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# Glendora Rotary Club and First Christian Church Team Up For "Souper Bowl"

**GLENDORA** - This year, the two organizations combined Rotary District 5300 & 5330's service project where food banks across Southern California to Nevada will Receive Food Donations from Local Rotary Clubs and the annual program, Souper Bowl of Caring, First Christian Church regularly participates in.

Over one hundred food banks from the Los Angeles area, San Bernardino County, and Riverside Counties to Clark County, Nevada, received food donations from over one hundred local Rotary clubs on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2022.

The Glendora Rotary Club was tasked with selecting a food bank in our area, coordinating with the food bank's needs, and then collecting food and monetary donations. The Glendora Club partnered with First Christian Church in Glendora to help support the Shepherd's Pantry located at 657 E. Arrow Highway in



The Glendora Rotary Club and First Christian Church Team Up to Donate to The Shepherd's Pantry. Glendora.

"Many food banks report a decline in food supplies after Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we as Rotarians are showing our 'love' for our communities by restocking the food pantries," said Rotary Interna-

tional District 5300 Governor Elizabeth McDonough Barry. All participating clubs will be making their respective food distributions by 2:00 p.m. to the local food banks. "We as Rotarians are always looking for ways to serve our commu-

nities, and this is just one of the many projects we support," said Rotary International District 5330 Governor, Dan Goodrich. "When our club heard about our District's service project, we jumped on board to help the Shepherd's

Pantry because we want to help those in need," said Christine Smith, President of the Glendora Rotary Club.

Through this year's combined efforts, Rotarians from the Glendora Rotary Club and the congregation of First Christian Church donated over \$7,000 along with food collected to the Glendora based Shepherd's Pantry.

More information about the Shepherd's Pantry can be found at [ShepherdsPantry.com](http://ShepherdsPantry.com) or by contacting their Executive Director, Jhoana Hirasuna at 626-852-7630. The Shepherd's Pantry's mission is to provide food, resources, and services from a faith-based perspective to those in need. They value the dignity of all individuals and strive to promote their independence.

For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. For more information, please visit [TackleHunger.org](http://TackleHunger.org)

## Bonita Unified School District Recognizes Community Organizations for Generous Bicycle Donations



The Bonita Unified School District Board of Education recognized volunteers from the San Dimas Sheriff's Station, Incycle and the Southern California Velo Cycling Club for bringing holiday cheer to District families through their generous donations of bike, helmets and toys during its Feb. 2 meeting.

**SAN DIMAS/LA VERNE** – Bonita Unified School District recognized the San Dimas Sheriff's Station, Incycle and the Southern California Velo Cycling Club (SCVelo) at their Board of Education meeting on Feb. 2, celebrating their generous donation of bicycles, helmets and toys to students during the holiday season.

Incycle and SCVelo donated bicycles to the sheriff's station, which then coordinated with the District to identify students in need. In total, 73 bicycles and helmets were distributed to Bonita Unified students and their siblings in December.

"At Bonita Unified, we work to prepare every student to live their purpose, and we are proud to have community partners who support us in this effort," Bonita Unified Superintendent Carl Coles said. "It is truly amazing to see the San Dimas and La Verne community come together to support our students in times of need."

Andrea Calvillo – a single mother with five children enrolled in the District – said the donation was a special experience for her children. When she was unable to fit all the bikes in her car, the sheriff's station volunteers helped her children ride the bikes back to their house.

"When I was called for the opportunity for my children to receive bike donations, it was very comforting," Calvillo said. "Seeing these bikes was very rewarding as these durable and reliable supplies were not only something they were excited about, but something I needed as well."

Coles said the District hopes to continue facilitating these partnerships with the San Dimas Sheriff's Station, Incycle, and SCVelo and help organize this event for years to come.

"A huge thank you to the volunteers at the San Dimas Sheriff's Station, Incycle and SCVelo for their partnership and generous donation," Bonita Unified Board of Education President Derek Bahmanou said. "With assistance from our close-knit community, we will continue to ensure every student will have the opportunity to celebrate the holidays, year after year."

## Common Scams And Fraud Schemes

**GLENDORA** - The public is invited to attend a community discussion to highlight common scams and fraud schemes that impact the community, presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Glendora Police Department. The presentation will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7:00pm, in

the Bidwell Forum at 140 S. Glendora Avenue in Glendora. Speakers include Special Agent Simon with the FBI, and Detective Ward with the Glendora Police Department.

Watch live online via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89587476782>

## Hills Above Azusa on Fire Again!

By George Ogden

**AZUSA** - On Saturday, February 12 around 6:45 PM, Azusa police were dispatched to the area north of the 700 block Camellia Way in the hills by the flood control channel about a fire. The Los Angeles County fire department was requested to respond to the area as well.

"The fire area was of East Sierra Avenue and Azusa Veterans Way", according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department officials. By 8:30 PM, the forward progress was stopped after it had consumed approximately 2 acres. The fire could be seen all over the San Gabriel Valley and brought concerns to those residents nearby community of Rosedale.

Water dropping helicopters were brought in to help fight the fire. They used night vision equipment to assist with the guidance of the flight apparatus that they were using.

While fighting the fire, they



Photo courtesy City of Azusa.

came across a male Hispanic, who is 5'6" tall and approximately 150 pounds. He was detained and questioned. He admitted smoking a cigarette in the area and attempted to put it out. He believed that could have been the cause of the fire. He was identified as Artemio Sanchez-Gutierrez, 30, from San Jose, and he was taken into custody and arrested. His bail was set at \$25,000 with court

appearances pending. He was charged with felony arson.

During the fire above the Rosedale community, a number of streets were closed to allow fire apparatus to get into position to fight the fires and protect the homes. The fire department has been given credit for the quick response with the knockdown of the fire to keep it from spreading.

## Glendora Women's Club Enjoy Motown



L to R, Sylvia Jimenez, Mariann Myers, Gloria Aparicio, Carolyn Cunningham, Mona Soza, Joy Nancy Fry, Virginia Bordeny, Gloria Lawler, Penni Reilley, Connie Halbert, Sharon Hambricht.

By Marsha Edwards Mason

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Women's Club, Music and Drama Department, enjoyed an upbeat afternoon at the Almanson Court in Alhambra, swinging to the tunes of Motown by the Alley Cats. The Alley Cats have sung doo-wop all over the world, and the Almanson Court had the pleasure of their special tunes and funny jokes on February 10, 2022. The audience sang along

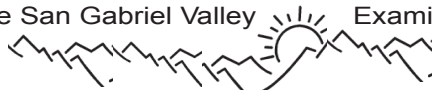
with the familiar songs and clapped to the rhythm of Motown. Smiling faces and swaying bodies filled the big entertainment hall.

Almanson Court serves a full lunch with several beverages, raffle prizes and shopping, along with the entertainment offered several times a year. The Glendora Women's Club have a Music and Drama Department. They enjoy plays, shows, tours,

and concerts. It is always a joy to find a good venue for entertainment with other people and organizations that enjoy music and fun. The Glendora Women's Club invites you to come along, enjoy yourself and get involved.

