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by Howard Palmer

PASADENA - Although the Tournament of Roses had a formal 2022 Rose Parade opening spectacular many considered the sunny skies over Pasadena even more spectacular after days of rain interfered with many of the Tournament of Roses outdoor events preceding the parade. The cool air was welcomed as the fully vaccinated crowd in the stands huddled together for warmth with masks in place.

The 133rd Rose Parade presented by Honda with its theme, "Dream, Believe, Achieve" was right on time. At 8am, the opening ceremony was introduced appropriately by 29-time Paralympic medalist Jessica Long. Jessica lost her legs at just 18 months old and throughout her life persevered with determination and a belief she could overcome this physical difference. LeAnn Rimes, international multi-platinum selling acclaimed singer and song writer, took to the stage to get the enthusiasm of the crowd going.

However, nothing tops the flyover by the U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber all the way from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. Everyone knew it was coming, but those seeing it for the first time could only say "wow" as they tried to get their camera shot. Silently it soared low over the parade route and on over the San Gabriel Valley.



The 133rd Rose Parade Sweepstakes Winner - The UPS Store float. (Photo by Jean Palmer)

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The crowd was now ready for the floats, bands and equestrians. The first unit to turn the corner at Colorado Boulevard was the presenting sponsor, American Honda float "Believe and Achieve". The float depicted a young girl with boundless passion for invention. She was wearing a self designed and built rocket back pack with rockets that moved her up and down, and left and right. The theme was to show dreams can be achieved and come true.

The floats are reviewed the day

before the parade by a panel of judges and the awards are announced the morning of the parade. The floats are evaluated for floral presentation, float design and entertainment value. The award most sought is the Sweepstakes for the most beautiful entry encompassing all areas of evaluation.

The Sweepstakes winner did not take long to appear. The fifth float to turn the corner at Colorado Boulevard was by The UPS Store. This was the third time in

row they have been the Sweepstakes winner. They are now tied with the Rain Bird Corporation, for consecutive wins. Rain Bird is a leading manufacturer and provider of irrigation products and services and was a significant employer in Glendora/Azusa area. Also, Rain Bird holds the record for Sweepstakes wins with nine. Rain Bird had a float in the parade from 1997 to 2010.

The UPS Store is the Literacy Sponsor of the 2022 Rose Parade. They are donating and dis-

tributing 14,000 books to 7,000 Pasadena Unified School District elementary students through their Toys for Tots Literacy Program. The float titled "Rise, Shine & Read!" featured a proud father rooster reading to his family of chicks. The tallest float in the parade at 35 feet the rooster was bold and beautiful. The animation also gained attention as the rooster's head turned side to side as he read to his baby chicks. His neck moved up and down while both wings moved. Also, his massive tail moved up and down. All the baby chicks on the base of the float moved their heads. The newest chick could be seen arising out of his shell. In keeping with this being the Rose Parade, the base of the float was decorated with over 60,000 red roses with accents of orchid sprays. In all, the float was decorated with well over 130,000 flowers! Fiesta Parade Floats based in Irwindale is the builder of the float and shares in the Sweepstakes Award with The UPS Store. The UPS Store has participated in the parade for five years and gained three top awards in this short amount of time.

As the parade drew to a close many said "I will be back!" After a year wondering where the corona virus is headed the Rose Parade was a welcome diversion.

Glendora Women's Club Celebrates The New Year

By Marsha Edwards Mason

GLENDORA - The Glendora Women's Club celebrated bringing in the new year at Almansor Court in Alhambra with a big luncheon, lively entertainment and busloads of festive individuals and organizations. Buses and tour groups came cities near and far. The Glendora Women's Club were in good company with the Red Hats, Soroptimist's, travel club groups, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs and many more.

It was an opportunity to bring in the New Year on New Year's Eve Day, toast to the new year at 4:00 p.m. London time and be safely at home by 6:00 in the evening. Almansor Court was decorated beauti-

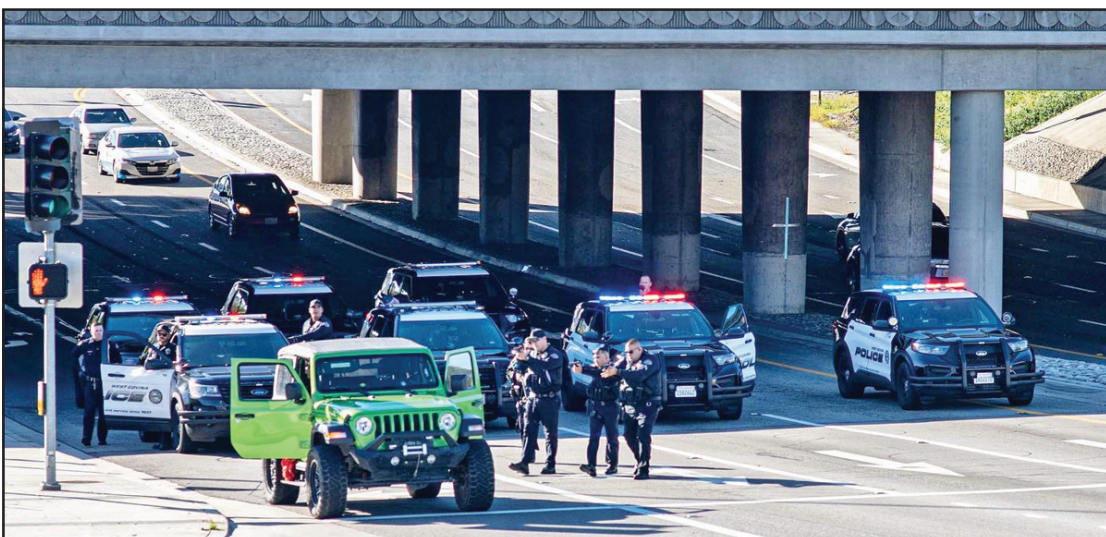


Rose Myers, Marianne Myers, Marti Mason, Marguerite Bronkala and Chris Ohrmund, Glendora Women's Club President.

fully for Christmas. Lights, wreaths, and trees were the ambiance of the afternoon. It was a friendly and safe environment to celebrate with old friends and make new friends. Women's Club member's, their spouses, family members and friends enjoyed a lovely after-

noon with good food, lively entertainment, champagne to toast the new year, wine, tea, or coffee. A safe, fun time was had by all. We'll be back to the Almansor for more entertainment and enjoyable times throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

Flock License Plate Reader Helps Recover Stolen Jeep



West Covina Police officers conduct a high-risk stop on a stolen vehicle. (Photo credit to the individual who shared photo with West Covina Police)

WEST COVINA - On January 2, 2022 at approximately 9:23 AM, West Covina Police officers received a Flock License Plate Reader (LPR) hit on a stolen vehicle (jeep). Officers located the vehicle in the area of Azusa and the 1-10 freeway

and conducted a high-risk stop. The driver and passenger of the vehicle were taken into custody without incident. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a loaded 9mm semi-auto handgun and narcotics.



