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Second Baptist Church of Monrovia Celebrates 120 Year Anniversary

By Joan Schmidt

MONROVIA - On March 12 and 13, the Second Baptist Church of Monrovia celebrated its 120 year Anniversary. What a milestone!

Second Baptist Church is the oldest one in Monrovia, and its first Pastor was Colonel Allen Allensworth! Colonel Allensworth was the first African American to reach the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. He was born into slavery in Kentucky, but escaped during the Civil War and became a Union Soldier. He was an army chaplain, a Baptist minister, an educator and founded the township of Allensworth, CA, now a State Historic Park. He also was the first Black delegate from Kentucky to serve in the Republican National Convention in 1880 and 1884. With so many milestones and so much commitment to serving others, it's no surprise Colonel Allensworth is one of Monrovia's treasures.

The Second Baptist Church's Celebration was virtual, but there was no limit to the many accolades from local dignitaries. Our Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council President



Terrence Williams, MAD Town Council; Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay; Pastor Chris Bourne; Assemblyman Chris Holden; Past Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston; Dave Hall, President, MAD Town Council; Monrovia Council Member Larry Spicer, Monrovia Mayor Tom Adams.

Dave Hall gave an awesome speech on our behalf of the Church's humble beginnings, and all it has done over the last 120 years. Assemblyman Chris Holden presented a special Certificate. Mayor Margaret Finlay represented the City of Duarte, and Mayor Tom Adams, the City of Monrovia. Distinguished members of the Church

include Duarte's Lois Gaston who sat with her dear friend Margaret Finlay; Monrovia Councilmember Larry Spicer

joined Mayor Adams for the presentation to Pastor Bourne; and Town Council Vice President Terrence Williams also was on hand for the festivities.

There also was recognition from Assemblyman Portantino and Supervisor Barger.

The current Pastor Bourne followed Pastor Emeritus Bishop William Le Rue in 2017. Pastor Dillard had guided his congregation for forty-five years!

The Second Baptist Church is outstanding in its commitment of service to the community. Their spiritual ministries include Brotherhood Layman League, United Women's Fellowship, Teens in Progress, Children's Church, and Evangelism. Community Outreach is seen in their Mission of Mercy Ministry which provides spiritual education and social events throughout the community to be Godly relationships. (MAP Workshops have been held on their Campus) And of course, their awesome Pantry Ministry focuses on hungry, homeless, poor and needy. Please visit their website for more information.

LA County Fire Department Sends Surplus Equipment to Ukraine



LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn joins LA County Fire Chief Daryl Osby at Fire Station 171

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn joined Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby to announce the department would send surplus equipment to Ukraine to aid first responders saving lives amid the Russian invasion.

"We have all been inspired by the bravery and fortitude of the Ukrainian people as they have resisted the Russian invasion of their homeland," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who is the designated Supervisor overseeing the Los Angeles County Fire Department. "They have been under attack for three long weeks and Ukrainian first responders have gone from fighting house fires to rescuing people from rubble from bombed out buildings. Amid the onslaught, they are running out of supplies."

The supplies, which include boots, turnouts, helmets, bulletproof body armor, medicine, medical equipment, and per-



LA County Firefighters pack equipment bound for Ukraine

sonal protective equipment, will be transported by private entity to Poland and from there the logistics will be handled to get supplies to firefighters in Ukraine.

"The Los Angeles County Fire Department is stepping up

to do what we can to help," continued Hahn. "It is our hope that this equipment will help Ukrainian first responders continue to save lives and help them in some small way to resist the Russian invasion."

Car Clubs Come Together to Remember Robert Lopez, Autistic Man Murdered in Azusa

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Memorial for Robert Yslava Lopez, of Azusa, a 57-year-old Latino male, who died Saturday, Jan. 8, after being shot in the chest near 618 N. Glenfinnan Ave. in Azusa, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

He was autistic and everybody's friend. He was very fond of Low-rider custom cars. His retention for history was unbelievable. He helped everybody and did little odd jobs to get a few dollars. This story has it that he was sweeping and cleaning the parking area for an apartment complex when some people drove by and turned around in their car and came back and called him over to the car and shot him



A number of car clubs from the area came together to remember Robert Lopez who was murdered on January 8, 2022.

It was a great event and he was well remembered.

So far, there are no arrests made, but there are some leads that may identify the people responsible for this senseless killing. Anyone with information on this murder are urged to contact the Azusa Police Department.

Glendora Woman's Club Rag Dolls for Shelters



Handmade ragdolls for children in shelters, assembled by members of the Glendora Woman's Club.

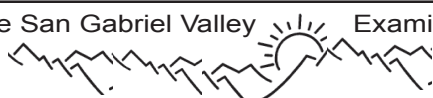
By Marsha Edwards Mason

GLENDORA - The Garden and Crafts Department of the Woman's Club met together this week to make rag dolls for the children in a local women's shelter (WINGS). The rag doll kits were put together and donated to the club by Jan Jablonski, a 9-year member who recently passed away. The kits were given to the

chairperson of Garden and Crafts, Carol Thachuk, 47-year member, to be assembled.

The group learned how to braid and assemble colorful rag dolls from sixteen strips of material. Each rag doll was unique in color and size. Children will be delighted to pick and choose among the assortment of rag dolls.

Woman's Club members enjoyed the comradery making the dolls and the multitude of different results of the finished product. The gathering included lunch and dessert. If you would be interested in joining the Glendora Woman's Club, Glendora's oldest service organization (1908), call 626 622-6111.



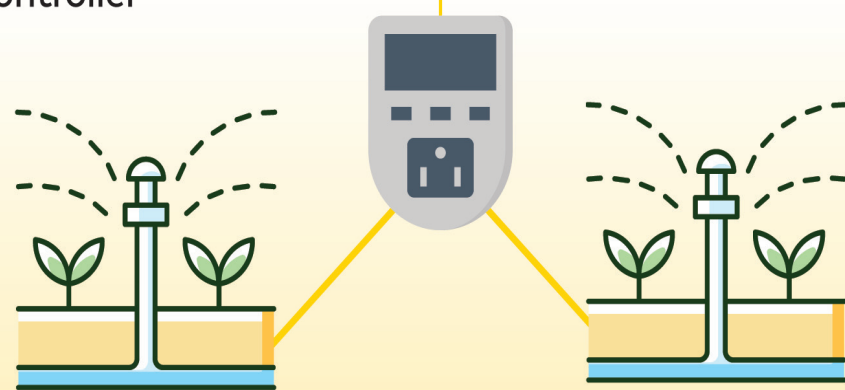
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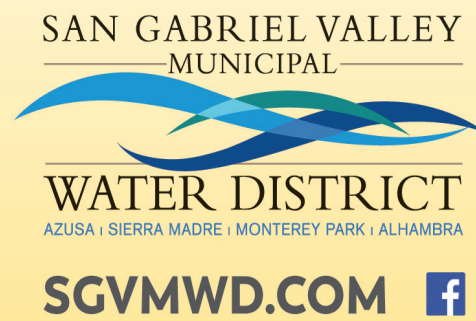
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Senator Portantino's Bill to Improve Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety Passes Senate Governance and Finance Committee