To find out what is going on around town and what the Glendora Women's Club have planned for their upcoming entertainment, call 626 6226111.

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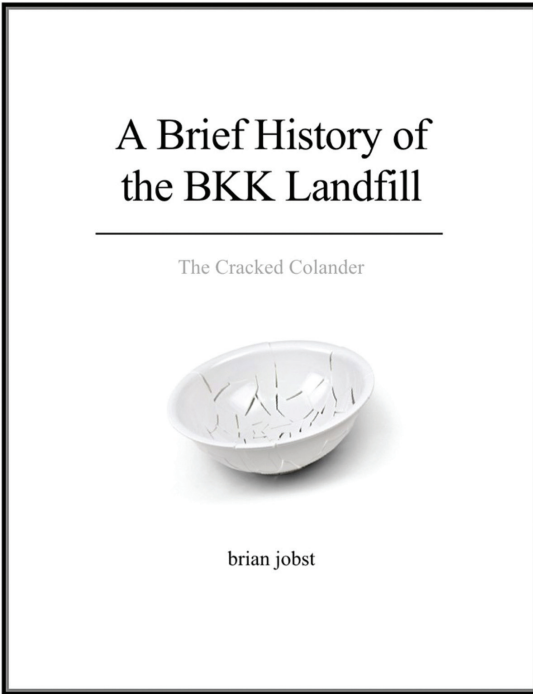
# Book Excerpt: The Cracked Colander – A History Brief History of the BKK Landfill

In his latest piece, Brian Jobst, a longtime San Gabriel Valley resident, writes about local history.

Jobst tells the story of the how the BKK landfill actually came to be, was eventually closed, the efforts to limit seepage of its contents, and the attempts today to move past its toxic legacy.

It's a fascinating story that started with good intentions - for a housing development along with a park, a golf course, and a cemetery. Decades later the same land became California's largest hazardous waste landfill. "The Cracked Colander" traces the history of this land from 1959 through late 2021.

Read the excerpt below from "The Cracked Colander:"



BKK was not a health risk. Those assurances effectively ended on July 16, 1984.

On that date, a routine inspection by the Southern California Gas Company detected gas in a water meter box at the curb of a home on Lynn Court, just south of BKK. On July 17th technicians from the Los Angeles County Health Department and South Coast Air Quality Management District gathered air samples at the box housing the water meter and the surrounding area. On July 18th test results of the air samples revealed it contained vinyl chloride, a known carcinogen and a chemical waste disposed of at BKK as well as methane, the byproduct of decomposing trash.

By late in the day of July 18, 1984 evacuations of the homes nearest the gas leak site had been largely completed. 21 homes were evacuated. On July 20th West Covina's City Council, in an emergency meeting declared the BKK landfill a public nuisance and directed the City Attorney to take all necessary actions to abate the nuisance.

The Los Angeles Times and numerous national publications noted that the evacuations pushed public concern to outrage and intensified regulatory scrutiny. BKK was pressured to stop accepting hazardous waste (except asbestos) in November 1984 – four months after the evacuations.

As for the evacuated, the last of them were allowed to return after about six months out of their homes. They were allowed to return after the installation of landfill gas collection wells was completed near the site of the evacuations. The wells proved effective; gas concentration levels in and around the homes south of the landfill typically stayed below State and Federal limits.

"The Cracked Colander" in its entirety is available at: <https://www.livablewestcovina.org/history-of-bkk>



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## Assemblymember Holden Builds Ties Through Syunik Sister City

SACRAMENTO—Assemblymember Chris Holden resolution's, ACR 105, Sister state relationship with the Province of Syunik has passed the Senate Floor. The resolution would establish sister state relationship between California and the province of Syunik in Armenia. Syunik is the southernmost province in Armenia and has profound historical and cultural significance for Armenia and the world. It is one of the original provinces of the ancient Kingdom of Armenia. It is also home to the Armenian Stonehenge which dates to the Bronze Age and has petroglyphs that are seven thousand years old. Syunik is described by Armenians as the backbone of Armenia, as it is an essential to importing and exporting goods from the south.

ACR 105 would reinforce California's solidarity with and support for the people of Syunik and will facilitate mutually beneficial educational, economic, and cultural exchanges between the two states. The resolution would also create a taskforce with represen-

tatives from the community of Syunik, government of Syunik, government of California and community partners of California.

"Strengthening the relationship with Syunik comes at a critical time as regional powers like Azerbaijan and Turkey pose a threat to its existence and livelihood. This resolution reaffirms California's solidarity with Armenia and our 1-million-strong community of California-Armenians," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. There is power in our solidarity and there is even more when we acknowledge the wrongs committed and urge for justice. We set precedent for the future with our action or inaction and today, we are creating long-lasting ties to thread forward a better tomorrow.

"As an immigrant, this issue hits close to home for me. I and many of my constituents worry about the safety of loved ones residing in that region. So, I am deeply aware of the uncertainty inherent in living there and the privilege we have to live in California. By creating this sister-state relationship with the Syunik Province, we will do our part, albeit small, to share some of the benefits of living here through economic, educational, and cultural engagement," said Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, co-author of ACR 105.

"The passage of the ACR 105 resolution by the California State Legislature on the establishment of sister state/province relationship between the State of California and Syunik province of Armenia is a milestone event of strategic nature. I highly commend the efforts of Assemblymember Chris Holden in spearheading this initiative," stated Ambassador Armen Baibourtian,

Consul General of Armenia in Los Angeles.

"Today, we are grateful to Assemblymember Chris Holden for working with us and spearheading the effort, now adopted both by the State Senate and the State Assembly, in establishing a Sister State relationship between California and Syunik province of Armenia. At such a critical time when Syunik's sovereignty is at great risk under the grave threats posed by Azerbaijan and Turkey, this bold move by the State of California is a declaration of solidarity meant to facilitate mutually beneficial educational, economic, and cultural exchanges, which in turn will strengthen the resolve of the people of Armenia to stand strong against the ongoing threats they face from belligerent and aggressive actors in the region," remarked Nora Hovsepian, Chair of the ANCA-WR.

"In the aftermath of the war and given the absence of requisite pressure by the international community, the Azerbaijani military conducted deep, cross-border incursions into the Republic of Armenia's Syunik province. Such actions are in clear violation of Armenia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Armenian Assembly of America salutes and thanks Assemblymember Chris Holden for working in solidarity with Armenian Americans statewide and leading this landmark humanitarian effort. Now adopted both by the California State Senate and the State Assembly, we look forward to assisting Assemblymember Holden in creating a long-lasting bond between the State of California and Syunik Province," stated Mihran Toumajian, Western Region Director of the Armenian Assembly of America.