Saluting Americas' Band Directors float - "We Teach Music, We Teach Life". (Photo by Jean Palmer)



Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom float with current program host Peter Gros. (Photo by Jean Palmer)

Huge Fire near El Monte American Military History Museum

By George Ogden

EL MONTE - Los Angeles County Fire Department crews responded to a two-alarm fire near the American Military History Museum in El Monte on Thursday, December 30 around 9:00 p.m. in the evening.

One commercial building was engulfed in fire and was a total loss.

It is not sure if this building is part of the museum or not, however it is directly next to the huge lot of decommissioned vehicles.

The fire was finally contained around 11:30 p.m. with multiple crews fighting the fire.

The CHP closed the w/b 60 offramp to Rosemead Blvd.

The building appears to be part of a honey butane, or hash oil lab, which is used in the production of creating purified marijuana that is extracted from plants. The finished product is traditionally used in marijuana edibles. LACoFD stated that they were requesting that a Health Hazmat team to respond to the scene after it was found that the honey butane lab was located inside of the property.

There were no reports of injuries.

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Despite High Vaccination Levels, Healthcare Worker Case Numbers Are Rising

New booster dose requirement aimed at ensuring adequate hospital staffing

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Public Health reports a high proportion of healthcare workers, across a variety of settings, are fully vaccinated (with either two doses of an mRNA vaccine, or one dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine). As of mid-November, 91% of hospital workers, 93% of dialysis workers, and 83% of EMS workers were vaccinated; as of December 12th, 96% of skilled nursing facility staff were also fully vaccinated. Nevertheless, with increased community transmission, cases among healthcare workers are now rising.

During the week ending on December 18th, a total 292 cases were identified among L.A. County healthcare workers, an increase of 26% from the previous week. Meanwhile, 46% of hospitals in the county are reporting staffing shortages, com-

pared with 20% at the outset of last winter's case surge.

In alignment with the State of California, LA County's new Health Officer Order requiring booster doses for all healthcare workers is a key protective step aimed at reducing infections by increasing the numbers of workers with the optimal safety provided by the booster dose. And while health care workers are generally highly vaccinated, many have not yet received their booster dose; for example, though fully vaccinated staff rates remain very high in the skilled nursing facility setting, the proportion of those who have received booster doses lags behind at approximately 50-60%.

The revised order, issued December 23rd, requires booster-eligible workers in healthcare settings be boosted by February 1st, 2022 or be tested for COVID-19 twice a week beginning December 27th (if in acute health care or long-term care settings). The order also recommends all workers upgrade their face coverings to surgical masks or high-

er-level respirators (such as an N95 mask). The goal of this order is to protect LA County's healthcare workers, patients, facility residents, and community at large by ensuring an essential workforce remains as healthy and protected as possible.

"I send my heartfelt condolences to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Keeping healthcare workers safe is critical to maintaining functionality across our healthcare facilities when surges lead to rising rates of hospitalizations," Ferrer continued. "Across multiple healthcare settings, our health care personnel have given their all and been fully vaccinated at high levels for many months. However, the threat of rising cases and concerning hospital staffing shortages require us to act quickly to ensure that in the face of the high transmissible Omicron variant, our essential workforce has an important added layer of protection."

With Pediatric Hospitalizations Increasing and In-Person Learning Resuming, Parents and Children Are Urged to Take Precaution Amid Surging Transmission

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - According to Public Health data, pediatric hospitalizations increased by nearly 190% between December 4th and December 25th. And while the numbers of children hospitalized remain very small, those 0-4 years old saw the biggest rise in rates with a 3.25-fold increase, followed by 12-to-17-year-old teens, who had a 3.0-fold increase, and 5-to-11-year-old, who saw an increase of 1.5-fold. Cases among children have also increased by 207% from the two-week period starting on November 8th to the two-week period ending on December 26th.

With pediatric cases and hospitalizations rising and many children returning to in-person learning this week, Public Health asks that everyone focus on following the public health safety measures that reduce spread including wearing a medical grade mask indoors and in outdoor crowded spaces; testing all staff and students before or during the first few days of schools reopening; and strictly adhering to the revised quarantine and isolation requirements outlined in the LA

County Health Officer Order issued on December 31. Along with getting vaccinated and boosted, these are critical steps to help reduce transmission in the community and at our schools.

This week, in an effort to increase capacity at schools to offer testing to returning students, LA County Public Health and the LA County Office of Education are working to distribute at-home test kits provided by the state for the county's 1.4 million school aged students. Additionally, the L.A. County Home Test Collection program is offering free, at-home COVID nasal swab test kits via mail to all L.A. County residents who have experienced COVID-19 symptoms or believe they may have been exposed. These kits are free of charge and can be requested through the program's website at www.covid19.lacounty.gov/home-test.

"I send my heartfelt condolences to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "As students return to the classroom, we all need to follow the public health safety measures in place to ensure our schools can open safely after the winter break. Because higher community transmission creates additional challenges at our schools, everyone needs to do their part to slow the spread of the virus."

"Most importantly, given that vaccinations and boosters provide the most protection against COVID-19, reducing transmission and disruptions in learning at schools, families need to act urgently to get their school-aged children vaccinated," Ferrer continued. "Additionally, staff, teachers and older teens should be getting their boosters as soon as they are eligible. An important protection from transmission of this airborne virus are well-fitting, higher-grade masks and these should be worn by everyone at schools when indoors and in outdoor crowded spaces. And where possible, children and staff should have a negative COVID-19 test the first week they return to the classroom. I am grateful to the state, our partners at LACOE, and school district administrators and staff for ev-

erything they are doing to distribute these test kits to the students so that there is an additional layer of safety as schools reopen for a new semester."

On January 3rd, Public Health confirmed 8 additional deaths and 16,269 new cases of COVID-19. Today's number of cases and deaths reflect the weekend reporting delays. Of the 8 new deaths reported today, two people were between the ages of 30 and 49, one was between the ages of 50-64, three were between the ages of 65-79, and two were over the age of 80 years old. Of the 8 newly reported deaths, 7 had underlying conditions. To date, the total number of deaths in L.A. County is 24,647.

Public Health has identified a total 1,757,522 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. January 3rd's positivity rate is 22.5%.

There are 1,792 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 10,113,300 individuals, with 16% of people testing positive.