SACRAMENTO - Senate Bill 932, a measure introduced by State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D - La Cañada Flintridge) and backed by bike enthusiasts across the state to prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee today. The bill requires California cities to take concrete steps to reduce traffic collisions and fatalities and has garnered an impressive list of supporters, including Streets For All, ActiveSGV, CalBike, and Streets Are For Everyone. Recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration documenting a nearly 20% increase in traffic fatalities in the first six months of 2021 highlights the need for the bill.

"Despite efforts to make our streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists, many of our roads remain more dangerous than ever," stated Senator Portantino. "It's critical that we use data driven plans to improve street safety, save lives and encourage more

people to walk and bike to their destinations. I am saddened by the all too common tragedies that occur on our streets. We have to take bold steps. SB 932 is an effective way to mitigate injuries and fatalities and will yield positive change for our communities. Just last week I was nearly clipped by a car on a ride. I know many others have similar stories to share warranting this action."

Though California has been part of a national trend to create safer streets, many cities lack data on how to address traffic violence, deaths caused by accident, serious injuries to pedestrians, cyclists, and other human-powered-transit users. In certain cities where the most dangerous streets and corridors have been identified, no plans exist to remedy these deadly situations. Even in cities that have developed safety plans, meaningful changes that would actually save lives have yet to be implemented.

"It's great to see this important bill continue to move forward," said Michael Schneider, Founder of Streets For All. "We are in a climate crisis and especially with gas prices so high, it's critical that cities prioritize safe, multi-modal streets for all modes of transportation."

SB 932 requires a county or city to include a map of the high injury network in its General Plan and would further require a county or city to identify and prioritize safety improvements that would address serious and injurious traffic collisions. The bill would increase or decrease the 15-year implementation period,

based on whether the measures introduced by a county or city achieve results to reduce percentages of traffic violence. SB 932 creates an annual grant program to award funding to cities and counties that implement timely and effective short-term efforts to mitigate bicycle, pedestrian, and other human-powered transportation injuries and fatalities.

Senator Portantino is a former Mayor and Councilmember who worked for safer streets while in local government. SB 932 continues those efforts but with an even more personal story. Like many Californians, he used the isolation of the pandemic to improve his own health. Over the past 16 months, he has become an avid and almost daily bike rider both in Sacramento and across the 25th State Senate District.

"Every day I'm on my bike, I learn more about the communities I represent and the areas of good bike safety and those that are not. In fact, the intersection directly in front of my house is one of the most dangerous I traverse. It has been a tremendous benefit for me as a policy maker to reach out to the biking community to share my story and to collaborate on this important public safety and environmental effort. But this bill isn't just about cyclists, it's about the safety of everyone using our streets - including our children who walk to school, grandparents walking to their doctor's appointments and people commuting to work on public transportation," concluded Senator Portantino.

Upward Mobility For People Of Color Passes Committee

SACRAMENTO - Assemblymember Chris Holden's bill to promote upward mobility for people of color in California's civil services system and require diversity on state boards and commissions, Assembly Bill 1604, passed the Assembly Committee on Public Employment Retirement.

"We need a leadership that honors and promotes diversity, equity and inclusion," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "I am committed to creating more inclusive workplace environments and remove barriers that hinder qualified individuals to move up within their department simply based on the color of their skin."

AB 1604 gives the Repara-

tions Task Force more accurate data to utilize in its deliberations. Additionally, the bill requires that State Personnel Board (SPB) establish a process that includes diversity and best practices in each aspect of the design, announcement, and administration of examinations for the establishment of employment lists.

By July 1, 2023, the Department of Human Resources shall develop model upward mobility goals to include race, gender, and LGBTQ as factors to the extent permissible under state and federal equal protection laws. The goals will be based on department workforce analysis and shall post the model goals on its internet website.

Workplace Safety Measures Protect Workers and Customers

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - A key priority post-surge is to ensure workers have protection from devastating consequences associated with COVID-19 illness by preventing spread at worksites.

Current metrics indicate that businesses and worksites are seeing fewer outbreaks. Since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total 2,641 workplace outbreaks (excluding healthcare, residential and educational sites). As of March 16, there were 53 active outbreaks, down from the week prior when there were 64 active outbreaks. Further, there were only two new outbreaks for the week ending March 16.

This improvement reflects the lower rate of COVID-19 transmission in the community and a dedicated effort by many businesses and worksites to utilize strategies that protect workers and customers.

As a reminder, employers are required to offer free medical grade masks and respirators (N95, KN95, KF94) to employees working indoors in close contact with other workers, customers, and/or members of the public at all sites where masking indoors is optional. At worksites

where masking remains required, employers need to provide employees with free, well-fitting medical masks.

Employers are also obligated to offer testing free of charge during work hours to any employee exposed to COVID-19 at work.

In order to reduce transmission at worksites, employers are required to report any cluster of worksite COVID-19 cases to the Department of Public Health. A cluster is three (3) or more laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the worksite within a 14-day period. Reports to Public Health should be made as soon as possible and no later than 48 hours after reports or knowledge of at least three cases. Worksites can report a cluster to Public Health online or by phone: 1-888-397-3993. If Public Health determines that there is an outbreak at a worksite, employees are required to mask both indoors and outdoors if they can't be socially distanced from each other, and during an outbreak, employees should be provided with free respirators.

Given the need for employees to take time off if they have COVID-related illness or need to

care for someone in their family, public and private employers with 26 or more employees are required by the 2022 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave, to provide covered employees with up to 80 hours of COVID-19 related paid leave.

To date, most employers have followed public health guidance and implemented measures to protect their workers, customers, and visitors. However, workers concerned about possible COVID-19 or other workplace safety concerns, or that an employer may not be following the County Health Officer Order or other requirements, have several options for filing a complaint. To file a complaint with Public Health, which can be submitted anonymously, workers can call the Environmental Health Customer Call Center at (888) 700-9995 or click on the "Report a Problem" at

www.ph.lacounty.gov/eh. To file a complaint with Cal/OSHA about employee safety, workplace safety, or hazardous conditions, workers can call (833) 579-0927 or call or email the local Cal/OSHA Enforcement Office that serves the location of the job site.

