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Glendora Community Coordinating Council's June Gene Beckwith Humanitarian Award Recipients

GLENDORA - Michelle Hunter has worked in Glendora Unified School District the past 28 years. She started out as a Special Education teacher, became principal at two Glendora schools, worked in the school district offices as Director of Students Services, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and finally Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Michelle is all about Glendora's students, every student, every day making sure no one gets left behind. She is a familiar face at all Glendora school and community events. Her efforts to maintain and improve excellence in education for the children of Glendora has been tireless and far too many to mention. In addition to serving our Glendora students Michelle has also been an active Glendora community member by volunteering her time at countless organizations. She has been an active PTA member, served perpetually as team mom and score keeper for Glendora Ducks swim team, Glendora National Little League and Glendora Youth Soccer. For many years Michelle has served at Grace Baptist Church as a greeter, AWANA leader and Sunday school helper. The



Rose Wentz, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President with June's Gene Beckwith Humanitarian Award recipient Michelle Hunter.

Glendora Community Coordinating Council is truly honored to recognize Michelle Hunter with June's Gene Beckwith Memorial Humanitarian Award.

Dr. Rob Voors has been Glendora Unified School District's Superintendent for the past ten years. Always warm, welcoming and humble Rob has been a constant and familiar face at all Glendora school and community events. His efforts to maintain Glendora Unified School District as a destination district for excellence in education by leading the Glendora team are evi-

dent in every single graduating student. This year Rob was named ACSA Region 15 Superintendent of the Year. In addition to being such an amazing and beloved Superintendent Rob has also been actively involved in the Glendora community. He has been a Kiwanis member since 2010, holding a number of leadership positions and recently ascending to President. He serves on the



Rose Wentz, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President with June's Gene Beckwith Humanitarian Award recipient Dr. Rob Voors.

Glendora Council PTA, Foundation for Glendora schools, Glendora Community Coordinating Council and the Glendora Chamber of Commerce. He has also coached community sports, including Glendora Jr. All American Football, Glendora American Little League and was the Glendora High School wrestling Booster President. It is with great honor that Dr. Voors was recognized

with Glendora Community Coordinating Council's June's Gene Beckwith Memorial Humanitarian Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at www.glendoracoordinating-council.org for a form and contact information.

Citrus College Scores Two Statewide Marketing Awards



The Citrus College Communications and External Relations Office consists of (L-R): Stacy Armstrong, Edson Yu, Genaro Gascón, Melissa Utsuki, Anthony Orona, Cerise Guerrero and Doug Schultz.

GLENDORA - Two projects created and managed by the Citrus College Communications and External Relations Office recently received first and third place honors from the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO), a statewide professional development and service organization that promotes excellence in community college marketing and outreach. The college's official newsletter, Citrus View, was awarded first place in the organization's "Newsletter" category. To view the latest editions of Citrus View, visit www.citruscollege.edu/pio/view. Redesigned light pole banners won third place in the "Banner/Outdoor Media" category. The 19 vibrant banners, featuring dynamic photographs and catchy taglines, reflect different academic disciplines and activities. "Winning awards in two distinct categories underscores the diverse skillset of our communications and external relations team," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of

Citrus College. "I am proud of their innovative spirit and efforts to promote the college's accomplishments and academic offerings, whether through traditional, digital or outdoor media." For their 2020 competition, which was hosted virtually due to COVID-19, CCPRO invited California's 115 community colleges to submit entries in 43 different categories. This is the first time that Citrus College submitted its newsletter for awards consideration, with evidence provided to CCPRO about how the publication helps the college community stay connected and informed. Similarly, the college described the process of creating its multi-faceted light pole project, and how each banner was designed to beautify the campus and foster a sense of college pride. Melissa Utsuki, executive director of communications and external relations, believes Citrus College performed well in the competition due to fact that her

staff exclusively produces original content. "Being recognized for these two projects is a huge affirmation of our team's approach and philosophy toward work," said Ms. Utsuki. "We produce everything in-house, using original writing and design, to ensure fresh, stunning and impactful products." In addition to receiving these CCPRO awards, Citrus College was recently recognized by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for having the second-best Instagram account in the entire United States. "This is a well-deserved honor for the college's accomplished team of communicators," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Their creative efforts successfully position Citrus College at the forefront of higher education marketing and successfully capture the spirit of this wonderful institution."