While we continue to experience the surge in cases, Public Health is reminding residents to avoid visiting the emergency room unless they need emergency medical care. Residents should not be visiting the emergency department solely to get a COVID test or for minor complaints that could be resolved through their primary care physician. Emergency room visits should be reserved for those patients who are feeling severely ill - for example, those who are short of breath - or who have serious concerns about their health and who require immediate emergency care.

To keep workplaces and schools open, residents and workers are asked to:

- Get tested to help reduce the spread, especially if you traveled for the holidays, have had a possible exposure, or have symptoms, or are gathering with people not in your household
- Adhere to masking requirements when indoors or at crowded outdoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status

Residents are legally required to be isolated if they have a positive COVID test result and that vaccinated close contacts with symptoms and unvaccinated close contacts need to quarantine. For updated isolation and quarantine guidance, please visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 5 years old and older to help protect against COVID-19. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites and many community sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

Assemblymember Chris Holden Appointed Chair of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations

First African American Chair in 27 Years

SACRAMENTO - California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (AD-63) appointed Assemblymember Chris Holden (AD-41) as Chair of the California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations on January 3, 2022.

"I thank Speaker Rendon for appointing me as Chair of the Appropriations Committee," said Holden. "I appreciate his confidence in my ability to chair this important committee."

Former Speaker, Willie Brown chaired the Ways and

Means Committee from 1971 to 1974 and in 1995, this Committee was split into two Committees: Appropriations and Budget. The Assembly Committee on Appropriations primary jurisdiction includes all fiscal bills including bonds and alternative public financing. Holden is the first African American to Chair Appropriations in 27 years.

"After serving nearly 24 years on the Pasadena City Council, and nine years in the California State Assembly, I have learned

the important balance of maintaining fiscal responsibility and advancing effective public policy. I look forward to working with my colleagues as we endeavor for another impactful legislative session," said Holden.

Holden formally chaired the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy for five years where its primary jurisdictions included public utilities, the California Public Utilities Commission, energy companies, telecommunications and international trade, among others. He will continue as a member of this committee as well as the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, the Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance and the Assembly Committee on Environmental Science and Toxic Materials.

Holiday Tree & Trash Collection

Athens Services will collect holiday trees on normal pickup days from December 26, 2021 through January 14, 2022. Please remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel. Trees with flocking or fire retardants are acceptable. Cut trees in half if longer than 6 feet in length. If you miss the date for recycling, cut up tree and

place next to yard waste container.

Since the Christmas and New Year holidays fall on weekends, there will be no changes to Monday-Friday trash collection services the week of December 20 & 27. December 24 and December 31 are both a regular trash pickup days.

Man Stabbed Outside of Cove Bar in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Detectives at the West Covina Police Department are currently investigating an attempted murder and are seeking other witnesses. On Friday morning, December 31, just after 2:00 AM, officers received a call regarding a stabbing that occurred in the 100 block of South Glendora Avenue.

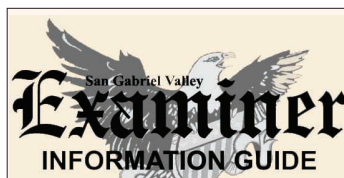
Officers arrived on the scene with paramedics who were already on scene and they attended to the victim.

The victim, whose identity

was not released, was transported to a local hospital and is in critical condition. Officers searched the area for the suspect and located him. The suspect was identified as Peter Jacobo, a 43-year-old resident of Valinda. He is currently being held in custody at the West Covina Police Department jail and booked for 664/187(a) (Attempted Murder) and 245(a)(1) (Assault with a Deadly Weapon). His bail amount is currently set at \$1,000,000.

The fight was outside the Cove Bar on Glendora. It appears there was a type of verbal altercation that turned violent. The victim was stabbed and was in a critical state when first responders arrived.

Believing there may be other witnesses to the altercation, the West Covina Police Department is asking anyone with further information to call the West Covina Police Department Tip-line at 626-939-8688, and you may remain anonymous. You can also leave a tip at www.crimestoppersusa.org.



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Rain, Rain Don't Go Away, More Needed

Days of a cold rain, nicely going away for Christmas (mostly) and New Year's Day, has left this state with close to 160% of the average snow fall for this time of year. And, the water content in that snow is the highest it has been in quite a while. It is the water from that snow pack that will float down into the ground and into the rivers to provide the farmers in those areas with the much-needed water they are starved for these days. Comments collected from the farming communities included 'we aren't out of the drought yet'.

And even with all that water coming down in buckets in some places, Sacramento Bee reported farmer, Joe Del Bosque, was hopeful federal Bureau of Reclamation would start sending some of that water his way. The almost extinct delta smelt became a priority once again over farmers and their crops and the 25 million people who rely on that water for drinking and day to day life.

Del Bosque told the Fresno Bee, "Unfortunately, much of the excess flood released in Northern California will flow to the ocean. We can't capture these storm flows due to ESA [Endangered Species Act] actions in the Delta." Two years ago, this farmer paid \$250 an acre for water and this year, \$750 an acre to water his crops. Other farmers in the Central Valley are up against the same problem when it comes to water. Any wonder why food costs have gone sky-high?

And, speaking of sky-high ...



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

what was the cost of your prime rib or pot roast for Christmas? Looking through the counter last week, a three-pound chuck roast was \$20 and some change. Lack of water for the dairy herds forced the dairy farmers to weed out and put down some of the herd so I wonder what the cost of milk and milk products will be this year. Short supply always drives up the costs and the beef costs were truly outrageous. Understandably so, but still outrageous.

Remember the pictures of Lake Oroville with houseboats stuck out in the middle of that lake? 130 of those houseboats were pulled from the lake before the water got so low, but those not pulled out ended up stuck out there with not enough water to float their boats to the docks. And first-ever in the history of this state, the Hyatt Powerplant at Oroville providing part of the power to 800,000 California homes had to be shut down because of lack of water to keep that

system functioning.

The Enterprise-Record, small local newspaper in that area, reported some good news: "As of midnight Tuesday, Lake Oroville had 1,323,897 acre-feet of water in it. While that number is 37% of the lake's capacity, it also reflects 72% of its average storage this time of year. Lake Shasta however, is not faring so well and is just 29% of its capacity."

While those in Northern California count snow feet and measure water lines in lakes and dams, we in the San Gabriel Valley have to thank the fact our water supply comes from the reservoir beneath the ground that minimizes evaporation, allows for a high level of storage and at a fairly reasonable rate when we have to buy water. And, the water management policies have shown some very forward thinking and conservative attitudes.

The online Almanac says for those of us in Southern California, more scattered rain is being predicted for January and mid-February and early March. This prediction also comes with a below normal rainfall in the Northern California and an above rainfall in Southern California with a prediction of the hottest months to occur as normal during the summer months.

We tend to see the rain and everything burst into bloom in the spring, but as the farmers are saying, 'we aren't out of the drought yet'. Use outdoor watering cautiously and when necessary.