Sheriff Helicopter Crashes in the San Gabriel Mountains

By George Ogden

AZUSA - A Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department rescue helicopter was on its way to a traffic accident in the San Gabriel Mountains above Azusa crashed Saturday afternoon just off Highway 39, leaving five deputies and a civilian with injuries.

On Saturday, March 19 around 4:30 p.m., the helicopter was responding to a traffic accident near Highway 39 and the East Fork Road. It was attempting to land in a turnout next to the San Gabriel Reservoir. While the investigation continues, what we do know is that while it was attempting to land, it suffered a hard landing and spun once around and

rolled over onto its side headed downward off an embankment towards the lake. Fortunately, it didn't slide down the embankment and came to rest just off the turnout from Highway 39.

It is possible that the helicopter may have clipped some tree branches and then dropped.

The debris field covered all lanes of Highway 39 and part of the overhead rotor coming to rest on the side of the mountain across the road from the wreckage.

There was no fire and the 6 people on board extricated themselves from the wreck. All were transported to the hospital with

various injuries with the pilot being the most serious. The injuries included broken bones and lacerations. There were 6 people on board, 5 deputies with two being paramedics and one civilian doctor.

The helicopter, known as Air Rescue 5, is a longtime icon in the skies over the San Gabriel Valley. Usually when people saw this flying, they know someone needed help and they were on their way to help with a rescue.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department responded along with other first responders to the incident. Highway 39 was closed to vehicle traffic after the crash.

Traffic Stop Results In Vehicle Pursuit And Traffic Collision

IRWINDALE - On Friday, March 18, at about 11:07 P.M., a uniformed patrol sergeant from the Irwindale Police Department conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a black Honda Pilot SUV in the 2000 block of Buena Vista Street, which is on the border of the cities of Irwindale and Duarte. Other Irwindale Police Department officers arrived to assist.

During the investigation, the Honda's driver refused to cooperate with the officers, refusing to provide his driver's license or other identifying information needed to verify his driving status. After approximately 30 minutes

trying to gain the subject's cooperation without success, the officers attempted to arrest the driver for a number of vehicle code violations. The driver resisted arrest and refused to exit the vehicle. He broke away from the officers and then sped away from the scene in the Honda, leading the officers on an approximate 1.5 mile high speed pursuit through the city of Irwindale.


When the suspect reached the area of Alpha Street, west of Avenida Barbosa, he crashed through a chain link fence, launching the Honda into the Buena Vista Flood Control Channel, disabling

the vehicle. Although injured, the suspect fled from the vehicle on foot, leading the officers on an approximate 1 mile foot pursuit through the flood control channel. The suspect was eventually captured by officers near the 100 block of Longden Avenue. The suspect continued to resist arrest, resulting in the deployment of an Electro-Muscular Disruption Device (commonly known as a Taser). The suspect was then taken into custody without further incident.

The suspect was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics for injuries he received when he crashed his vehicle into the flood control channel. He was taken by ambulance to the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center in Los Angeles. After receiving medical treatment at the hospital, he was released into the officer's custody and taken to the jail for booking.

The suspect, Talsa Garron Walker, a 39-year-old resident of Los Angeles, was charged with felony evading, felony resisting arrest with violence, as well as a number of vehicle code violations and an outstanding arrest warrant. He is being held at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Twin Towers Correctional Facility in the city of Los Angeles on \$105,000.00 bail.

No officers were injured in this incident and no other vehicles and/or drivers were involved in the traffic collision. Damage from the crash was limited to property belonging to Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.



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Driving across our country makes one appreciate this glorious and (dare I say) exceptional country. The diverse landscapes are a feast for the eyes. Food for the soul is the affirmation that most Americans love their families, treasure America, and enjoy their fellow Americans whether they be white, black, or somewhere in between.

Daily, the media dutifully inform us coastal and urban residents about gender fluidity, diversity training, and decarbonizing energy systems to avert the coming environmental Armageddon. When the media could not flog us with a juicy Covid-19 tragedy, they resurrect a tired but effective angst-inducing headline about the imminent big earthquake.

Why would the media-government complex want to demoralize its citizens and have them live in fear and anxiety even when a "crisis" has resolved? To make them rely on the government, rather than themselves for their day to day needs. To steer them from respecting the democratic republic formed by our Constitution to accepting government control of their lives. Fear lays the groundwork for unquestioning compliance.

Federal and state governments have used Covid as a justification to cross the line from public safety measures into tyranny. Despite the decreasing Covid cases, the national Covid emergency declaration was extended beyond March 1, 2022. The national emergency designation gives the President more than 100 special powers that can bypass legal procedures ranging from banking to public health and anything else the government wants to control.

Despite a long tradition of differing opinions regarding medical disease processes and treatments, the government discouraged such discussions regarding Covid. First, the Surgeon General simply asked us to help stop "misinformation" because it "pollutes our information environment." A few short months later, the feds are demanding that social networks, search engines, crowdsourced platforms, e-commerce platforms and instant messaging systems send data and analysis on the prevalence of Covid-19 misinformation on their sites. Translation: divergent opinions will be censored once the government discovers how to do so. What happened to our respect for the marketplace of



By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD ideas?

If tracking our computer use doesn't work, we have the National Patient ID, a single number issued by the federal government containing all the details of a person's medical records from cradle to grave. The concept has been around for more than 25 years as part of HIPAA. However, Congress banned itself from funding such an undertaking. In 2019, Congress lifted the funding ban despite the very real possibility that a National Patient ID could allow for large-scale tracking of Americans through their healthcare records. What happened to the confidential patient-physician relationship based on trust and privacy?

Such government overreach and intrusion are becoming commonplace. We are perilously close to losing government of, by, and for the people. Our government is increasingly populated with close-minded lifelong bureaucrats like Dr. Anthony Fauci and the influential career politicians who are hardly the working man's heroes like Nancy "let them eat ice cream" Pelosi. Universities—grooming our future leaders—have become politically imbalanced and intolerant of open discourse.

We hear about how the evil Russian and Ukrainian oligarchs who profited from political unrest are pulling the strings of their government. We are trending toward our own classic oligarchy, the rule by a few. We have our own wealthy ideologues who have transitioned from mere annoying elitists into toxic powerbrokers promoting their own agendas. Notables include Mark Zuckerberg (Meta/Facebook), Jeff Bezos (Amazon, Washington Post), Bill Gates (Microsoft), George Soros (Open Society Foundation).