## Community Health Workers Are Key for Under Resourced Communities with Higher Case Rates

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - While COVID-19 has spread across the entire county, some cities and communities have experienced higher case rates than others. From the onset of the pandemic, communities of color, under-resourced communities, and communities with large numbers of essential workers have been most impacted by COVID-19. Among the cities and communities with the highest case rates: the areas of Central, South, and Southeast LA; portions of the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope valleys.

While the county continues to address geographic areas with high case rates, health outcome metrics reveal that vaccination status continues to play a critical role in determining the risk of transmission and critical illness.

For the week ending January 29, county residents who were unvaccinated were two times more likely to be infected as compared to individuals who were fully vaccinated. When comparing unvaccinated individuals with those vaccinated and fully boosted, unvaccinated peo-

ple were nearly four times more likely to be infected.

As of January 29, unvaccinated people were more than five times likelier to be hospitalized compared to fully vaccinated residents. Fully vaccinated and boosted individuals were more than 18 times less likely to end up hospitalized as compared to unvaccinated people. And, the likelihood of ending up in the ICU was also significantly higher for unvaccinated residents. As compared to residents who were fully vaccinated, unvaccinated residents were seven times more likely to end up in the ICU, and more than 31 times more likely as compared to people who were fully vaccinated and boosted.

To help close the gaps in vaccination coverage, Public Health continues to deploy resources to help coordinate and mobilize community health workers, also called promotoras, to conduct healing-informed grassroots community outreach.

According to a study by the Ad Council that looked at the trusted messengers that consumers turn to for social and societal issues, new information-when presented by a trusted messenger-

was most likely to influence a respondent's change in views and behavior.

Through the Community Health Worker Outreach Initiative, promotoras provide accurate and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 and connect residents with needed critical services, including health insurance, testing, mental health services, food pantries and housing assistance. They also share current public health directives, inform residents about safety requirements at sectors that are open, and requirements for worker safety.

As of February 6, the Community Health Worker Outreach Initiative has completed more than 450,000 outreach activities, including support for 2,500 in-person vaccination events and over 14,000 virtual COVID-19 educational sessions. Combined, these efforts have reached more than three million residents to date. Additionally, Public Health is also hosting more than 800 mobile vaccine clinics this week, many of which are located across many of the under-resourced communities impacted the most by this latest surge.

## DeFazio, Napolitano, and Garcia Press Army Corps to Finalize Implementation of Modernized Project Guidelines

Washington, DC - Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Chair of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA), and Congressman Jesús G. "Chuy" García (D-IL) pressed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to finalize its implementation of modernized Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines (PR&G)-the criteria that the Corps uses to evaluate the benefits of a project.

In the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA 2020), Congress directed the Corps to issue final agency procedures necessary to implement the new PR&G, which will maximize sustainable development, promote environmental justice, transparency, and meaningful engagement, and consider the full range of benefits for future water resources development projects. In January 2021, Chairs DeFazio and Napolitano urged

the Corps to swiftly implement key provisions from WRDA 2020-including the modernized PR&G-in order to give the Biden administration the tools it needs to meet its resiliency and climate goals.

"In WRDA 2020, acknowledging that the Corps had still not implemented the PR&G into its missions, Congress included a provision that required the Secretary of the Army to issue final agency procedures to formally adopt the PR&G for the Corps," the members wrote. "This legislation included a 180-day deadline for the issuance of these procedures, meaning they are now more than seven months late. We urge you to complete this work, now twice statutorily required, and implement these long-awaited updates."

The members continued: "The impacts of the PR&G are not as simple as 'modernization' alone. These updates will allow the Corps to fully identify the national, regional, environmental, and

societal benefits of future water resources development projects. They will promote better investment of federal funds by analyzing a broader range of long-term costs and benefits. The PR&G will increase community engagement and collaboration, leading to stronger local support and more desirable outcomes. They will also promote the consideration of climate change, extreme weather, and resiliency in studying and planning Corps projects. Project consideration will, in short, be far more inclusive and flexible."

The members concluded by underscoring the importance of finalizing implementation of the PR&G in order to achieve the goals outlined in the Biden administration's Build Back Better agenda, which includes being more comprehensive, more inclusive, and more economically, socially, and environmentally responsive to local needs.

## CALTRANS Work Along the 10 Freeway Suspected of Private Property Damage in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Caltrans had been doing freeway work in the eastbound lanes in Baldwin Park and West Covina. A number of on-ramps were closed. There were a number of "high impact" pounding equipment being used. It was most likely used to break up concrete and/or asphalt. This was happening on late Friday night Feb. 4th and early morning Feb. 5th.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) facility is almost next to the freeway at Merced and Garvey Avenues.

The first sign of trouble was notification alarms going off at the facility of movement inside the building. This alerted the Commander of the facility via a phone app. Armed security guard that was in the security trailer on the property also got the same notifications on his phone and computer. He called the Commander who decided to come down to the VFW.

On his approach to the facility while on Merced Avenue, he

noticed a thick haze in the area. He could also hear the "high impact" of equipment, one right after the other. Once in the parking lot, the security guard supplied the commander with a weapon and they entered the facility. They tried to listen to see if they could hear something, but the extremely loud thumping made it impossible, however they heard what sounded like bottles or glasses falling. The entire building was shaking with each impact. They noticed the light over the pool table moving back and forth as if there was a small earthquake.

Once the building was cleared, they notice that texture coating from the ceiling in the big hall and back office had come down in some places. There was also some ceiling tile that fell in the cocktail lounge and dining area. Bottles on the shelf were laying on the counter and that fell from the shelf. The neatly stacked glasses were no longer stacked.

The hall had been decorated Friday night for a Saturday Birth-

day and the texture coating from the ceiling fell in some places onto a few of the tables and on the dance floor. One set of drapes had broken loose from the wall. The entire facility was covered with dust that had shaken loose from all the hidden places that dust and dirt could hide. The pounding was that severe.

That Saturday morning, Caltrans stopped their impact pounding but the damage now had to be cleaned up and repaired. Several cars that was to be used at the event had been detailed on Friday during the day, were trashed. They looked like they had not been washed in weeks. There was so much dust on them. Also, it was found that there are now a number of cracks in the block wall that appears that it could have been caused by the excessive pounding. The walls have a number of new cracks in them.

Caltrans will be contacted by the administrators of the VFW to see how they can help fix the damage they caused.

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## Rental Halls, Things You Need to Know



**George Ogden**  
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There are a number of facilities around that are available for your events. There are rental halls and banquet halls which are basically the same thing. Most of these facilities do sell alcohol, therefore these restrictions are highly enforced. They all have their rules plus they have to enforce the rules from the ABC which is the Alcohol Beverage Control, the local laws, and city ordinances. Also, there is a factor that involves the insurance company for these facilities.

Since I am the CEO for one of these rental facilities, let me give you the rundown on what to expect when you are planning your event at one of these rental halls or banquet halls.