'Following the Science,' or the COVID Narrative?

by Jane M. Orient, M.D.

Science has undergone a radical metamorphosis. People with M.D. or Ph.D. degrees, who have published hundreds of papers in the scientific literature, have suddenly become "anti-science"-as judged by media personalities, politicians, bureaucrats, and fact-checkers. What does this mean? One clue: chief White House medical advisor Anthony Fauci, M.D., said that anyone who attacked him was attacking "science."

Anyone skeptical of the accepted COVID narrative may be called "anti-science." The articles of faith are that it is an existential threat, and the only solution is universal vaccination and surrender of our freedom to work, assemble, worship, travel, or even go outdoors without the approval of public health authorities.

One key feature of science that we should've learned in grade school seems to have been forgotten, albeit selectively: experiments need to have a control group.

Ancient or medieval physicians may have said that bleeding and purging cured disease. The only time these cures didn't work was when the patient was too far gone to be saved. The science was settled; no control group needed.

Doctors may like to imagine that we have godlike powers, but in fact we can never know what would've happened had we done something different.

That's the reason why studies of treatment must have a control group. The "gold standard" is a double-blind randomized controlled study (RCT) to correct for observer bias and the placebo effect. Giving a fake medicine (placebo) sometimes helps.

Any experiment can have two types of error. Type I error "finds" a difference between the treatment and control group just because of random variation. A type II error fails to find a sufficiently large difference to reach "statistical significance" even though one exists. Studies need to be adequately "powered"-have an adequate number of subjects to minimize type II error. A power of less than 80 percent is gener-

ally considered unacceptable. A study that is too small is called "underpowered."

Ideally, there should be a 50:50 allocation of treated and control subjects. If only 30 percent of subjects are in the control group, the study loses significant power. If only 10 percent are in the control group, the power of the study is only 40 to 60 percent, writes Mark H. White, II, Ph.D. At the moment, about 30 percent of Americans have not taken the COVID vaccine. And government keeps trying to reduce that percentage to as close to zero as possible.

There was a 50:50 allocation in the preauthorization studies of the COVID vaccines. But the blinding has been broken, and those who received placebo are now eligible to receive active vaccine. Thus, there is virtually NO control group for potential late adverse consequences.

A large number of adverse effects are being reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including nearly 20,000 deaths as of Dec 10, vastly more than for all other vaccines combined. Reporting is far from complete. The actual number may be 20 to 41 times higher. As revealed by Project Veritas, reporting may be actively discouraged.

Did the vaccine cause these problems? We have no RCT that specifically looked for them, and a potential control group of only about 30 percent at present. The best we can do is look at "historical controls," the reported past incidence of conditions such as myocarditis. Within 8 weeks of the public offering of COVID-19 products to 12-to-15 year-olds, the rate of myocarditis cases was 19 times the historically expected number.

Diseases vary over time for many reasons, and historical controls have many pitfalls. The historical natural history of the disease was nonetheless good enough for Anthony Fauci in his landmark 1973 research on Wegener's granulomatosis in 18 (eighteen) patients.

Knowledge of the historical progression of AIDS was, however, NOT good enough for Dr.

Fauci to inform physicians of the possibility of using common sulfa drugs to prevent pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), based on past research. He demanded, but would not fund, an RCT. By the time a privately funded study was complete, 17,000 AIDS patients had died of PCP without the potential benefit of prophylaxis.

The NIH is again following the model of therapeutic nihilism for COVID, suppressing promising treatments on the basis that hundreds of favorable published studies including some RCTs are inadequate.

Vaccines, however, are exempt from the demand for scientific rigor. The Biden Administration is calling for all Americans to get vaccinated and boosted, and has pledged to donate 500 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech product to low and lower-middle-income countries and the African Union.

The worldwide, coercive mass vaccination campaign is not a scientific experiment. In addition to a control group, ethical research would require voluntary informed consent, free medical care of subjects who experienced complications, provision to stop the experiment if it is doing harm, and an Institutional Review Board.

Where is the science, and where is the anti-science?

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Chile Turns a New Leaf

The late-Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet notoriously declared in 1981, "Not a leaf moves in Chile if I don't move it." Pinochet is now long gone, but the leaves keep moving and now promise to erase the last vestiges of his authoritarian rule.

Last month, Chilean voters rejected the far-right Pinochet supporter José Antonio Kast and instead elected leftist lawmaker Gabriel Boric to be the country's youngest president in history at age 35. The polls had predicted a tight race but the outcome was overwhelming. Boric received 56 percent of votes while Kast picked up only 44 percent.

Even more monumental, Chile is also currently rewriting the constitution it had inherited in 1980 from a rigged plebiscite under Pinochet. Both of these landmark events are major signs of a "changing of the guard" in Chile as a new generation seeks a more just and equitable society in defiance of the country's dark past.

General Pinochet came to power following a U.S.-backed military coup on September 11, 1973 that overthrew the democratically-elected, socialist President, Dr. Salvador Allende. Under Pinochet's dictatorship that lasted until 1990, Chileans experienced countless horrific human rights abuses. His regime killed, tortured, or imprisoned almost 40,000 people for political reasons.

However, his abuses were not limited to Chile and also included assassinating political opponents abroad. One of his most famous victims, Allende's former defense minister Orlando Letelier, was murdered by a car bomb in the streets of Washington, D.C. on September 21, 1976. His young colleague at the Institute for Policy Studies, Ronni Karpen Moffitt, was also in the car and died in the attack.

Pinochet also dismantled the socialist economic system championed by Allende and replaced it with a "free market" economy designed by a team of



Farrah Hassen

University of Chicago economists known as the "Chicago Boys." These neoliberal policies resulted in the rapid privatization of education, social security, and health care. Massive state cuts to income and social services created extreme poverty and chronic unemployment for Chileans as wealth became concentrated in the hands of a few. Pinochet's economic policies would subsequently become a model for other Latin American countries.

Boric emerged from this political and economic backdrop committed to burying Pinochet's deeply entrenched legacy in Chile once and for all. During his final year of law school in 2011, Boric led education protests across Chile. Thousands of students occupied their campuses and gathered in the streets to demand free and high-quality education for all Chileans. These protests won a number of concessions and paved the way for several student leaders to serve in Chile's national Congress, including Boric in 2013.

The popular uprising against neoliberalism's toll on Chilean society continued to grow. In October 2019, widespread protests erupted after the government imposed a four-cent metro-fare hike, providing yet another reminder of how Chile's politicians were out of touch with the needs of everyday Chileans. A national conversation ensued around addressing rampant inequality, which became a central theme of Boric's 2021 presiden-

tial campaign as well as popular demands for a new constitution.

