-be-defended — rather than Americans spilling blood and money to do it for them?... The Roman Empire (Pssst, remember reading about them?), eventually became weak & poor and was defeated by others, for various reasons — one was that the Romans were continually at war...

10. Decision making by too many politicians is based mainly on, "can I get elected or re-elected if I sell the idea", not on whether the idea works. In Los Angeles, a city ordinance was passed to tax people in order to eliminate homelessness... Been to the big city lately anyone, or seen the problem on television? After spending billions (\$) fighting the street squatters, the squatters are still SQUATTING, and WIN-NING!... And the failing politicians are still getting re-elected — what the ... seriously?...

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9. Harry Potter's mark
13. Syrup flavor
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15. Bird of prey's nest
16. Lieu
17. H+, e.g.
18. Bashful or Happy
19. *'1984' author George
21. *Best-selling pop artist Bing
23. Writer ___ Monk Kidd
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- ___," pl.
37. Actress Barrymore
39. Asian goat antelope
40. Supernatural life force
41. Seethes
43. South African antelope
44. Cook from above
46. Rotisserie part
47. Not odd
48. Italy in Italian
50. What snob puts on
52. .000001 joule
53. Sound of a dropped tome
55. Beer acronym
57. * ___ Doctrine, U.S. foreign policy
60. *"How Green Was My ___"
63. Another word for nutria

- 64. Ciao in the U.S.
66. Trip guide
68. Surveyor's maps
69. Afflict
70. Will alternative
71. Additionally
72. Nucleic acid
73. Term of endearment
DOWN
1. Emergency acronym
2. *1949 international org.
3. Copycat
4. Chicken feet
5. Christian hymn (2 words)
6. Graveside sound
7. Gone by
8. TV's Yellowstone, e.g.
9. Uses a Singer
10. Underwater hermit
11. Ethereal
12. Gridiron official, for short
15. Apollo Creed's son
20. City in northern England
22. Old towel, e.g.
24. Rollerskater's protector (2 words)
25. *Disney's 1942 orphan
26. Abstractionism using optical illusion
27. Kind of salami
29. Crafts' companion
31. Network of nerves
32. Treasure collection
33. Dreamer?
34. *Popular music style
36. Ship canvas
38. *1939-1945
42. Parallel grooves
45. Acid turns it red
49. "Bingo!"
51. Daryl Hannah's 1984 movie
54. Open up
56. In spite of the fact, arch.
57. Church sound
58. Swedish shag rugs
59. Plotting
60. Velum, pl.
61. Zeal
62. New Haven University
63. IRS employee?
65. Yang's opposite
67. Canny

CROSSWORD grid with numbered squares for clues.

February 17, 2022 Puzzle Solution with filled crossword grid.

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Glendora Library Celebrates 50 Years At 140 S. Glendora Avenue

GLENDORA – On Monday, February 28, 2022, the Glendora Public Library's Board of Library Trustees will celebrate the institution's 50 years at their current location, 140 S. Glendora Avenue. Supported by the Glendora Public Library and the GPL Friend's Foundation, the Board of Library Trustees have invited the City's Mayor and Councilmembers, partner agencies, and the public to commemorate the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a brief celebration. The event will take place at 140 S. Glendora Avenue in Glendora beginning at 2:00pm.



Reading clubs and a public library have a long history in Glendora dating back over 100 years, beginning with organizations such as the Athena Club in 1904, and the Glendora Women's Club in 1911. After the incorporation of Glendora as a City in 1911, the Glendora Public Library was adopted as a department of the city government in 1912 and moved to the east area of City Hall in 1922. Growth of the Library led to the construction of a new facility just south of City Hall, and the doors at 140 S.

Glendora Ave opened to the public on February 28, 1972.

Outside of the pandemic, the Glendora Public Library and Cultural Center building has approximately 5,000 visitors a week. It's home base for 130,000 volumes, including books, ebooks and audio books, both on CD and via download, music, movies, magazines, computer databases,

access to the Internet and digital resources that can be used from home, office, school and on site. It's a gathering place for exploration, discovery, and discussion. And it's the headquarters for an expert and mobile staff, ready to connect the community with the world of ideas, information, and imagination.

Glendora Woman's Club Garden And Crafts Welcomed Distinguished Speaker Don Delano

By Marsha Edwards Mason

GLENDORA - The Garden and Crafts Department of the Glendora Woman's Club welcomed Don Delano, a distinguished speaker with 47 years of plant, garden and flower experience, working at the L.A. County Fairgrounds, in charge of the Flower Building and floral arranging. The fairgrounds are not actually owned by L.A. County, but by a non-profit. Fiesta Floats has taken over the Flower Building and Don Delano is on-hand in an advisory position as needed. Don is a 1975 Cal Poly graduate.

The fairgrounds are home to a 5-acre farm, growing annually, 100's of pounds of cabbage, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and more. Food goes to local restaurants and food banks.