In most places, you have to make sure that your date is available before you can rent from them. Usually you put down some type of a deposit along with a security deposit for your event. The security deposit is quite often required by the facilities insurance company. This is a deterrent to help alleviate any damage done to the property. In most cases it's graffiti in the bathrooms, namely the men's room. The graffiti does not come off with some of these indelible pens or markers. The average price to replace a bathroom stall panel is close to \$800. Etching in glass doors and mirrors. Very expensive. Most walls can be repainted and that runs about \$65 an hour. If there is damage and your security deposit does not cover the damage, there may be a small claims action against the hosts. Also, during the event if damage is found in the bathrooms or anyplace else, the event can be terminated immediately.

Any fighting amongst the guests that the host has invited, usually calls for termination of

to your table. Once again, nothing's being monitored on who is receiving the drinks from the guests. If security finds, what I call foreign beer or distilled spirits at a table, they can be ejected from the facility. Also, the host will lose their security deposit. There is also an option, that the event can be shut down and terminated because of the alcohol violations. These facilities can't afford to compromise their liquor license. They can't afford the fines which are about \$5000-\$10,000 each, also, the host of this event also gets fined about \$5000 from the ABC. If the rental facility does not show good faith in the enforcement with their rules, they can be shut down for 30 days. This is just one reason for all the security cameras and recording thereof.

Something that we enforce and put into the contract, is there is no loitering at all in the parking lot. That's an indicator that there is illegal drinking in the parking lot. Again, if they're caught, they are simply asked to leave and they are not allowed back into the facility. Children are not allowed in the parking lot. People may have been drinking and are driving out of the parking lot, that is simply not a good combination. Children in the parking lot playing tag or whatever have been known to break off mirrors from cars and damage cars by running in between them.

All these rules are in place for a reason, mainly safety issues. I would like to think that our philosophy is the philosophy of all other rental possibilities. "You bring the people, you bring the food, and you bring a good time. If you can't do that last one, then don't rent from us."

Also, many facilities may not allow you to carry a number of alcoholic beverages from the bar

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## Build Back Global Diplomacy



**Farrah Hassen**

The world today remains interconnected in ways that challenge the nativist "America first" mentality espoused by former president Donald Trump and others before him. The spread of Covid-19, refugees fleeing conflicts, and the impacts of climate change all defy national borders. These global challenges inevitably require global solutions.

The United Nations remains one of the only global bodies that is trusted and capable enough to respond to these challenges. Even former president Ronald Reagan, who was one of the UN's most vociferous critics and slashed its U.S. funding, eventually changed his stance. As his biographer Lou Cannon revealed, Reagan came to appreciate its "constructive force in a dangerous world" by the end of his term.

This need for greater international diplomacy comes to mind as I prepare my lecture notes on the UN for my international law students. Examining the historical relationship between the U.S. and the UN can better inform how we approach today's global priorities, and one of my go-to resources remains Cal Poly Pomona professor emeritus Dr. John A. Moore.

I first met Dr. Moore in the early 2000s when I was competing in the university's National Model UN program, which he oversaw from 1976 to 2009. With co-editor Jerry Pubantz, he has produced two editions of the "Encyclopedia of the UN." Their seventh and latest book, "American Presidents and the UN: Internationalism in the Balance," examines the history of U.S. presidential diplomacy through the UN since its inception. In the context of President Biden's latest brinkmanship with Russia over Ukraine, this book is necessary reading for policymakers, educators, students, and others seeking to understand modern diplomacy.

Fundamentally, the U.S. and UN are inextricably linked. In the

wake of World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt designed the UN as a new international organization to keep the peace. However, it fell to his successor, Harry Truman, to implement this vision when Roosevelt died shortly before the UN's founding on October 24, 1945. Truman's use of the atomic bomb and the start of the Cold War marked an inauspicious beginning for the institution and presaged the ambivalence that several future U.S. presidents would take when engaging the UN on matters of war and peace.

To those who quickly dismiss the UN's efficacy, Moore and Pubantz emphasize that "it is what its members make of it." It is not a central government, but a "confederation" of 193 member-states that can only act through consensus. The Security Council, the sole UN body empowered to authorize the use of force, has especially received criticisms over the years. This includes its failure to resolve disputes like the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict or the ten-year war in Syria and to prevent atrocities like the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Moreover, George W. Bush defied the Security Council in violation of the UN Charter after the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003 without its authorization.

The authors concede that the most powerful global actors ultimately determine the UN's viability but, in keeping with their

objective tone, avoid diving into the contentious debate over how to reform it. The five permanent member-states on the Security Council hold veto power, which often enables political paralysis. Some have called for expanding the number of permanent members to reflect a more equitable representation of the world, which has just consisted of the U.S., Russia, China, France, and the UK since its founding. Nations from Latin America, Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East have no decision-making power among the permanent five.

Despite criticisms of the UN, American public opinion strongly supports U.S. engagement with it. A nationwide poll of American voters in September 2021 by the bipartisan Public Opinion Strategies and Hart Research Associates found that 84 percent of voters want the U.S. to maintain an active role within the UN. Moreover, 75 percent preferred that the U.S. pursue multilateralism and work with international organizations rather than act unilaterally.

As the authors observe throughout their work, public sentiment often influences how U.S. presidents interact with the UN. President Biden would do well to consider popular support for this international institution when developing the U.S. approach to resolving the current standoff with Russia and providing humanitarian aid to poverty-stricken Afghanistan, among other currently pressing issues.

In their meticulously researched book, Moore and Pubantz provide us with a timely reminder that, despite its shortcomings, the UN remains the one institution that still carries the promise of global representation for all nations.

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## MY TURN: Useless Lockdowns and Useful Treatments

"Lockdowns had 'Little to No Public Health Effect,' analysis of 24 studies concludes." A report from Johns Hopkins is being ignored by the majority of the mainstream legacy media. This is apparently consistent with other aspects of the Covid-19 coverage deemed too politically incorrect. Things like reports of bad effects to the vaccines, admittance that vaccine mandates are being used to discriminate, and positive effects from other therapeutics and treatments like Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine have been ignored or downplayed as quackery. In the meantime, polls show President Biden's unpopularity is as high as 60 percent. This all begs the question. When and how do we get the 40 percenters to acknowledge the reality of the term, "Fake News?" Much like what is fast becoming another clinically diagnosed reality of an ailment, TDS, Trump Derangement Syndrome, the term "Fake News" is also no longer regarded as just a joke.

The jokes continue as the same mainstream legacy media continues to report only one side of all the pandemic discussions. There is no mention of natural immunity and of anti-bodies. No coverage of interviews with other highly qualified doctors like Pe-



**Charles Lopresto**

ter McCullough or Pierre Kory, among others. The Joe Rogans of the world get banded for even interviewing these doctors. Somehow, "follow the science" no longer means debating, discussing, studying and reaching any conclusions about alternative and varying treatments and therapies. It no longer allows for an open forum of ideas to truly measure the validity of any viewpoints.