Despite never completing his law degree, Boric received more votes than any presidential candidate in Chile's history by running on a campaign for equality, quality health care for all, and reforming the country's privatized pension system. In his acceptance speech on December 19, he acknowledged that the fate of his campaign promises rests on consensus and taking "short but steady steps" given Chile's closely-divided Congress.

As Chilean journalist Cristian Fariás noted in the New York Times on December 24, one of the most immediate tests of Boric's presidency will be to prepare for the national referendum on a new constitution scheduled for later this year. Following the 2019 protests, Chileans voted overwhelmingly to replace the Pinochet-era constitution, which among other things, mandated the neoliberal economic model that continues to fuel inequality and poverty.

A 155-member constitutional assembly is now working to expand the rights of Chileans and mark an official break from the legacy of Pinochet. Key issues up for debate include the enumeration of fundamental rights and protections for minorities. Pragmatic leadership from Boric will be necessary to ensure that this hopeful moment for Chile does not devolve into old divisions and protracted fighting.

"I feel like an inheritor of the long trajectory of those who, from different places, have tirelessly sought social justice," Boric declared as president-elect. Notwithstanding the challenges ahead, his election marks a first step towards a potentially brighter era for Chile and is an inspiration for popular movements around the world.

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The Government Rip-Off of Non-Profits

Many of you are aware that I handle a large nonprofit organization. It is the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in West Covina. Like many other nonprofit organizations around, we were having difficult times because of the government mandates. Closures for 2 years, restrictions on how to handle our business, and so much more make it difficult to operate.

Even though nonprofits such as the VFW are considered nonprofit, they still have to pay taxes. We have a cocktail lounge; but the beverages that are sold are not tax-free as taxes have to be paid on the sales. On top of that, the government requires you to have 2 licenses. Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) controls these 2 licenses. One license says "Veterans Club" and the other is the "Caterers Permit". Right now it is about \$2835 for the VFW. On top of that, we have to get the "Health Permit" which is about \$1250. That is over \$4000 to allow the VFW to be open and to run that part of the facility.

Because of the closure mandates, the rental hall and bar of the VFW is not being used but are still forced to pay \$4000 while the government does not allow them to use or operate the facility.

Prior to all of these mandates, the VFW did 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts events per month to help bring money in for their auxiliary. These ladies would volunteer their time to make these meals. They would be lucky if they made \$200 per month for their programs after covering the cost of the food for those meals. All that money that they make ends up going to the government for these permits. The ladies got pretty smart and didn't want to volunteer to do what they were



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

doing just to give the money away to the government. They gave up and quit. There were a number of seniors that would come to these meals because they were very reasonable and good and at times it might be their only main meal for that particular week. The meals are now gone.

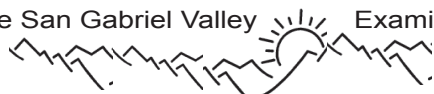
The mandates and restrictions damaged the VFW to the point where all the rentals that they got payments for were canceled and the VFW had to pay back nearly \$70,000 to their clients. Not only did the VFW lose this money, but it lost future revenue as there were no clients coming in. Money had to be loaned to the VFW to keep them operating. The VFW and other organizations like this are not like a mom-and-pop store. They got shut down by the government but they didn't have to pay their customers back for their purchases. They had to sit and wait and hope somebody would come in to buy their products.

The VFW has been renting out the hall for various occasions. However, the cocktail lounge and the dinners are gone basically. The vendors that organizations like this are required to purchase their distilled spirits and beer from canceled all the accounts with the VFW. Why? That was because we could not order from them because the VFW was closed.

The VFW had to pay for permits last year and they have demands again for this year. In fact, the VFW received a notice in the mail on December 29th, that there would be a penalty of 50% if not paid by December 31st. Can you believe that? I tried to pay online and can't because there's no way to do it. I called the office in Monrovia and they say I have to come down to make the payment or mail it to them. So I drive over there and explain the situation and the young lady says I have to fill out a paper and write a letter about the situation to see if anything can be done. She doesn't hand me a form, but a blank piece of paper. I thought she was kidding. So, I bring out a debit card to make the payment and they don't accept it. Well that's just absolutely fantastic. Now, I pull out my wallet and try to give her cash. They don't accept cash either. They only take a check. How the hell do we pay for this damn thing and not get penalized? I told her that we don't do checks. In fact, the last check we wrote to them became compromised and apparently that check was duplicated and used by somebody that was able to get a hold of that check out of their office. They changed the information on it so they could take money out of the VFW account. The investigation determined that the "doctored" check was the one written to the ABC. The ABC would not cooperate with law enforcement to identify who may have done.

So, they make it almost impossible for you to make a payment and then they penalize you because you couldn't make the payment. We have to pay for permits that we can't even use.

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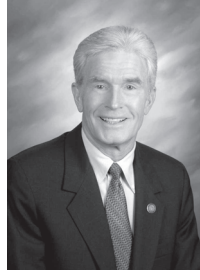
2022's Number One Concern Could Be Inflation

The market has been whipped by one exaggerated story after another. Even though the Omicron variant of Covid has killed hardly anyone, and its symptoms have seemed relatively mild so far, it is generating excessive panic in the press and political circles. The Fed's recently announced overdue "tapering" plan plus their announced plan for three interest rate increases next year has not helped soften volatility yet.

However, the biggest recent economic story has been a rising wave of inflation that was launched by our government pumping too much money into the economy in 2021. This was exacerbated by a ban on drilling on federal land plus the port bottlenecks slowing receipt of essential manufacturing components as well as other imports. Although a federal judge overrode the Biden Administration's drilling ban, the Energy Department remains hostile to fossil fuels, keeping production of U.S. crude oil and natural gas much lower than in the Trump years. Another significant Biden administration blunder has been the border crisis.

Investors are having to deal with a whipsaw market, where huge price swings and fierce sector rotation are making it very difficult to get a sense of sustainable direction. With inflation approximating 40-year highs, economists are scrambling to provide forecasts that take into account factors that might help curb in-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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flation as well as those that continue to stoke inflation. On a positive note, because the highly transmissible Omicron variant is not nearly as deadly as prior variants, hopes are high that this strain could be the wave that expands herd immunity, leading to relaxing stringent Covid-19 protocols that are contributing to seaports and key distribution hubs being congested. Worker shortages should also be lessened if both health concerns as well as excessive government handouts significantly decline.

While Omicron's impact on the economy may lessen, if government mandates and restrictions don't decline inflation could continue to fester at higher levels. Fortunately, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) recently put Biden's Build Back Better plan on ice. That may save Americans from new inflation highs, but we can expect the Democrats to look for other ways to push their expensive socialism objectives. It is hard to imagine this administration trying to balance a budget or to focus on making Amer-

ica great again. So, expect more inflation.