249-Year-Old Mission San Gabriel Arcángel Damaged By Fire

Investigators are looking at recent protests against religious figures by indigenous activists



SAN GABRIEL - On July 11 at 4:24 a.m., the San Gabriel Fire Department responded to a significant structure fire at the Mission San Gabriel Arcángel. As firefighters addressed the fire, pieces of the roof began to fall. The situation was subsequently classified as a four-alarm fire with 80 firefighters and 28 fire units responding to the incident with assistance from San Marino, Monterey Park, Alhambra, Arcadia, South Pasadena and Pasadena. The fire was suppressed at 6:48 a.m. with no injuries. Damage to the Mission San Gabriel Arcángel includes a complete loss of the roof and damage to the interior of the building. The old church is currently being renovated in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the mission's founding next year. Because of those renovations, the church's historic paintings and artifacts were not in the church at the time of the fire, said Adrian Marquez Alarcon, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Representatives of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were at the scene to investigate the situation. Though a formal cause has not yet been determined, a preliminary

investigation shows no immediate sign of arson. Investigators are still trying to assess the entirety of the structure for more information. The cause of the fire was under investigation, San Gabriel Fire Capt. Paul Negrete said. He said the recent toppling of monuments to Junipero Serra, the founder of the California mission system who has long been a symbol of oppression among Indigenous activists, will be a factor in the investigation. "This will be another box that they're going to check off," Negrete said. According to Angelusnews.com, local Catholics who showed up at the mission the next day to pray were suspicious. The timing of the fire, and the broader attacks on St. Junipero statues and other church properties, was too much of a coincidence for them. "We don't know how it happened, but it seems like the Church is under attack. There's a lot of resentment and a lot of anger," said Miguel Sanchez, president of the local "Knights of Bikes" chapter. The Mission San Gabriel Arcángel was originally founded in 1771 and the current church structure was completed in 1805. The church was the fourth mis-

sion founded by Junipero Serra, the founder of the California mission system, in 1771, during the era of Spanish colonization. Serra has been the target of protests in recent years because of the oppression that activist say was caused by converting Native Americans to Catholicism -- forcing them to abandon their culture or face harsh repercussions. Black and Indigenous people led activists to topple statues of Serra in San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles. In 2015, Pope Francis elevated Serra to sainthood. The church's pastor, Father John Molyneux, in a statement said that "the California Catholic Conference of Bishops reminds us that the historical truth is that St. Serra repeatedly pressed the Spanish authorities for better treatment of the Native American community, we recognize and understand that for some he has become a symbol of the dehumanization of the Native American community." The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has announced the creation of the San Gabriel Mission Restoration Fund to help toward repairing the damage from the fire. To donate, visit <https://lacatholics.org/Restoration>.

Calling All Californians: #ShopSafeShopLocal

by CalOSBA
 SACRAMENTO – The Governor’s Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery announced a new campaign, Calling All Californians: #ShopSafeShopLocal, to encourage Californians to support small businesses in their communities as they make modifications to protect public health and help our state’s diverse neighborhoods thrive. Running through July, the campaign is a call to action to help all California small businesses operate safely amid the COVID-19 pandemic and grow their digital footprints.

As part of this campaign, the State of California has partnered with industry-leading companies, such as Nextdoor, Google, and UPS, and launched a website that connects California’s small business owners to critical tools and resources. These resources will help California’s entrepreneurs adapt to new consumer and market demands and create safer shopping experiences by improving those small businesses’ online presence.

- The website includes links to:
- Free consulting, in 31 different languages, from California’s network of small business centers
 - Resources and offers from our partners to help businesses operate safely and build a digital footprint
 - Latest state industry guidance and county vari-



- ances
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) through SafelyMakingCA.org, California’s new PPE marketplace
 - A free digital media toolkit for small businesses and partners
- “Across multiple industries, COVID-19 has fundamentally changed day-to-day operations. Businesses have had to pivot, adopt new technology, open online, and change how they engage with their customers,” said Isabel Guzman, the Task Force’s Small Business Subcommittee co-chair and Director of the California Office of the Small Business Advocate which is spearheading this campaign for the Task Force. “Yet they persevere and embrace

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Man Who Allegedly Ejaculated On Unsuspecting Woman Arrested For Other Indecent Exposure On Same Day

By George Ogden

COVINA - Authorities and the Covina police had been seeking the public's help to find a man who allegedly masturbated and ejaculated on a woman inside a Covina laundromat.

Around 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, the police were called and responded to Coin Laun-

arrested and taken into custody by the Azusa Police Department later that day. That separate incident occurred about 7:55 p.m. in the 900 block of East Galatea Street in Azusa.