I was admitted to the hospital with the virus and I had no choice about my treatment. I was given Remdesivir, Dexamethasone and antibiotics. After the treatment for five days and my recovery (thank God), it was then that I first learned how dangerous Remdesivir possibly was. The hushed response to the drug among hospital personnel is the nickname for Remdesivir which

is "ready to die." Prior to my stay in the hospital, I chose not to get the vaccine and after I see how apparently useless the Remdesivir might be, it begs another question. How can I believe what they say about Remdesivir being good for me, any more than I can believe what they say about the vaccine being good for me?

When I asked about the effects of Remdesivir, especially in regard to the kidneys, or I ask about the usefulness of Ivermectin or natural immunity, I got blank stares from most of the medical people I talked to in the process of my healing. It would appear that the "flat earth people" have taken over the medical profession. At least with the mainstream and pro-Biden/Dr. Fauci medical people. As in the days of Columbus and Galileo, the "heretics" that Columbus and Galileo were thought to be, eventually were proven correct. Heretics are sometimes proven correct, if they survive long enough not to be punished. We have an administration that wants to punish those current day "heretics" that mention all the alternatives while the administration in opposition, says "do as we say" and make yourself believe it is following the science. It is more like following the money.

## Citrus College Helps At-Risk Students Overcome Obstacles

**By Anthony Contreras, Ed.D.**  
**Citrus College Governing Board Member**

College completion rates have been a national topic of discussion for years. While achievement gaps exist for all students, one group is especially vulnerable. Statistics show that only 3% of former foster youth obtain college degrees. Lack of stability, adverse childhood experiences and the absence of supportive relationships are barriers that foster youth face when pursuing higher education.

However, Citrus College is working to help this important student population overcome these obstacles and achieve success.

One way the college empowers current and former foster youth is through the Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI). Recognizing that there is a significant deficit regarding foster youth in higher education, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office introduced FYSI in 2007. Since that time, each of the state's 116 community colleges have added at least one FYSI liaison to their campus. The goals of the initiative include enhancing foster students' access to resources and support, increasing retention, and improving academic performance. To meet these goals, Citrus College has created a network for foster youth that involves a variety of on-campus student services.

One aspect of this network is the Guardian Scholars program. Made possible by FYSI and designed to increase access

and retention, Guardian Scholars provides unique services, academic support and personal guidance to those students who are, or have been, part of the state's foster care system. After applying, students receive specialized academic and career counseling, priority registration, financial aid assistance, student success workshops, meal assistance, access to school supplies and textbooks, and more.

The Guardian Scholars program is administered through the Citrus College Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) and Resource Family Approval (RFA) programs. Launched by the Chancellor's Office in 1984, FKCE didn't become available at Citrus College until 1990. At the time, the program was focused on helping educate adults who were interested in providing care for related and unrelated children in out-of-home placement. Although its role has expanded to include the support of foster students, Citrus College's FKCE and RFA programs continue to remain committed to meeting the training needs of prospective and continuing caregivers.


Resource parents, or those individuals certified to be foster or adoptive parents, face unique challenges when it comes to helping raise the youth in their care. Citrus College provides support and educational tools to help guide these individuals on their journeys. Training is available in both English and Spanish and covers a variety of topics, rang-

ing from fetal alcohol syndrome and discipline to emancipation and financial aid.

In addition to providing services for foster youth and support for resource parents, the Citrus College FKCE and RFA programs also offer a schedule of events, seminars and conferences throughout the year. Whether it is the financial aid workshop hosted at the beginning of the year, the Guardian Scholars orientation held during the summer or the MAPfest resource fair for transitional youth that takes place every August, each event is designed to help meet the educational, emotional, behavioral and developmental needs of children in the foster care system.

Although the ongoing global pandemic has made it necessary for all classes and services to be offered virtually, the Citrus College FKCE and RFA programs have continued to provide excellent services to caregivers and foster youth. The office, which is located in the college's Integrated Success Center, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As the Azusa area's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am inspired by Citrus College's commitment to helping foster youth. By helping break down barriers to academic achievement and supporting foster youth in their pursuit of higher education, the college is giving this vulnerable student population a chance for a brighter future.

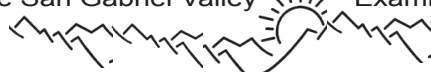


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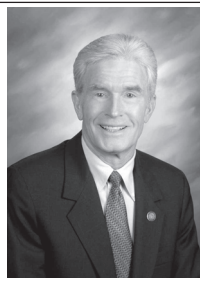


# \$30 Trillion and Counting!

Fear of catching the dreaded COVID bug has kept Americans couped up for extended periods of time. Government handouts justified by COVID have resulted in businesses and consumers becoming uniquely flush with cash. It should not be surprising that the U.S. economy last year grew at its fastest pace since 1984. However, don't expect a repeat performance in 2022. In fact, this year is starting with little growth signs at all, as the late-year spread of omicron coupled with the ebbing tailwind of fiscal stimulus has economists across Wall Street reducing their forecasts for gross domestic product. Combine that with a Federal Reserve that has pivoted from its easiest policy in history to becoming inflation-fighters, and expectations have changed substantially.

The Atlanta Fed is currently expecting a first-quarter GDP gain of just 0.1% (a violent deceleration in growth). That scenario brings our focus to the next biggest issue to face the US economy: America's national debt topping \$30T for the first time in our history (according to the latest figures from the Treasury Department). This record amount of red ink and gloomy fiscal expectations are adding to worries about the long-term economic health of the country. Grappling with red-hot inflation and higher interest rates may make servicing America's debt even more challenging. Other factors like an aging population, elevated healthcare costs, and a tax system that doesn't bring in enough revenue to cover spending are also concerning, even as the federal government kicks this can down the road.

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



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"COVID exacerbated the problem. We had an emergency situation that required trillions in spending, but the structural problems we face fiscally existed long before the pandemic," said Michael Peterson, CEO of the Peterson Foundation, which promotes deficit reduction. "Our current fiscal posture is a result of many years of fiscal irresponsibility from both parties. The polarization of our government and, to some extent, our population, makes implementing solutions more difficult. If we don't get our fiscal house in order, all these other concerns like climate, inequality and national security will be made more difficult."

Long gone are the days of austerity conversations, the Tea Party movements or even talk of balanced budgets for political "brownie points". Instead, discussions today have shifted to whether passing more trillion-dollar spending bills would be a net positive or negative for the overall U.S. economy. In fact, the U.S. has already returned to a record debt-to-GDP ratio last seen in the aftermath of World War II, leaving the nation with a debt burden so large that it would need to pay out an amount larger than the entire annual economy produces in order to pay it off.

The debt-to-GDP percentage is now approximately 125%!

How much is too much? There's no magic level for when a government's debt begins to hurt its economy. As long as interest rates stay relatively low and the U.S. can borrow cheaply, the country can handle today's very heavy debt load (and may even use those conditions to remain competitive on the international stage). However, our federal debt cannot grow faster than the economy indefinitely. When or if confidence erodes in Treasuries or the dollar's reserve currency status is threatened, borrowing will get more expensive and servicing that debt would cancel any budgetary forecasts that were made in a previous lending environment.