Raising the Fed Funds Rate can be a weapon against inflation, but it could also slow economic growth by increasing the cost of borrowing for everything from mortgages to goods and services. After months of denying that inflation exists, the Biden Administration now says inflation is good for the economy and his economists claim that inflation is "healthy" - and it doesn't even hurt the poor! How could the establishment view be that recently serious inflation is good? Living with already excessively high inflation can now be felt every day. Your typical day may start with cereals, cost up an average 45% (oats are up 95%, corn 22%, wheat 21%). Sugar is up 23% while Coffee is up 84%. The price of a used car is up by more than 30% in just the last year. Gasoline at the pump is up over 50%.

The yield curve is also flattening, which by definition is a sign of rising concern over future economic growth and uncertainty about monetary policy. The Fed won't vote on policy until the next FOMC meeting, slated for January 26, but the bond market votes every day - and it is telegraphing slower growth ahead.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Simply put, what is inflation? What is recession?

Inflation is the increase in the price of products over time. Long-term inflation erodes your power to purchase. In other words, over time, your current savings buys less; a dollar no longer buys what it could a few years ago. The factor used to determine a Recession is when there have been two quarters (two 3-month periods of time) in a row of negative economic growth.

Because we have a small downpayment, we are being told we have to pay mortgage insurance. Can you explain a little about the mortgage insurance?

Mortgage insurance is charged on any loan that has less than 20-percent equity. The purpose of mortgage insurance is to pay the lender in case they have to foreclose because you breached the mortgage contract by, for example, failing to make your payments, or not paying your property taxes. Different lenders charge different mortgage insurance premiums. There are mortgage loans available that allow a much lower downpayment along with no monthly mortgage insurance payments. To locate a local independent mortgage professional, go to FindAMortgageBroker.com

What are the increases in premium and deductible for Medigap Part B in 2022?

Part B basic premium for



Julia Yoder

2022 is \$170.10 for those individuals with a modified adjusted gross income of \$91,000 or less. The deductible for Part B is \$233.00. Many Prescription Drug plans (Part D) premiums also increased.

How long will it take to double my investment?

The Rule of 72 is a mathematical rule used to estimate approximately how many years it'll take an investment to double at a specific percentage rate of return. It's just division. Take 72 and divide it by the rate your money is earning. If your investment dollars are earning 5-percent: 72 divided by 5 equals 14.4 years. In other words, at a rate of 5-percent, it will take 14.4 years for your money to double.

I have the option of taking all the money now out of my fixed annuity, without any early surrender charges. I like annuities. Although I don't plan to use the money, I might want to access it later. What do you suggest I do with this money?

Depending on your entire financial picture and what is best for you, I'd probably suggest either reinvesting in an annuity or purchasing a paid-up life insurance policy. Some company's products offer an option of almost immediate access to a good part of your money. Some policies offer penalty-free, accelerated access if you need the money for a nursing home. It really boils down to what you want your money to do for you and what is most suitable for you.

How are annuities taxed?

With qualified annuities (funded with money you have not paid taxes on yet), withdrawals are fully taxed as ordinary income. With non-qualified annuities (funded with money that you already paid taxes on), only the earnings are taxed upon withdrawal. Avoid the possibility of a 10% federal income tax penalty by waiting until you're at least 59 1/2 years old before making withdrawals. Be fully aware of the rules of your annuity contract.

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What You "AUTO" Know

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Why Timely Service Is So Important

I'm often asked about why timely service is so important. I hope you find the answers to the questions below helpful too!

Q: I'm always being told I need my filters changed. What's that all about?

A: Oil, fuel and air filters all work hard to improve your engine's running condition. When they get dirty, contaminants enter the system. This causes rough idling, loss of acceleration, decreased power and lower gas mileage.

Q: I usually fill up with gasoline when my car is almost on empty. I was told that isn't necessarily a good thing. What's wrong with that?

A: The gasoline in the tank is the cooling agent for the pump. When the level is low, the pump is exposed and runs too hot.

Q: I have heard that "exchanging" transmission, radiator, brake and power steering systems are a good idea? Why?

A: In all cases, mileage and use means more contaminants and breakdown of important fluid additives which help prevent wear and corrosion. When the systems are exchanged and new, clean fluid is added, you now have the protection of new fluid loaded with additives and without

harmful contaminants that are creating excessive wear. When you consider the cost of a transmission, radiator, an ABS brake system or power steering units, fluid exchange, next to oil changes, is the best bargain out there!

Q: If I have a concern about a noise, or notice that my car is just acting different, what should I do?

A: Call your car care provider as soon as possible. If they think it needs immediate attention they will tell you to bring it in. Safety comes first and they will never advise you to drive a vehicle that needs attention now.

Q: What can I do to lower repair costs?

A: Maintain components before they become major problems. This is the key to saving money. When you bring your car in for service, your car care provider can alert you to future repair needs or replacement parts so you can budget accordingly.

Q: I am so busy I sometimes forget to have my car serviced. What is an easy way to remember?

A: Try to preset an appointment and ask to be called a day or two in advance. If your car care provider doesn't offer this service, think of the calendar by seasons. On the first day of spring, summer, fall, winter

call and schedule an appointment.

Q: What's the deal with diagnostic testing? Doesn't that cost me more money?

A: No, it actually saves you money. Trying to diagnose today's computerized vehicles without the proper training or diagnostic equipment can result in misdiagnosis costing you \$100 or \$1000 in unnecessary repairs (known as parts swapping).

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As we start the New Year we look forward to new beginnings or not, depending on your life situation; however, change is inevitable, and the unknown does exist. Unless you have a special crystal ball that no one else on the planet has.

As for the economy, in normal times January usually sets the pace for the rest of the year, but we aren't in normal times. My parents use to tell me that back in their day they could plan with a certain amount of certainty but as time moves on and technology increases what once took days or weeks now takes minutes or seconds.

What about the talk about robotics taking over work that is normally accomplished by humans??? That is a ridiculous statement since automation has been with us since the beginning of time it has just exponentially expanded due to necessity on a multitude of levels.

Our geopolitical world that we live in is in a state of flux with those wanting to erase the past and create a new reality and those wanting to hold on to a coultur that is familiar and represents stability and those forces with their own agenda and control (the grass isn't always greener on the other side!).

So how do we move forward with our businesses in this hyper changing world? How do we either maintain and or grow with less resources in both materials and human assets? Part of the



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answer is personal responsibility by getting involved in your community and government. In many cases if not most government is not the answer but they should be a trusted partner. We need to encourage entrepreneurial-ship, vocational training, and reduces regulations.

For those business ever so small to the mid-size and above "must" offer internships and apprentice programs. Apprentice programs have been around since the dawn of time but have been dwindling with an over reliance on the educational system to produce the workers of today and tomorrow.