Meanwhile, runaway inflation is making it harder for Americans to afford basic necessities. Filling one's automobile with gas is

now an exercise in emotional and financial misery. The reaction of Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg and Vice President Harris are indicative of their disdain for the average American. Can't afford gas? Buy a \$45,000 electric car. This dismissive rhetoric does not comport with reality. In 2020, there were 286.9 million cars in the US with 1 million electric vehicles. Moreover, the electric grid absolutely could not support a sudden influx of electric vehicles, given the brown-outs across the country in winter and summer.

This political and powerful class of people want to change the way we live and think—whether we like it or not. We will never have as much money to buy political influence as do the American oligarchs. But we do have our voices. Parents are speaking up about their schools' curricula and toxic overtly racist policies that perversely segregate students by skin color and laws that bypass parental input into their children's medical decisions. Physician office practices are changing to meet the needs of patients, not insurance and pharmaceutical companies. Physicians who have fought for open medical discussion about vaccine safety and efficacy are leaving their mark. CDC Director Walensky finally publicly admitted that the Covid vaccines do not stop transmission of the virus. Many physicians have gone from looking at their unvaccinated patients in horror to "I respect your choice."

The oligarchs do not represent the real America. It's up to us to carry on the legacy of American heroes who thought for themselves and bucked the system.

Bio: Dr. Singleton is a board-certified anesthesiologist and Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) Board member. She graduated from Stanford and earned her MD at UCSF Medical School. Dr. Singleton completed two years of Surgery residency at UCSF, then her Anesthesia residency at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital. While still working in the operating room, she attended UC Berkeley Law School, focusing on constitutional law and administrative law. She interned at the National Health Law Project and practiced insurance and health law. She teaches classes in the recognition of elder abuse and constitutional law for non-lawyers.

Gascon Recall Surpasses 125,000 Signatures Collected and \$3.5 Million Raised, Recall on Track to Qualify by July 6 Deadline

Petition Returns Continue to Exponentially Increase Each Week

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—The Recall DA George Gascon campaign announced on March 16 that it has collected well over 125,000 signatures, with thousands more being turned in daily. The recall campaign has raised over \$3.5 million and is well positioned to secure the signatures needed to initiate a recall election.

To qualify, the recall must collect 566,857 signatures from registered Los Angeles County voters (10% of the total current

registered voters). The deadline for submission to the Registrar is July 6, 2022. If successful, the recall would likely appear on the November 2022 ballot.

Criticism of Gascon has continued to increase as crime rages out of control and Los Angeles County residents experience first-hand the impact of Gascon's dangerous, pro-criminal agenda. The Los Angeles Association of Deputy District Attorneys recently voted 98% in favor of the recall. According to polling con-

ducted in July 2021, Gascon has high unfavorability ratings and more than 61% of Los Angeles County voters would support another candidate for District Attorney, compared to just 21.5% who said they would support Gascon.

The bi-partisan recall effort is led by co-chairs Desiree Andrade, Tania Owen, former Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley, former Deputy District Attorney Sam Dordulian, former Deputy District Attorney Kathy Cady, and former Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine. It is supported by victims' rights advocates, current and former law enforcement officials, and Los Angeles County residents. Over 33 cities (and counting) in Los Angeles County have issued votes of no confidence in Gascon. In addition, the City of Beverly Hills has officially endorsed the recall campaign.

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Glendora, CA

Climate Change: Still Here and Driving Displacement

While much of the world has been focused on Russia's war in Ukraine, the latest report from the United Nations panel of climate scientists further reaffirms that concerted action to combat global warming cannot take a back seat. Not even to devastating conflict.

The 2015 Paris Agreement, an international treaty with 193 parties including the United States, set a goal to limit the rise of global temperatures to less than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels over this century and to pursue efforts that would limit temperature increases even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit). Since then, however, average global temperatures have already risen by 1.1 degrees Celsius or roughly 2 degrees Fahrenheit. Unless the largest carbon-emitting countries aggressively cut their emissions, the Paris targets will likely not be met. The consequences of failure will not only endanger our planet but also test the limits of human survival.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report released on February 28 acknowledges this frightening reality. While their previous report from last August covered the basic science behind global warming, this 3,600-page report focuses on climate change's specific impacts on both nature and humans. One of its most disturbing findings is that greater numbers of people are already being displaced from their homes due to climate change. Since 2008, extreme weather events, many of them worsened by climate change, have displaced an average of more than 20 million people per year, and the panel expects this number to grow to 31 million to as high as 143 million by 2050.

Further, some of the countries least responsible for global warming now find themselves in existential danger depending on



Farrah Hassen

the whims of other major states' emissions reductions. Rising sea levels are forcing residents of small islands like the Maldives, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands to relocate or permanently evacuate. The IPCC report states, "Climate and weather extremes are increasingly driving displacement in all regions with small island states disproportionately affected."

Rising temperatures are also melting snowpack and changing rainfall patterns, which in turn create shortages of available freshwater for consumption and agriculture. As the report observes, subsistence farmers in Africa, Asia, and South America have all experienced costly crop losses caused by weather extremes worsened by climate change. These crop losses reverberate through societies as food shortages stoke political instability and migration.

Many California residents may not currently feel a comparable sense of urgency to migrate elsewhere in order to escape such threats. However, some have already experienced the non-negotiable reality of climate change firsthand. Those who fled last year's massively destructive CalDor and Dixie fires were on the front lines of what will sooner or later affect us all. In a 2020 article, the Scientific American pointed to this growing wildfire threat: "More than half the acres burned each year in the western United States can be attributed to

climate change."

The IPCC's finding that weather extremes are driving displacement challenges existing international law on who qualifies as a "refugee." The 1951 Refugee Convention currently defines a "refugee" as a person who has crossed an international border owing to a "well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion," but people fleeing a climate disaster clearly do not fit this framework. Both domestic and international laws will need to evolve as climate-related displacements shift from a predominantly internal issue for countries to a global one.

Despite overshadowing the IPCC's climate warnings, the war in Ukraine and its nascent humanitarian crisis only reinforce the urgency of ending our fossil fuel addiction. Oil and gas prices have surged since Russia's invasion, while Russian President Vladimir Putin has weaponized oil and gas to fund his illegal and widely-condemned war. Since the war started, the European Union has had no choice but to pay over \$16 billion to Moscow due to their dependence on oil and gas imports, according to data from the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. This dependence undoubtedly represents a security risk.

Regardless of war, climate change continues to worsen, and with it, the scale of human suffering and displacement. Further delays to preventing and mitigating its potentially catastrophic impacts will, as the IPCC concludes, "miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all."