How many interest rate hikes should we expect in 2022? Estimates now range from three rate increases all the way to seven, with the federal funds rate projected to end the year in a range of 1.25%-2.00% (the current effective floor is 0.00%-0.25%). Americans are still trying to size up the Fed's monetary policy for 2022. What we know so far is that the central bank will begin hiking rates in March, assuming that the "conditions are appropriate for doing so". It's anyone's guess how aggressive the FOMC might be after that, assuming it tries to snuff out the strongest pace of inflation in decades. Are you old enough to remember stagflation?

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

**Should I get a 15-year mortgage, or a 30-year mortgage?**

I always recommend a 30-year mortgage. Rates can be a bit higher for a 30-year mortgage compared to a 15-year mortgage, but mortgage rates are still incredibly low. By making your monthly payment plus an extra amount specified to be applied only to the principal, you will be able to pay off your mortgage quicker. Unless you specify that you want the extra amount to be applied to the principal, some mortgage companies have a policy of holding the extra amount until it equals to a full mortgage payment and then applying it to your loan. That allows them to collect interest, and would defeat your purpose of paying off your mortgage early. If something unforeseen happens wherein your income is suddenly decreases, you can fall back on paying the amount required for the 30-year mortgage payment until your financial situation improves and you can resume paying extra. To find a mortgage broker who will shop the best loan for you, go online to [findamortgagebroker.com](http://findamortgagebroker.com)

**I recently started my own business as a sole proprietor, not a corporation. How can I find out what tax deductions are available for me to legally take?**

Go online to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), search, download, and print: Schedule C and the Instructions for Schedule C. These two pieces are packed with information on what are allowable tax deductions for non-incorporated businesses. Under the newer law, business



**Julia Yoder**

owners can take a 20-percent deduction on their pass-through business income. (There are earning limits.)

**Should we put our annuities into the name of our trust?**

The most common reason for establishing a trust is to avoid probate. It can take a long time for a trust to be read and for those instructions to be implemented. Because beneficiaries are named within the annuity policy, probate is already avoided. Beneficiaries receive payout from an annuity not in a trust faster than they would with an annuity within a trust. Quicker access to funds from annuities and life insurance can enable beneficiaries to pay bills and taxes in a more simplified and timelier manner. Beneficiaries should be informed to always follow the specific annuity contract rules on withdrawing money from an annuity to avoid potential loss of funds. Newer government rules may require funds be distributed to beneficiaries over a period no longer than 10 years. This is important for financial planning.

**Is whole-life insurance the only kind of life insurance that builds a cash account?**

No. There's also universal life, variable universal life, and equity-indexed universal life. In my opinion, the best out there is Equity-Indexed Universal Life. This is life insurance with an underlying savings account that is not in the stock market. You are given the choice annually to allocate part of your premium to a fixed return allocation, or to several other avenues with higher potential gains without risk of loss. (Note: Guarantees are based on the strength of the issuing insurance company.)

**I'll be turning 72 next year. If I buy an annuity this year, will I have to pay surrender fees or penalties on money taken out to fulfill the RMD rules?**

No. Insurance companies, which offer annuities, allow you to put your money into an annuity, and waive surrender fees on any amounts taken to fulfill the Required Minimum Distribution rules.

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## Car Talk by THE CAR DOC

**What You "AUTO" Know**  
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

## Using Your Senses To Detect Car Trouble

We get calls all the time from customers that tell us their car "sounds like" or "smells like" this or that. Often customers feel self-conscious about doing this but it truly is helpful to us. Our vehicles are really good communicators. I know we have dash lights that illuminate to tell us many things but our senses are great at it too.

For example, if you notice a puddle under your car that is dark brown or black and oily looking in appearance, that is most likely engine oil. This tells us you might have a bad seal or a loose oil filter. If you see a red oily spot it is probably a transmission or power steering fluid leak. A clear puddle of fluid is most like-

ly air conditioning condensation, and is the only puddle you don't need to be concerned about.

If you notice a smell of burnt toast it could be an electrical problem. A smell of burning sulfur usually indicates a catalytic converter or emission control system problem. An acrid odor could be burning oil or oil leaking onto a hot engine part. A chemical or resin-like odor might indicate a "dragging brake" or an emergency brake that's been left on by mistake. A sickly-sweet smell coupled with a fogged inside windshield is a strong indicator of a heater core failure.

Hearing the following sounds definitely means your vehicle

wants attention! A squealing or scraping sound when you apply the brakes, knocks or pings from the engine when you accelerate or climb a hill, your muffler making a rumbling or hissing sound, the thumping of a tire due to a flat, the clicking of a worn CV joint when you make a tight turn, an engine that keeps chugging when you've turned off the ignition. All these noises indicate trouble!

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## Brut Rosé + Valentine's Day = LOVE

Valentine's Day is a very special day. For some, more than others, Brut Rosé has played an interesting role in setting the tone for the sentimentality of Valentine's Day. Bubbles, generally, have become the drink of choice to celebrate the occasion along with chocolate, flowers and, most of all, someone special.

Yet, *Brut Rosé*, has always signified for me that serious love is attached, somehow, to this "pinkalicious" wine. Make no mistake, having *Tattinger's Comtes de Champagne* or *Ruinart Blanc de Blanc* is nothing to sneeze at. These are, perhaps, for a special friend or someone that you're "almost" in love with or, a significant other that views Valentine's Day as an annual routine falling somewhere in between the Super Bowl and President's Day.

*Brut Rosé* has, undoubtedly, imposed its authority on romance and waxed poetic on love. For those of us who are slightly articulate and a little goof in the presence of intense loveliness, let your *Brut Rosé* finish the sentence for you!

Furthermore, it's not *simply* special because it's usually more expensive (on average) or just that it's color is more engaging, subconsciously, to our inner kindness, rather it's the litany of flavors it affords us and the di-



**By Jaunenito Pavon, Sommelier**

versity and synchronicity to foods it pairs with. Moreover, don't let the occasionally frivolous nature (wrongly associated) of "pink" lure you into thinking that it's anemic or lacking depth. Quite the contrary, the power of *Brut Rosé* comes from its higher natural acidity, found in the 3-4 pH scope, slicing through rich sauces but staying true to lighter fare.

The dryness, or the dry acidity, will show its grandeur with spicy foods as well as fatty and greasy urban goodies like LA Street Tacos, katsu, and pork belly. Also, throw in sashimi, spicy tuna rolls, as well as frittatas and strawberry salads with lightly caramelized pecans, spinach and Feta, id est, most things on your dinner table not named Ribeye or NY Strip and friends.