Ibarra was driving a "white" Ford Ranger pickup truck followed a woman and then exposed himself to her and masturbated.

was most likely the same person, Covina PD was notified. However, the way the law is set up now, the government requires the police to release these criminals and this was in fact done. He was held for a couple of hours and given a ticket. This sex crime has been reduced to a misdemeanor

Criminal charges of indecent exposure and battery will be sought for the Covina case.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of a crime by Ibarra was asked to call the Covina Police Department's Detective Ramirez at 626-384-5621. Those wishing to report anonymously can call 800-222-TIPS.



Jose Luis Ibarra, 23, is accused of masturbating and ejaculating on a woman.

dry about to take a report and to look for the suspect.

A 20-year-old woman, told police the man was masturbating in the laundromat. She didn't notice that he then came up behind her and ejaculated on her clothing and leg. Once she realized he was there and what he just did she got away from him.

The man is described as Hispanic, between 25-30 years old, 5-feet-5 inches tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a light-colored T-shirt with "PEP" written on the back, a fisherman-style hat, gray shorts and flip flops, according to police.

When he left the laundromat, he got into a "white", newer-model work truck with rails for holding tools and ladders, according to police.

In a separate incident, a 23-year-old man arrested for allegedly exposing himself and masturbating in front of a victim in Azusa is now believed to be the suspect who ejaculated on a woman inside a Covina laundromat earlier the same day, police said Friday.

The suspect was identified as Jose Luis Ibarra, who was

Azusa Police responded to the scene and searched the area and soon they found Ibarra nearby and arrested him for indecent exposure. Once police were able to realize that this

Seen or Heard Around Town and in the Valley



Dining "al fresco" in Downtown Glendora.

By Ed Torres

1. From the beginning, supermarkets and the "Big Box" stores, for example, were allowed to stay open during "Covid 19", with certain basic precautions, but not places of religious worship... Did some clergy acquiesce to government control too readily because of federal "bail-out" monies?

2. It is said by some that today's liberals are the same style Liberals as John F. Kennedy and his brother were... That if alive they too would advocate for the burning of police headquarters and push for defunding, disarming, dismantling, and outright abolishing police departments...

3. During this health crisis, a small but significant result is that dining "al fresco" has flourished in some cities and has helped restaurants stay in business...

4. Why are so many young people in preppy clothes out in the streets demonstrating and taunting the police, as well as kneeling and asking for forgiveness from fellow demonstrators?...

5. There are numerous politicians yelling that the police are the enemy of the people (!)... If they are ever attacked, will they call a criminal for help?... Additionally, relatively few office holders are speaking up for cops... Neither category of politician seems to show much backbone or integrity.

6. Why did the chicken cross the road?... Uh, uh, sorry about this point - this old writer's brain sometimes wanders into wacky territory...

7. Significant numbers of teachers are overwhelmed with the problems in educating "kids" because of the disruption of normal logistics caused by the Corona Virus governmental shutdown of schools - are local, state and national teachers' unions helping lessen the problems caused for teachers, or are the teachers being left to fend for themselves? Are the state education officials

and local administrators helping? Obviously, the ones who are hurt the most are the students.

8. The Gold Line, or whatever it will be called, has now begun expanding from Glendora - will be good for mass transit, but prepare for traffic detours.

9. Local politicians wherever they are across the land need to concentrate on solving their out-of-control high crime problems and must not be allowed to scapegoat and blame others for their failures.

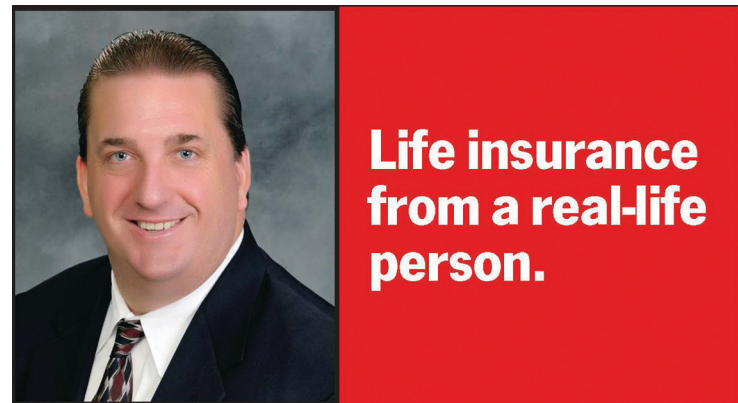
10. Local folks seem to pay too much attention to national political affairs while too little to local ones.