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MY TURN: "Centennial" and the Green New Steal

The mini-series "Centennial" was on the Starz/Encore Western channel again. The series spans two hundred years and the final episode which takes place in contemporary time, circa 1978, when the series was produced for television, dealt with the plight of Native Americans, prejudice, and environmental concerns as David Jansen's character, Paul Garrett, faced off with Morgan Wendell, played by Robert Vaughn. They were in an election for an environmental government position and Wendell, a developer and land speculator, was in favor of lots of development and growth in the state of Colorado, where the story is based. Paul Garrett, a cattle rancher, was for conservation and in those days of the 1960's and 70's "Conservation" was the word we used to call it. James Michener, the story's author, took on environmental issues in his novels and that made the "Centennial" story unique from other historical dramas. The historical events, some fictional and some based on true history, culminated in the two characters who were descendants of the previous historical characters represented. The end result of this timeline of generations and their exploits, made the west what it would become, the good, the bad, and the ugly. But with the hope of more good than the others. The series provided a great history lesson even with its fictional depiction, all based on real images.

In that final episode Paul Garrett summarized a lot of what the story was attempting to communicate. His argument against Mor-



Charles Lopresto

gan Wendell and Wendell's appetite for over-development was said this way: "The earth isn't something you take from without ever thinking about giving back. The earth is something you protect every day of the year. A river is something you defend every inch of its course. We have to look to the past and get back to some basic principles if there's going to be any future worth having."

He also said in another dialogue some words similar to what was written by the story's author, James Michener,

"The way we react to the Indian will always remain this nation's unique moral headache. It may seem a smaller problem than our Negro one, and less important, but many other sections of the world have had to grapple with slavery and its consequences. There's no parallel for our treatment of the Indian. In Tasmania the English settlers solved the matter neatly by killing off every single Tasmanian, bagging the last one as late as 1910. Australia had tried to keep its aborigines permanently debased-much crueler than anything we did with our Indians. Brazil,

about the same. Only in America did we show total confusion. One day we treated Indians as sovereign nations. Did you know that my relative Lost Eagle and Lincoln were photographed together as two heads of state? The next year we treated him as an uncivilized brute to be exterminated. And this dreadful dichotomy continues."

- James A. Michener, Centennial

But in that final episode another relevant quote was said by the magazine writer and college professor played by Andy Griffith. Griffith's character, Lewis Vernor, was writing an article for publication about the town of "Centennial" which in this fictional story was on the South Platte River and was the site of the first trading post established by the characters Alexander McKeag and Levi Zandt. When Garrett criticizes himself for having a big mouth and being outspoken during his campaign against Wendell, Vernor says...

"Anytime speaking the truth goes out of style, we will all be in trouble."

This story which was the brain child of James Michener since 1936 and the subject of this massive mini-series in 1978 was well ahead of its time and sadly we have missed in recent years some of the advice delivered to us by the story. And the story makes a pretty good argument for Conservatism. Considering the fact that Conservation and Conservatism are both rooted in the word "Conserve," I would like to think that the true environmentalists, save the trendy modern political jargon, are on the Right.

Letters to the Editor

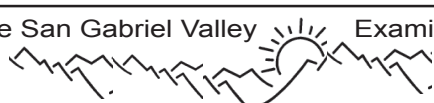
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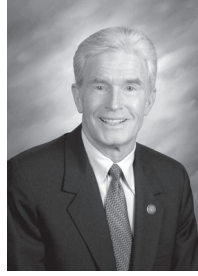
To The Rescue: Biden and His Posey of Fools

Ignoring a state of emergency on several fronts President Biden's first State of the Union speech sounded like political business as usual, with scant attention to several new crises that have emerged on his watch. Putin's unjustifiable Ukrainian attack is now expected to throw Russia into a depression, while also killing an untold number of women and children in Ukraine. Much of Europe now also risks slipping into a recession due to escalating energy prices. Stagflation is expected to be common as Europe and other Western nations try to break away from Russia's energy supply.

Capital Markets continue to be volatile as they demonstrate the worry and risks surrounding Russia's unjustifiable war on Ukraine. Oil prices skyrocketed after the White House said it was imposing a ban on imports of Russian crude. Commodities of all kinds continued to push higher on fears of supply crunches, with crude oil soaring temporarily past \$130 per barrel to trade near its highest since 2008. The dollar rose to levels not seen since 2020, and 10-year Treasury yields are down as investors seek safe havens. And like magic, the White House has someone new to blame for its incompetence: Putin!

Many of my Wall Street colleagues have been concerned that not every recession has been caused by an oil price spike, but every oil spike has caused a recession. The S&P 500 recently plunged 3% for its worst day since October 2020, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 800 points that same day to join the S&P in correction territory for the first time in two

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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years. The Nasdaq even ended the session in bear market territory, casting a dark shadow on March after all three indices fell in each of the previous two months. Perhaps the scary part is that in 1990 [during the Gulf War] the Fed funds rate was 8% before eventually embarking on an easing cycle. Today, the Fed is at the beginning of a hiking cycle. It seems more and more likely a recession is going to be unavoidable.

President Biden was criticized by the WSJ editors for pursuing Venezuelan and Saudi oil rather than encouraging production in the US and Canada. We must remember that not too long ago Trump's USA was oil independent. After the Biden administration took over the Keystone Pipeline was cancelled and oil drilling on federal land was stopped. Biden's mandates put us in the condition we are now in, dealing for oil with countries that despise the US. Nicolas Maduro, Venezuela's leader, said his talk with Biden recently was promising, but he will struggle to produce any significant increase in output after years without productive investment. The White House explanation for not producing more domestically - it would take too long, according to WH spokesperson Jen Psaki -

rings extremely hollow considering how long it would take to get Venezuelan crude. As for the Saudis, also encouraged to pump more by the US, they may be reluctant to anger the Russians by producing more (according to the WSJ).

Some had thought that central banks would slam the brakes after the Russian attack on Ukraine erupted, but the market reaction has been just the opposite. A hefty series of quarter point rate hikes are now on the table, with markets appearing to accept a coming period of "stagflation" (when sustained inflation is coupled with lower economic growth). Many of us remember how badly stagflation damaged our economy under Carter's stagflation. It's a delicate balance for the Fed, as tightening policy too sharply risks undercutting the economy and possibly triggering a recession.

Admittedly Biden's America has big problems, with the Federal Reserve already stuck between a rock and a hard place with regard to monetary policy. Soaring commodities and red-hot record high inflation mean the central bank will need to accelerate its tightening, though doing so risks tipping the economy into a recession. However, taking more accommodative measures would likely allow inflation to rip higher, making our situation even worse.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Is the current period of inflation going to lead to a recession?