Of all the aforementioned

pairings, one in particular that continues to be my favorite is *Brut Rosé* with strawberry French Macarons. I can vividly recall a night while working at Hotel Bel Air where one could always find our Chef, Wolfgang Puck, in the dining room and lounge area with a large wine goblet generously filled with *Billicart Salmon Brut Rosé* swirling around as he two-stepped from table to table being the gracious Hollywood star of Gastronomy that he is. As he meandered his way into the kitchen, I heard him asking our *James Beard Award* winning Pastry Chef, Sherry Yard, (in only his Austrian accent) about her Strawberry French Macarons she was pulling from the oven, "Are they better than Spago?" This was a favorite pairing of his. Although he was dead serious he knew how to make us contemplate and smile.

Despite Valentine's Day being behind us, still, we celebrate the prodigiousness and splendor that *Brut Rosé* affords us emotionally with its visual warmth, physically with its euphoric effervescence, and intellectually with its cosmopolitan suitability with foods from all over the world. Peace.

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Super Bowl LVI

**Super Sunday...** On the eve of the biggest sports event of the year, I couldn't help but look back on my history with the championship game of professional football. As a young kid growing up in the early 1960's, I can remember back to when two professional leagues ruled the world of football. The more established National Football League had the older and more recognized pro teams such as the Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Colts, Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Rams. The stars of football were on every team and every team was in a major well-known city; Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, Bob Hayes, Merlin Olsen and David "Deacon" Jones. The American Football League were the younger rebels of football and their stars were younger players who were coming out of college and looking to immediately make an impact on the professional game of football. Players like Joe Namath, Lenny Dawson, George Blanda and Daryl Lamonica were paid big bonuses to play for teams in smaller markets like the Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs, New York Jets and San Diego Chargers. Two leagues competing to gain the attention of a growing sport which sought to become the most popular in the land.



Joe Castillo

In time, the competition became too much and a merger was proposed to unite both leagues in two conferences playing under one league. The team owners of each league saw how the merger was in the best interest of the players, the teams and the fans but I truly doubt that any owner could have foreseen how popular the game would become in the 56 years since the first championship game after the merger. I wish I could say I've seen every Super Bowl game played but the truth is that I didn't see the first two games which were known as the AFL-NFL Championship Game in the years before the name of the "Super Bowl" was applied to the game.

The first two games were played in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and it was shown on two television stations, CBS and NBC, but the games were blacked out in the Los Angeles market and the only media which had the games was the trusted radio. I remember taking a couple of long drives listening

to the Green Bay Packers and Coach Vince Lombardi throttle the Kansas City Chiefs and the Oakland Raiders in successive years to become the champions of football. The first game I actually saw live on television was the first officially named "Super Bowl" game between the New York Jets and the Baltimore Colts. The game ended in an upset by the Jets against the more known and more established Colts, and began the legendary career of quarterback Joe Namath. But the game was also significant in that the younger and less accomplished league had defeated their older brother and finally were seen as equals on the football field.

On the day after the game, I opened the Los Angeles Times Sports section and sought out the article on the game. It wasn't on the first page, nor the second page but was on the third page in the right-hand corner with a picture of Joe Namath and a short 50-word article. I cut the article out and pasted it in my scrapbook, and I still have it today. But what's amazing is how big and popular the game has become since the first games and how much media coverage reports on the players, teams and the game itself in the two weeks leading up to the championship game. Fifty-six years and counting of Super Bowl games and the history of the National Football League and its players. It is truly a super conclusion to an exciting football season. But of course, what's a game without a Super Bowl prediction? I'll take the upset just because when everything seems like a can't-miss, the opposite usually happens. Bengals 26 - Rams 20, a Super Game on Super Sunday....

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## Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. Some people joke that President Biden has periodic delusions of grandeur and that that reminds them of author James Thurber's short story character Walter Mitty... If you have forgotten "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" from back in school, it probably would be enjoyable to re-read the humorous life of Walter Mitty - who is but a simple human overwhelmed by life, but envisions himself as a swashbuckling adventurous guy, a big fearless hero, no less...

2. In everyday life, as well as in the movie industry nowadays, it's all about pitting people against each other by race or ethnicity or color or religion or, color of eyes, or, or, the size of someone's shoe!... Specifically, in movie roles, for example, because an actor from Spain was cast as the Cuban Desi Arnaz, and an Australian was cast as his American wife, some have complained... Before too long, maybe only a *real dope addict* will be able to play the movie role of a dope addict? *This is progress?*

3. The L. A. County Sheriff is directly elected by the voters, but the L.A. county Supervisors control the budget for the department. So, reportedly, to be better able to control him, they have cut the Sheriff's Department budget; thus, he can't hire needed personnel - the department is understaffed, while crime rages... *Defund the Sheriffs:* the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' answer to crime in the street - that is one way to try to force the sheriff to support the Board policy of being lax on law enforcement.

4. If anyone is not keen about getting around in big spaces, plus is hesitant to ask for assistance, even though at a place like "Ikea" there are directional arrows, some people could get lost

there... And if anyone does not like to ask for help, they might be there meandering through the establishment *till-the-cows-come-home*... And, there are no cows in the area!

5. Some Supreme Court justices are continually saying that politics is influencing the Supreme Court - but they themselves are becoming politicians by continually barking about how the politicians are politicizing the court... Now, recently, a retired Black federal judge goes further, saying that a particular Black female federal judge should not be considered for nomination to *the Court*, reportedly because he *suggests* that in Court decisions, she has not been *political* enough in favor of Black People... Huh?

6. In Europe in years long past, some, *compassionately* (!), tried providing *supervised* safe park sites where drug addicts could inject their drugs, so that they could be kept from *overdosing*... The program did not work, and created additional problems for the addicts and for society... In American cities, some local governments have tried the same, and-it-not-work... But, reportedly, President Biden is in favor of similar *compassionate* policies, in order, specifically, to save Black lives... Don't they learn?

7. Whether true victims or not, apparently many relish being seen as victims, if it means they will receive *free money* - so every time *the government says "raise your hand if you are a victim"*, hands go up, and America gets more victims...

Some American politicians even encourage and permit people from foreign lands across the globe, to come to America and become victims... American taxpayers have no say?

8. If anyone is interested in keeping up-to-date on the progress of the Gold Line extension, searching for FOOTHILL GOLD LINE on the computer (and following the directions) will provide the opportunity to keep up with the marvelous progress, by way of photos, narratives and videos.

9. Some say that, like many other things in *modern society*, chivalry is dead, that it can't be found... But if the eyes and ears are truly open, there *are* still chivalrous acts all around us - but yes, maybe not as commonly found as in previous generations... So when those actions quietly take place, especially without fanfare, it is nice to let people know that those courtesies are appreciated.

10. Some observers of family behaviors say that nowadays, many parents have instilled in their children an extreme fear of *strangers*... Consequently, some of their children grow up being adults who have problems trusting other adults... Others, additionally, caution that taking normal safety precautions is *fine*, but becoming extremely over-protective of children, stunts their normal social growth - and that it must be remembered, that for both the *young or old*, most strangers are just nice people *we-have-not-met*.