Creating and or reviewing your business plan optimized for the environment that we find ourselves in with a five-year projection with growth in mind is a key. Ask an outsider for whom you trust to come and look at how easy it would be for them to run your operation without knowing anything. This will give you a

look are how complicated or how simple your operation is to manage. The more complicated the more room for mistakes and loss of revenue as well as it being harder to train that new apprentice or intern that you hired.

Review your systems and processes to see where automation can be of benefit, not just in the shop or plant floor but in the office as well. Automation will march forward with or without you, stay competitive.

Your New Years resolution needs to be "Change the Unknown" drive your path forward before someone else drives it for you!

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What Every Small Business Owner Should Know Today

Given how much has changed about the way people do business over the last few years, experts say it may be time for entrepreneurs to rethink how they store and protect company data, and collaborate with their teams.

According to Brian Mallari, a marketing director in Western Digital's hard drive business unit, a shared storage or network attached storage (NAS) solution can help, and here's why:

- Cost: As every owner of a small- or mid-sized business (SMB) knows, cutting costs without cutting corners is key to protecting the bottom line. While cloud storage fees can incur ongoing costs, adopting a NAS solution is a great way to pay once while keeping sensitive data local to the office or home.

- Capacity: Before selecting a storage solution, consider your needs. From wedding photographers to graphic designers, many businesses need a storage solution that can grow over time. Popular NAS storage drives for small and medium businesses, such as the WD Red family of products from Western Digital, range in capacity from 1 terabyte (TB) to 18TBs, making them a good solution for those who work with large amounts of data.

- A shifting workplace: With hybrid and remote workplaces becoming the norm for businesses of all sizes, this has added new challenges for business owners and their staff wishing to easily collaborate, edit files and work with shared files and databases. With a NAS storage system, all

users' PCs and laptops can be assigned permission to access the storage solution, giving them the ability to load files and data wirelessly or via connected ports. What's more, such a system can help protect your team's work and data against loss from a network outage or potential cyberattacks, as remote/home data can be backed up to the storage device itself at the office. Because NAS solutions use several hard drives, they can provide protection of data via redundancy, also referred to as RAID. In other words, should one drive fail, the data lives on.

- Getting set up: Getting set up with a SMB NAS storage system is easy. The solutions are available at consumer electronics

stores and online, and you can choose from a NAS system that includes from two to 24 slots or "bays" for hard drives to make sure all your data is covered. Most NAS solutions, especially two- and four-bay solutions, can simply plug into an internet router via Ethernet.

To learn more about NAS-ready data storage options, visit westerndigital.com.

"In today's world, small- and mid-sized businesses need both reliable, affordable data storage solutions, as well as tools that allow for collaboration among workers near and far," says Mallari. "Rethinking how data is stored can help entrepreneurs achieve both these goals." (State-Point)

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ifornia. At the top of the list is the Coronavirus pandemic, with its various strains, and its effect.

Other events in Southern California include: the election of Joe Biden as President of the United States;

kyo Olympic Games; Governor

Newson wins the recall election; the Port of Los Angeles is ordered to stay open 24 hours to relieve the supply chain crisis;

Whether we choose to read, study and write about what happened in 1850 or 2021, it is still up to historians and researchers to determine what is true and not-so-true and provide one's own interpretation of the historical record and its significance.

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Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed Torres

1. A White liberal/progressive male cable news anchor recently tweeted something to the effect that American White men (Senator Romney's family, specifically) should get vasectomies so they would not have any more children,

2. But the problems caused by overpopulation on earth are not being caused by Americans. Pronouncements by absurd self-righteous folks in America will not lead to lower world population.

3. For their own strange reasons, what people such as the news anchor mentioned above seem to want, is to prevent White men from having children, so as to have fewer White people...

4. When the Communist Party took control of Russia way back in the early 1900s, one of the first things they did was attempt to turn people against religion,

seems, some want to diminish the influence of religion in people's lives, as well as seek to indoctrinate students in public schools against their parents...

5. Come rain or sunshine, the Gold Line extension continues marching onward to its completion destination - by the way, if the beautiful colorful illustrations of the fly overs/bridges, and of the stations to be built, are even half as attractive as portrayed, they will be "dadgum 'purty",

6. Hopefully, though, political leaders will keep the train stations in the eastern part of the county from becoming homes-for-street squatters, as they at times have become in Pasadena and Los Angeles.

7. Recently, supposedly, two Caltrans workers on the Foothill Freeway were doing asphalt patch work between the shoulder, and the outside lane, with hand-tool-in-hand...

8. America has not been a segregated society for well over a half century, but what gener-

ally speaking everyone needs to understand, is that de-segregation and integration are two different subjects, in any country...

9. A news reporter, recently, apparently began tracking the online social media postings of the thirteen year old daughter of Texas U.S. Senator Ted Cruz - the news person evidently found that the daughter did not agree with her father's political views.

10. When the reporter was given the assignment "to follow" the young teenager online, did anyone at any level at the newspaper say, "this is not a good idea", (for a number of reasons)?

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5 Tips to Thwart Fraudsters and Protect Older Adults



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Unfortunately, many of the most effective scams are those which target older adults, according to experts.

"All too often, we hear of elder financial abuse cases where bad actors manipulate unsuspecting older adults out of their savings and possessions," says Laurie Peterson-Sakai, strategy leader for Wells Fargo Aging Client Services.

Imposter scams use a variety of tricks to gain a person's trust and steal their sensitive information, but they often start with a simple call, email or message impersonating a person or company they know to trick them into giving away their money.

- 1. Beware of callers. Don't pick up calls from unknown numbers. The IRS and other government or financial institutions rarely make outbound calls and never ask you to provide personal information.

that could hurt you or expose your personal information and log-in credentials.

"The best things you can do for yourself are know how to recognize potential scams and keep an open dialogue with your family and loved ones. Encourage each other to share if something sounds suspect," says Peterson-Sakai.

For a guide to identifying and preventing elder abuse, visit wells Fargo advisors.com.

To protect yourself and those you love, learn the most common tricks and scams, and when contacted by someone you don't know, always proceed with caution.