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product growth) must decline for 2 or more successive quarters in order to be labeled an official recession. There are basically 2 types of inflation: demand-pull inflation, and hyper-inflation. Demand-pull inflation happens when there is a rise in prices due to more demand, and not enough supply. Hyper-inflation is when prices rise due to printing money. Historically, this has happened in several countries. In the U.S., the Treasury prints money, and the Federal Reserve Bank controls the interest rate it charges banks. To avoid hyper-inflation, the Fed can also increase the Reserve Requirements (the amount of money a bank must hold in order to pay their debts and cover withdrawals). In response, banks tighten the amount of money available for loans to consumers and businesses, and raise interest rates on variable interest products (credit cards, adjustable-rate mortgages, car loans, etc.).

We have an adjustable-rate mortgage. If rates go up, how will that affect my loan?

It depends on how old your loan is. Years ago, adjustable-rate mortgages didn't have "caps" (limits), so the borrower could be shocked by ridiculously large adjustments. Many lost their homes because they could not afford the payments. Nowadays,



Julia Yoder

almost all adjustable-rate mortgages protect the borrower from huge adjustments through "caps" which clearly set the maximum amount of each adjustment. Interest rates are still very low right now. Generally speaking, I suggest you consider refinancing into a fixed-interest loan. (Also, keep in mind that almost all credit cards are variable. Those rates can skyrocket, so get them paid off.)

If I flip real estate, what taxes would I have to pay?

When you buy a home, fix it, and sell it, you will have to pay taxes based on the amount of time you held onto this asset. If you hold onto it for a year or less, you're going to be taxed on your short-term gains at ordinary income-tax rates. If you hold this asset for more than a year, you're going to be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate. If you "flip" real estate too frequently, you are considered "in business" - opening a whole different set of rules.

You can defer tax on your real estate gain by exchanging it for another property, known as a like-kind, or Section 1031 exchange. This must be clearly stated in escrow. You can do unlimited 1031 exchanges your whole life.

Is it better to use a mortgage broker, or just go to my bank for a home loan?

Bank loan originators are only able to offer limited loan products they have in-house, often charge higher rates, higher fees, and are slower to adapt to change due to large organizational operations. An independent mortgage professional is a licensed mortgage expert (consistently undergoing continuous training), specializes in mortgages only, partners with several lenders to offer multiple loan products which gives you more options, often offers lower rates and cheaper costs due to less overhead, and adapts to industry changes quickly. FindAMortgageBroker.com is there to help. (I do not make any money referring you to this site.)

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Necessity of Communication

With passing time and increasing competition, an organization, however established it may be, needs to change in order to grow. For an employee, a change could mean different work culture, obsolete technical knowledge, or changing management techniques. Because of such reasons change is not a welcome alternative for many; such cases should be handled with utmost care and careful communication only.

The role of communication in the success of any business function is a well-documented fact. Its efficacy is ushering change it's also evident from the fact that often organizations choose people with better communication skills to lead a change initiative, with the hope that they will be able to gain widespread support across the organization.

Managing change is essentially a methodical approach used for a proper and effective transition of individuals, teams, and organizations from a current undesired state to a desired state in future. Essentially change management comprises of both organizational change management as well as individual change management process if these practices are effectively used, they can lead to a better organization.

Generally, employees go through three phases before successful implementation of a change is done:

- Fear - This is usually due to a high level of internal rumors resulting from lack of proper communication from higher level management. A common example can be a fear of job cuts or of increased personnel responsibility.



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- Frustration - In many organizations, full details about a change are kept confined to the higher management only. Employees could get frustrated by the level of secrecy and may retaliate by showing resistance towards change.

- Acceptance - This is the final transition towards a change. In given time, employees understand and learn to appreciate the need towards change. This acceptance acts as a final catalyst for an easy and efficient change implementation.

To effectively communicate a change, some general guidelines should be followed:

- Trust: Before undergoing a change, it is of the utmost importance for an organization to inform its employees about the change. Trust is an important factor in asserting that a change is taken with a good attitude. An untrustworthy person, if given the responsibility to convey the change, would create a sense of uneasiness among the employees and can cause loss in productivity and morale which can lead to unnecessary rumors, and a high-

er attrition rate.

- Hard Logic: It is a general nature of a human being to be resilient towards change. We search for stability and are happy in such circumstances. Only good communication and a compelling logic would enable an employee to understand the benefits of a change. Seminars, conferences, and general meetings could be conducted to deliver such knowledge.

- Acknowledge Success: When profits and or good production results from a change, it is necessary for an organization to communicate such laurels to the employees. This could confirm the effectiveness of the change and would ease further problems, if any.

Change management processes with efficient and sincere communications can help circumvent all the commotion and make executing changes a quick and hassle-free process.

The bottom line is responsible, effective, trustworthy leadership which is the key to success.

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Car Talk by THE CAR DOC

What You "AUTO" Know

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

An Oil Change and Fuel Economy

Usually, when we talk about fuel economy, an oil change isn't at the top of the list of discussion. The manufacturers are requiring lighter and lighter weight engine oil in all vehicles. 5w30 and 5w20 are being replaced with 0w16. I can hardly believe it, as 0w16 is like pouring water, it's so thin.

The reason for the lightweight oil is to give better fuel economy to satisfy the CAFÉ (corporate average fuel economy) standards. This standard is set by our state and requires all car manufacturers to average 54.5 MPG by the year 2025. Don't think for a minute that the changes are going to slow down anytime soon.

Believe it or not an oil change can and will affect your miles per gallon and here is why. Us old guys always grabbed the 20w50

oil for our cars and today two of the most popular oils is 5w20 and 0w30. The comparison would be 20w50 oil will pour like molasses, while 0w20 will pour like water. Thicker oil creates resistance inside the engine, slowing down moving parts and lowering your miles per gallon. A hybrid or very high mile per gallon car can lower mileage by 1 to 2 miles per gallon. We have observed this from some testing that we have done.

Is installing 5w30 oil in a car requiring 5w20 a concern? Yes and no. Yes, because it will affect fuel mileage, sometimes it is noticeable, sometimes not. And no, because using a slightly thicker oil will not hurt the internal engine components at all. Warning!! Thicker is not better, so please don't use a very thick oil

like a 20w50 in a modern car as that will cause issues.