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**ACROSS**

- Short for specification
- Knave
- \*Like President Eisenhower's head
- \*One fourth of a Presidential term
- Take-out handout
- The Beast's problem in "Beauty and the Beast"
- \*Pres. Eisenhower established this space agency
- Thought
- Body of water
- \*#22 and #24
- First-rate, slangily
- Terminate, as in mission
- Lingerie staple
- Public speaker

**DOWN**

- Ivory tickler
- "Fresh Prince of \_\_\_-Air"
- Most likely to win
- Pot contribution
- By surprise
- Indian restaurant staple
- Lacking justification
- Office communique
- Greece and Bulgaria peninsula
- Overnight stop
- Indifferently
- Sturdily built
- English course abbreviation
- "\_\_\_ 'it easy"
- Oliver Twist, e.g.
- \*University of Virginia founder
- African prairie
- \*Second most-popular Presidential birth state, after Virginia
- Arm bone
- Poem at a funeral
- German title
- Arnold Lobel's "Mouse \_\_\_"
- High school club
- Clinton \_\_\_ Rodham
- Hitler's Deputy

**CROSSWORD**

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**February 10, 2022 Puzzle Solution**

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# Azusa City Manager Sergio Gonzalez Appoints Police Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick As Acting Police Chief

*Appointment fills temporary medical-related vacancy by Chief Mike Bertelsen*

**AZUSA** – Effective February 10th, 2022, City Manager Sergio Gonzalez has appointed Police Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick as Acting Police Chief of the Azusa Police Department. The appointment fills a temporary vacancy in the role following news that Chief Mike Bertelsen will step back from the position for medical-related reasons. No time-frame has been provided at this time for his return.

Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick has served the department for the past 19 years, having held various roles during his tenure with the City of Azusa. Prior to serving as Lieutenant, he also held the ranks of corporal and sergeant, with supervisory assignments over the department's detective bureau, Homeless Assistance Liaison Officer team, and gang unit.

"I support Chief Bertelsen's decision in following the recommendations of his doctor and doing what is best for his health and his family. We sincerely wish him the very best and are committed to continuing his good



**Azusa Acting Police Chief Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick**

efforts and the work of this department," said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. He further added "...Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick has over 25 years of Law Enforcement experience and has served our community with

distinction. I appreciate his willingness to step up and into this responsibility as the City considers future next steps, and know that he will have our community's support as he assumes this role."

# Always Bee Fancy Celebrates One-Year Anniversary with Ribbon-Cutting



**GLENDORA** – The Glendora Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure to help celebrate a ribbon-cutting and one-year anniversary for Always Bee Fancy. Always Bee Fancy is a clothing boutique and clothing line in Glendora, CA. They offer a complete line of dresses, bottoms, tops, self-care, accessories, and much more at reasonable prices. They believe that every woman should feel beautiful and Bee Fancy without breaking the bank, no matter their age or size.

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ompson, David Fredendall, and Michael Allawos. Representing the Glendora Chamber Board were Chamber Board Chair and L.A. County Insurance Commissioner Marilyn Sparks, Vice-Chair DJ Jafari, Board Member Nikole Pearce, and Ambassador Sue Laub.

Always Bee Fancy is located at 1200 E. Route 66, Suite 109, Glendora. Visit [AlwaysBeeFancy.com](http://AlwaysBeeFancy.com) for more information and to shop.

# Covina-Valley Unified's South Hills High School Selects Head Football Coach

**COVINA** – South Hills High School has named Jacob Calderon as their next head football coach, an alumnus who brings years of experience and success as both a player and a coach to his new position.

Calderon returns to South Hills following coaching stints at Chaffey College, El Monte High School and most recently, Bishop Amat Memorial High School.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to come back to my alma mater and lead the football program as the head

coach," Calderon said. "There is a rich football history at South Hills and I am committed to establishing a winning tradition."

South Hills' football team has maintained a strong winning culture over the years, winning five CIF-SS championship titles. Before entering the coaching ranks, Calderon had an accomplished playing career for the Huskies – winning three league titles and two CIF-SS championships.

He went on to play for California Lutheran University,



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where he led the nation in sacks during his senior year. After college, he played for the Indoor Football League before suffering a knee injury that ended his playing career.

Throughout his time as a coach, Calderon has served in a variety of positions including linebackers coach, special teams coordinator and defensive coordinator. As the head coach at South Hills, he will be tasked with leading all aspects

of the football team and fostering the growth of their student-athletes.

"We are very excited to have Coach Calderon lead our football team," South Hills High School Principal Allan Tyner said. "As someone who understands our program both as a coach and a player, his leadership and expertise will help expand and build upon its signature reputation for success, on and off the field."

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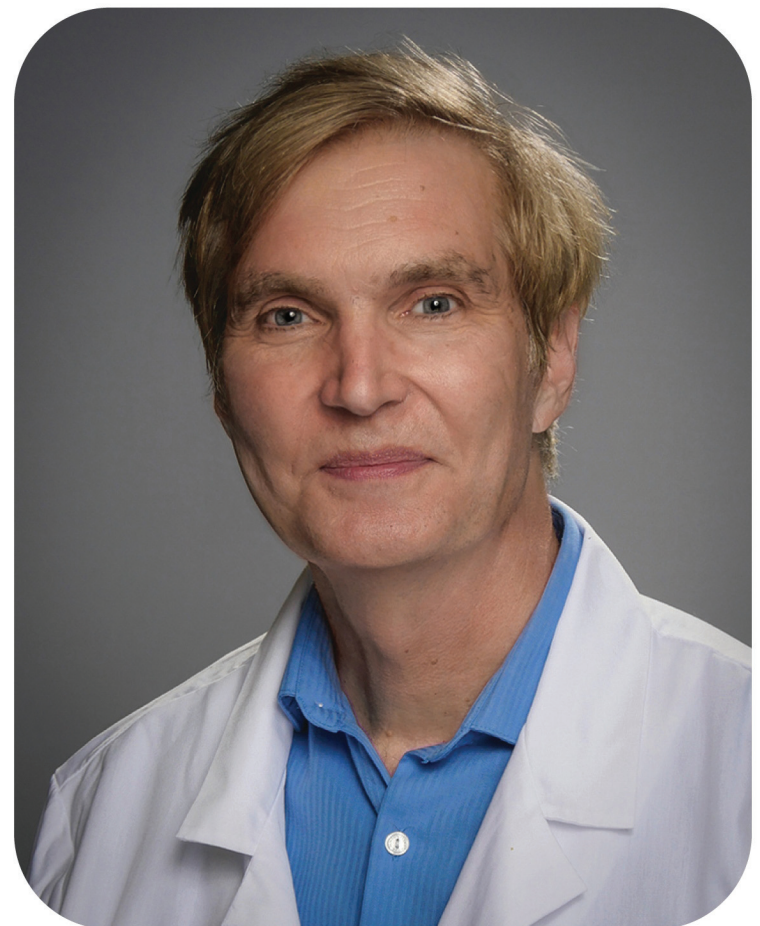


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