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1. Cause for a duel
5. Nelson Mandela's org.
8. " in the shade"
12. Andean people's chew
13. "White Wedding" singer
14. Like a haunted mansion
15. South American tuber, pl.
16. Type of cotton fiber
17. Desired forecast?
18. "The Underground Railroad" author
20. Like West Wing office
21. Not silently
22. "When We Were Kings" subject
23. Hand over (2 words)
26. Barbecued

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- 30. The Jackson 5 1970 hit
31. Repressed
34. "Alice Doesn't Here Anymore"
35. State of dishonor
37. Three, to Caesar
38. Brightest star in Cygnus
39. Performer's time to shine
40. "No.1 Ladies Detective" book series
42. African migrator
43. "The Night Watchman" author
45. "Little Women" author
47. Poor man's caviar
48. Analyze
50. Canter or gallop
52. "A Farewell to Arms" author

- 56. Latin dance
57. Club on the links
58. Kind or courteous
59. Los , CA
60. Round feed storage
61. Not odd
62. Colonial times laborer
63. Band performance
64. Theodores, to friends DOWN
1. Flat-bottomed boat
2. Scottish lake
3. Antioxidants-rich berry
4. Popular primo dish in Italian restaurant, pl.
5. Bye, to Edith Piaf
6. Wanderer
7. Garbed
8. "Moby Dick" author
9. Length times width
10. Call someone, in the olden days
11. Poetic "ever"
13. Apple invention
14. Food contaminant
19. Run off to wed
22. Jean of Dadaism
23. Out of style



CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-64 indicating starting points for clues.

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A Unique Driving Experience - Behind The Wheel Of A Rose Parade Float

by Howard Palmer

IRWINDALE - Most of us haven't had the urge to get behind the wheel of a multi-ton parade float. However, Laszlo "Bud" Budavar, a 21 year resident of La Puente thought this would be a great experience to add to his resume of driving different kinds of motor vehicles after a friend who was a float driver asked him to be the observer on a float being returned to the Phoenix Decorating Company on January 2, 2017. He was hooked.

The Phoenix Decorating Company based in Irwindale has been building Rose Parade floats for years and in 2018 the Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day Company approached them to build them a float for the 2019 parade.

After being a truck driver for 27 years Bud figured it would be a piece of cake to drive a float. Hold on, there is a big difference between wheeling down the freeway at 60 miles per hour and the slow, slow pace of 2 1/2 mph as you head down Colorado Boulevard. Bud got his wish as he was asked to drive the float and has been behind the wheel of the Mrs. Meyer's float for three years.

Not only was Bud wheeling a semi for years, in 2003 he started driving an ASA speed truck at Irwindale Speedway. Now we are talking of speeding along! ASA series director Jay Rutherford asked him to assist him as his TV production spotter from 2004 to 2007. The racing scene was in his blood as he worked with various racing team owners. Working with Joe Nava's and Dave Eshelman's race teams he executed various duties, including spotter and hauler driver - again behind the wheel.

In 2016 he was series director of the traveling series of Spec Late Model Race Cars. Then in



Bud checks out his driving space during float construction. (Photo by Jean Palmer)

2017 he was asked by former racing director at Irwindale, Mike Atkinson, to be a NASCAR official at Irwindale where he continues today as manager of the tire and fuel department.

All these racing related positions are part-time as his full time job is Fleet Manager for Express It freight lines located in the Phoenix/Tucson area.

So how does he enjoy being behind the wheel of a float? "I have a great time, in spite of being cramped into a very small space with a motor creating heat at my right shoulder, sitting with my legs stretched out and having to pull my left leg back to apply the brake. On top of that I can't see out and have to rely on my spotter and a monitor." Bud added, "My job is not just the 2 1/2 hours down the parade route, I am behind the wheel for 5 1/2 hours going from Irwindale to Pasadena. Then 4 1/2 hours from Pasadena back to Irwindale." Now that is a unique driving experience!



Bud prepares to enter float on judging day. (Photo by Jean Palmer)

Important Information for Pet Licensing in Glendora!

Dog License Canvassing

Beginning in January, the Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA will be canvassing for dog licenses in the City of Glendora.

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CITY OF GLENDORA DOG LICENSE FEES



Unaltered Dog : \$100
Altered Dog : \$30
Sen. Cit. Alt. Dog : \$10
Late Fee : \$50

Reminder: All dogs over the age of 4 months, or have been on your property for more than 30 days, must have a current rabies vaccination and license.



License Inspectors will be driving their personal vehicles and will carry a badge. Their uniform consists of dark blue pants, a dark blue polo shirt with the IVHS & SPCA logo, a dark blue hat, also with the Shelter's logo, and a face mask.

IVHSSPCA.org | 909-623-9777 | 500 Humane Way, Pomona, CA 91766

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Please note....Due to a system error, there was an issue with licensing renewals being sent out on schedule. You now have 60 days from the date of the renewal notice to renew your license(s) without penalty.



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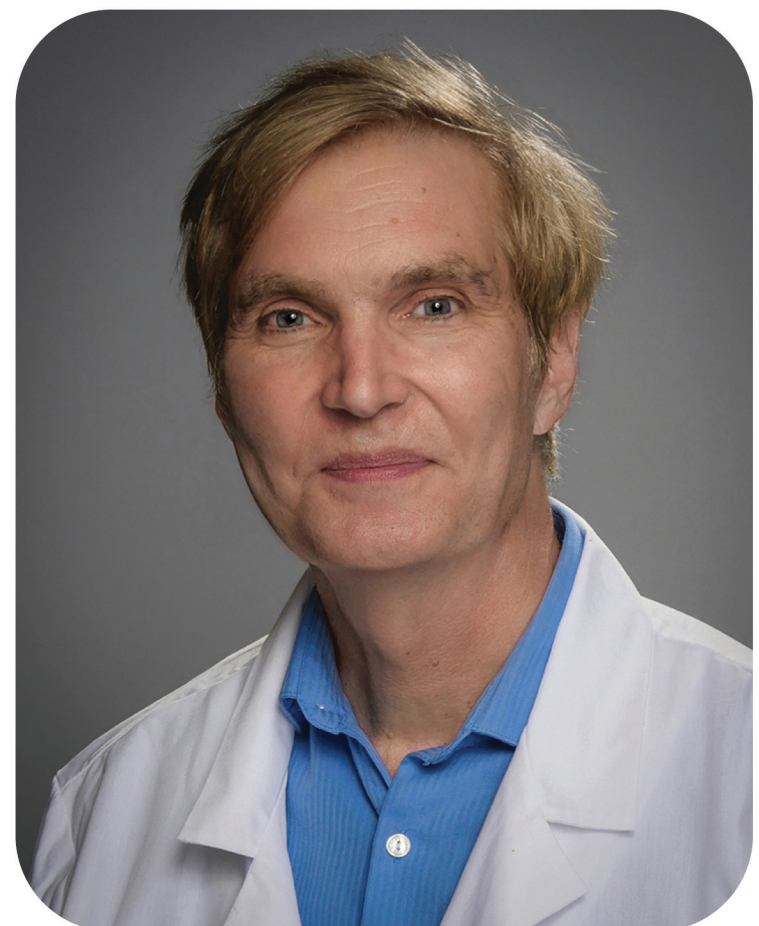


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