Don brought with him to the Garden Department meeting, several variations of African Violets and Mint plants. One African Violet type, Sinningia Concina, had its beginning 45 years ago. A slip of this plant was passed around for the members to see and enjoy. Several other types were shared, and all had different colorful flowers of all shapes and colors. Don's green plants and flowers were healthy and fresh. He shared his secrets about hydro planting, watering, fertilizing and starting plants from tubes and seeds.

The Glendora Woman's Club is proud to share their special speakers, knowledge and monthly programs with the community. Join us. For more information, call 626 622-6111.



Don Delano

Azusa Police Officer Shot, Suspect Killed

By George Ogden

AZUSA - On Wednesday, February 16 around 4:15 PM, Azusa police went to the area of the 1000 block of West Gladstone to investigate a stolen vehicle that they came up on. They noticed a female in the car and a white male in his 30s by the car. As officers approached, there was a confrontation and the man took off running. A rookie officer along with his training officer gave chase and again they were able to catch the suspect, however during the struggle, the suspect pulled a gun and fired at the officers striking the rookie officer in the abdo-

men. Officers returned fire striking the suspect a number of times.

The injured officer was transported to the hospital in critical condition; however, he has been upgraded to serious condition and is expected to recover from his injuries.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. He was identified as Mathew Cook, 32, a male white out of Los Angeles. He shows only one previous arrest and that was a low-profile felony where bail was set at \$1000. Without posting bail, he was given a citation and release

an hour and a half after his arrest.

Outside of being "near" a stolen car, it is unknown why he ran which led to him getting himself killed after trying to kill the police officers that were chasing him.

The woman that was in the car was arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen vehicle. She has since been released with a ticket.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's homicide detectives are investigating the shooting.

Gladstone Street was closed off to through traffic while the "on scene" investigation was going on.

Traffic Collision Results in Fatality

IRWINDALE - On Monday, February 21, 2022 at about 4:29 P.M., officers from the Irwindale Police Department responded to the report of an injury traffic collision in the eastbound lanes of Arrow Highway at Gayhurst Street in the city of Irwindale.

On arrival, our officers discovered that a gray 2019 Kia sedan was traveling eastbound on Arrow Highway when it collided with a white 2016 Ford pick-up truck that was making a left turn from westbound on Arrow Highway to southbound on Gayhurst Street. As a result of the collision, the Kia sedan subsequently struck a Southern California Ed-

ison (SCE) utility pole, causing a power outage to residences and businesses in the area.

Paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department arrived and pronounced the male driver of the Kia deceased at the scene. A female passenger was extricated from the vehicle and taken by helicopter to a local trauma center with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford truck was not injured and remained at the scene, cooperating with the investigating officers.

All lanes of Arrow Highway between Elton Street and Lante Street were closed for approximately 8 hours during the traffic collision investigation. Officers from the Azusa and Glendora Police Departments assisted with the investigation. SCE crews are currently on-scene to restore

power and to repair the damaged utility pole. This work is expected to take 24-hours to complete.

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

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

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

Information may also be provided anonymously by calling 800-222-TIPS (8477) or via the LA Crime Stoppers website at www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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**Duarte Community Coordinating Council
Seeking Route 66 Parade Chair for 2023**



DUARTE - The Duarte Community Coordinating Council (DCCC) is looking for a volunteer interested in taking on the planning and direction of the Route 66 Parade as the 2023 Parade Chair.

After a three-year hiatus due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, DCCC is excited at the prospect of a 2023 Route 66 Parade, celebrating our nation's first all-paved U.S. Highway System connecting the Midwest to California that has become immortalized in literature, music, and film as a symbol of American freedom and independence on the road. The success of a

2023 parade is contingent upon dedicated volunteers led by the Parade Chair.

Taking place the fourth Saturday in September, the Route 66 Parade follows a one-mile stretch along historic Route 66 (now Huntington Drive) starting at the corner of Cotter Street and ending at Mt. Olive. Some 1,400 entries including antique and classic cars, schools, churches, equestrians, motorcycles, and marching bands take part in the event. High school bands from throughout Southern California also compete for trophies. Trophies are distributed at the City of Duarte Anniversary Picnic celebration that follows the parade at Royal Oaks Park.

As parade chair, you would need to learn the ropes in:

- Selecting a parade theme
- Soliciting community nominations for grand marshal
- Organizing participant applications
- Setting the parade lineup

• Directing community volunteers who serve as parade committee members

• Directing the staging of the participants on parade at the event

Additionally, the parade chair will partner with the city of Duarte to obtain permits for street closures, work with Duarte Public Safety on traffic and pedestrian safety, and discuss with staff promotional assistance.

The DCCC would like to have a parade chair identified by March 31, 2022. This position could also be filled by two people if there are friends and/or family members that want to apply together. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact on the community while celebrating the city's rich history!

If you would like to apply or want further information, please fill out the interest form and a member of DCCC will contact you.

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