Other ways car makers are working to meet the CAFÉ standards are:

- Using lighter materials
- Turbo chargers
- Gasoline direct injection
- Hybrids
- Smaller engine size
- 10 speed transmissions
- Synthetic oils in transmissions

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Barger, Hahn Back Tax Relief for Property Owners

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The L.A. County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn to cancel property tax penalties, interests, costs and fees for property owners that have been negatively affected by the eviction moratorium passed by the Board as part of its COVID-19 relief efforts.

This support for property owners is in response to the Board recently approving in January an extension of tenant protections through 2023.

"I've heard repeatedly from many property owners the devastating financial toll the pan-

demie has taken on them," said Supervisor Barger. "Some are elderly individuals who depend on their rental income to make ends meet. We can't in good conscience balance COVID-19 relief on the backs of property owners. The County needed to put some skin in the game, and this motion was about delivering on the promise to share in the financial burden."

"The eviction moratorium has prevented people from losing their housing, but our landlords have borne the brunt of this burden," stated Supervisor Hahn. "While it is not within our authority to waive people's

property taxes, we can waive their late fees."

As a next step, the County's Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) will proactively reach out to all property owners and share information about how to request cancellation of penalties, interests, costs and fees for late payments. DCBA is also administering the County of Los Angeles Mortgage Relief Program, another resource that provides financial assistance to eligible property owners. More information about that program can be found at dcba.lacounty.gov.

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South Southern California...
The Santa Fe Trail was one of first wagon train routes into Southern California and the trail ended at the Mexican town of El Monte, which became known as the "End of the Trail". Prior to California becoming an American possession, the settlement of El Monte was the main destination for American settlers and Mexican emigrants wanting to travel to Los Angeles and Southern California. And it just so happened that most of those traveling to El Monte were from Texas and when the War Between Mexico and United States ended, the town of Lexington was established within the settlement by the family of Samuel King who laid out a plan and design of the new town. Samuel King was born in Georgia, moved to Arkansas and then came west to El Monte with his family.



Joe Castillo

his southern beliefs joined the California Militia Company, which became known as the Monte Rangers. Formed by John Downey, who would become a future Governor of California, the Monte Rangers performed vigilante functions which were becoming a standard in California. The unit operated by tracking down Indians and bandits who were fleeing from San Francisco vigilantes and was well as vigilante groups in the Gold Rush area and towns.

By the time secessionist and Civil War differences started rising through the United States and California, anti-Union Confederacy groups were gaining strength in Southern California and men

like A.J. King were quick to support their growth. King would become the Under Sheriff of Los Angeles County and one of the cases he was assigned to was the murder of John Raines. Raines owned a large rancho in the Cucamonga area and was traveling west to make a deposit in a Los Angeles bank when he was attacked, robbed and killed in the San Dimas area. King investigated the case and charged Jose Ramon Carrillo with the crime of murder but the district attorney Robert Carlisle could not get a conviction. King and Carlisle were brother-in-law's and the outcome of the case led to a feud between both family members. Eventually, Carlisle was killed in a gun battle with AJ's brother Frank King, and the legend of the King family, the Monte Rangers and sentiments of the Confederacy in Southern California started to grow within the earliest days of California statehood...

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FOOD & WINE

By Jaunenito Pavon, Sommelier



Can't Get Enough...Of That Funky Stuff

'Gold Mold' (Bleu Cheese) and its bewildering existence

Bleu cheese or 'Funky Cheese', as it's commonly categorized along with its other funky band mates like *Epoisses*, *Stinking Bishop*, *Camembert*, *Munster*, etc., is mostly consumed by a more mature and gastronomically savvy habitué. Me? Let's just say, I have my limits when it comes to stank. (Yes, I said stank) I still enjoy the sweet zephyrs of roses and lilies opposed to the gut punch and ghastly stench of rotten eggs. Yet, *Bleu* cheese rests on the margins of cliffs where I reside in funky cheese genre. *Bleu* cheese is semi hard or semi soft, depending on who you ask, basically, means the same thing.

I recall being at a Hollywood Hills party once and the famous (and gracious!) host past me at the same time a procession of hors d'oeuvre was at my chest as she said pointing out, "the *Munster* and apricot compote is delicious!" At once, I was conflicted as I strongly dislike *Munster*; but I love any compote. With a mug shot face, I put it in my mouth as I faintly heard my stomach gurgling; silently, I nodded in agreement chewing like an actor doing take #30 with a food scene. After all, I was there to interview her and needed to show "some" deference and, three flutes of brut rosé later, all was good. Not quite all, I did drive home with the windows down.

Of course, the exception to this tomfoolery is (French) *Bleu* cheese. Known for its acidity, sharpness, and saline finish, it is the single most fascinating cheese of all times. It is the blue veins of mold that shows it in its entire splendor. Nearly all blue

cheese is made from cow's milk; although my favorite, *Roquefort*, is made from the milk of ewes. Is it any wonder why a molded cheeses' perfect wine pairing is with molded bacterial grapes (*noble rot* from *Semillon* and *Sauvignon Blanc*) from the *Sauternes* region located on the Left Bank in Bordeaux? This elegant, but no doubt, rotten duo, will bring a certain edginess, decadence and guilt to your palate not experienced before. Opposing on the boundaries of sweet and salty, these powerful flavors make for a harmonious convergence of unlikely mouthwatering pleasures.

Bleu cheese benefits from spores of species *Penicillium Roqueforti* that are fused into the milk or the curd. Through the maturation up to approximately six months, fine, sporadic, micro gullies make way throughout the cheese making perforations indiscriminately. *Bleu* cheese, with nationalist pride, is serious business and protected by administrative bodies in these countries. *Gorgonzola* blue cheese comes from its DOP (*Denominazione d'Origine Protetta*) in Italy, *Stilton* from its POD in England,

Cabrales from its PDO (*Protected Designation of Origin*) in Spain, and the aforementioned, *Roquefort*, from its AOC (*Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée*) in France. Ageing techniques vary from country to country, creamery to creamery, employing humid caves to moist rooms with sparse lighting.

Lastly, here are a few other wines to pair up blue cheeses with, like ruby and tawny ports. The tawny highlights the nutty characters. Sherry brings out the acidity and accentuates the sugars that merry the piquant notes. *Malbec* suits milder blues while *Cabernet Sauvignon* can handle the muscular *Roquefort* with its brawny tannins. *Chardonnays* with more prominent oak pairs with *Stilton*, particularly, and with other blue cheeses that are cave aged giving a touch of smokiness. Eat well!

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Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed "Hondo"

1. Some believe the wife of Justice Thomas should not participate in organizations that support conservative causes because her husband is on the Supreme Court — while others say no woman should be forced to keep quiet because of her husband's position.

2. It appears that *America the Beautiful* is becoming a more and more politically divided nation... Some say that, if something isn't done to reverse the divisions, *civil war* within 50 years is a strong possibility — in the next presidential election, a candidate *must emerge* who truly will **unite the country** and work to spend money on improving America... "Talk is cheap" during presidential campaigns — voters must vote for the best candidates, regardless of political party.

3. Some newspaper stories report that, Europeans more readily assist those who are fleeing the military conflict in Ukraine because the refugees are "White", than they did those who at other times fled from military conflicts in the Middle East and Africa...

4. Arms dealers: too many countries of the world manufacture and sell military weapons all over the world — reportedly, even *nice, healthy living* folks in countries such as Sweden, Norway and Denmark, for example,

are major manufacturers of military arms, and those weapons are sold worldwide... Even Switzerland, apparently, world famous for being *neutral* in world affairs, apparently makes and exports many weapons, *to whom ever and wherever*.

5. The Classic Coffee Shop in Glendora re-opened after a brief hiatus while it was remodeled... Folks in the area say *yea!*

6. Some records show that conservative parents have more children than liberals-progressives... Therefore, conservatives think that bodes well for America — other say "Oh No!"...

7. It is never too early to begin to assess if the current conflict in Europe could have been averted... If the foundation of the agreement that is being negotiated to end the war, turns out to be similar to what could have been agreed to prior to the Russian invasion, many questions will arise about why so much bloodshed had to be spilt.

8. Although the transcript of the recent presidential conference between China- America was not fully disclosed, a particular quote coming from the Chinese was published — something suggesting that, *whomever tied-the-bell-to-the-tiger*, has the responsibility *to-untie-it*... And that in order for anyone to celebrate, it-takes-two-hands-to-

clap...

9. Badillo Avenue in Covina is a beautifully landscaped street — more cities could follow the example.

10. There used to be more places where folks could recycle their glass and plastic bottles, and aluminum cans — and then locations were closed because reportedly there was a shortage of money, according to the California department that pays for setting up such places... But, apparently there was a SNAFU, the department finally admitted, because hundreds of millions of dollars were later found in *hidden accounts*... How come?

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- Formally surrender
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- More certain
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- One who plies one's trade
- *"Days to _____," on a seed packet
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- support
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- *Flower's location after a garden?
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- "Pulling my leg," e.g.
- Mother-of-pearl
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- "_____ you kidding?"
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- Slammer
- "The Shawshank Redemption" theme
- Served raw
- Isaac of science fiction
- This Dogg can rap
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Citrus College FLI Names Dave Brown Distinguished Faculty Award Recipient

GLENDORA - The Citrus College Faculty Learning Institute (FLI) has named Dave Brown, automotive technology instructor, the college's Distinguished Faculty Award recipient for 2022.

Mr. Brown's contributions to Citrus College include continuous service on various shared governance committees throughout his tenure, as well as his assistance in obtaining certification from Toyota for the automotive program.

He has assisted hundreds of students in obtaining employment by engaging with local car dealerships and independent shops. Mr. Brown is a very patient instructor and generous with his time. He is highly professional, always going above and beyond for his students.



Sarah Bosler, FLI co-chair (librarian); Dave Brown, Distinguished Faculty Award recipient; Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president; and Nichole Ary, FLI co-chair (speech instructor).

Mr. Brown was nominated by his colleagues Anna McGarry (Spanish), Jeremy Clark (automotive technology), Mariano Rubio (automotive technology)

and Terry Miles (chemistry). He will be honored at the college's commencement ceremony on June 18, 2022.

Napolitano Accepts the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Highest Honor, the Gold de Fleury Medal

WASHINGTON, DC - On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte), was deeply humbled and honored to receive the prestigious Gold de Fleury Medal from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in front of an audience of her colleagues, friends, and family both in-person and online, for significant contributions to Army Engineering.

"I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive this award. Water has been my passion since my earliest days serving on City Council and on the Board of the Los Angeles County Sanitation district. Our



Lt. Gen. Scott Spellmon, 55th Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, presents the Gold de Fleury Medal to Rep. Grace F. Napolitano.

lives, our economic success, our recreational opportunities, and our environment, all rely on clean, affordable and safe water usage, and, water operations. This is why, I have continued to champion water issues in the State legislature, in Congress as the past Chair of the Natural Resources Water Subcommittee, and now as the Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Water Subcommittee", said Napolitano.

Lt. Gen. Scott Spellmon, 55th Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who presented the Gold de Fleury Medal this morning, notified Napolitano of her selection to receive the award on December 7, 2020. The 54th Chief of Engineers, retired Lt.

Gen. Todd Semonite, selected Napolitano to receive the award. The award was scheduled to be presented in July 2020, however due to COVID-19, the award presentation was postponed.

The Order of the de Fleury was established in 1779 in honor of Francois Louis Tesseidre de Fleury, a French engineer, who volunteered to serve during the American Revolution. There are four different levels of the award, which are steel, bronze, silver and gold, with gold being the most prestigious. The chief of engineers selects one gold award recipient from inside the Engineer Regiment, and one recipient from outside the regiment, each year.

Woman's Club Celebrates Women's History Month

COVINA - Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when congress passed Pub.L.97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Woman's History Week". Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History

Week. In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub.L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month", between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month.

Since 1995, presidents have

issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month". These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

The Covina Woman's Club

has women that devote their efforts in many projects that help women thru their Domestic Violence group and their female veterans groups and many other groups. If you're interested in doing your part, join the Covina Woman's Club. They meet every 2nd Monday of the month. Check out their web site

www.covinawomensclub.org.

Arcadia Library Friends' Spring Book Sale

ARCADIA - Shop for deep discounts, unexpected treasures, and pop-up bargains at the Friends of the Arcadia Public Library's annual Spring Book Sale starting the first week in April. The usual week-long Spring half-price sale—from Saturday, April 2, through Saturday, April 9—will be kicked off by a special

members-only sale from 3 pm to 6 pm on Friday, April 1, and a pop-up \$5-a-bag sale on Saturday, April 2.

The sale will feature an amazing array of fiction and non-fiction, including books in Chinese and books for children. For the first time, members of the Friends will enjoy a special pre-

view sale in the bookstore, where items will be half price. Want to take advantage of the special prices and better selection? Join the Friends anytime, including on the day of the sale. You can also bring your own bags on Saturday, April 2, and fill them with books, DVDs, CDs, and other items for

just \$5.00 per bag. Enjoy 50-percent discounts on all items in the Friends' Bookstore the rest of the week, though Saturday, April 9.

For more information, call 626.821.4364. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.



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