And that is way it was seen or heard by locals around town and in the Valley

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Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Pomona Begins Major Construction

MONROVIA – The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) begins major construction on the 9.1-mile, four-station Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Glendora to Pomona. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2025 and will add new stations to the Metro Gold Line system (currently known as the L Line) in the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne and Pomona. If additional funding is secured by October 2021, the entire 12.3-mile project from Glendora to Montclair will be completed altogether by 2028, adding additional stations in Claremont and Montclair. The major construction work is being carried out by the Joint Venture team of Kiewit-Parsons (KPJV), who was awarded the design-build contract in August 2019. They are the same team that successfully built the first two segments of the Foothill Gold Line from Los Angeles to Pasadena and Pasadena to Azusa - both completed on time and under budget (in 2003 and 2015 respectively).

“The Construction Authority and design-build team have been hard at work for the past 10 months preparing for today’s start of major construction,” stated Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board Chairman and Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval. “There is a lot of work ahead to complete this project that is critically important to the region and to the corridor communities, and we thank our partners at the cities, LA Metro and others for the hundreds of hours they have put in to help us reach this milestone moment for the project.”

The Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Pomona is being built within an existing rail corridor that is shared with BNSF freight service. Over the next five years, KPJV crews will relocate within the shared rail corridor more than nine miles of freight track; install two sets of light rail tracks; build four new light rail stations with unique artwork created by city-selected station artists; rebuild 21 at-grade street crossings where trains will cross at street level; build or renovate 19 bridge structures; relocate underground utilities; install new communications systems; and install nine traction power supply substations, along with an overhead catenary system, to power the electric light rail trains.

“Even as we confront the immediate and unprecedented challenge of COVID-19, we remain laser-focused on making smart investments in our infrastructure, our workforce, and our lasting prosperity,” said Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. “The Foothill Extension project is a down payment on a more connected, dynamic, and equitable future for Angelenos -- and it will pave the way to good-paying jobs and a

stronger transportation network across our region.”

The first major construction activity begins today with the rebuilding of the at-grade street crossing on Gladstone Street in the city of San Dimas and will require a three-month full closure of the street at the railroad crossing to vehicles and pedestrians. Residents and businesses can sign up to receive construction alerts ahead of future closures and impacts by going to www.foothillgoldline.org.

The Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Pomona is being funded mostly by Los Angeles County’s Measure M sales tax approved by voters in 2016, with residual funding from Measure R and State of California greenhouse gas reduction funds (part of the voter-approved SB1 program). When completed, the Foothill Gold Line will provide connections to important regional destinations like the LA County Fairplex, more than two dozen more colleges and universities, historic downtowns, museums, regional parks and open space areas, and much more. In addition, the extension will provide a direct link between the Metro and Metrolink systems, allowing riders from each system to easily transfer; creating endless possibilities for connections throughout the region.

It is estimated that during construction alone, the Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair will create as many as 16,000 jobs and up to \$2.6 billion in economic output for the region, as well as up to \$1 billion in labor income and potentially \$40 million in tax revenue (according to an economic study by Beacon Economics). Once completed to Montclair, the line is estimated to add more than 18,300 riders to the Metro system every day.

LA County Transitions to New COVID Scheduling Platform

Los Angeles County is changing scheduling platforms for COVID-19 testing at its nine operated testing sites. The new platform was developed by Fulgent Genetics, Inc. (Nasdaq: FLGT), the lab used at the County-run sites.

The new platform was designed to provide more user-friendly experience that directly interfaces with the lab, reducing the number of errors in data processing and minimizing the number of participants who might experience a delay in getting their results due to a mismatch in demographic information associated with the test kit.

The platform also allows residents to cancel an appointment, making that slot available for another resident to schedule. The new platform will also enable the lab to collect and validate insurance information in order to bill an individual’s insurance if the person has coverage, making community-based testing more sustainable. Testing at all County-sponsored sites will continue to be free of charge regardless of insurance coverage.

Individuals who visit the former scheduling site (<https://lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs>) will receive a message directing them to the new Fulgent platform site, <https://la.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment>.

Scheduling platforms for the L.A. City-supported, State-supported and other testing partner sites will remain the same. The County’s main hub page (<https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>) will continue to provide updated information and resources and link users to the new platform.

“This change is part of continuous efforts to improve the user experience and make scheduling an appointment as efficient as possible,” said Dr. Christina Ghaly, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, which oversees County-supported community testing locations. “As we work to expand capacity at current sites and add new sites to keep pace with demand, this new platform will help us streamline our operations and ensure continued testing access.”

COVID testing, as with any clinical diagnostic test, is best done within an individual’s usual health care setting. Individuals with insurance and those who have a regular provider or source of care are urged to first contact their provider before scheduling an appointment at a County-run testing site. To get connected to a provider, residents can call toll-free 211.

Gov. Newsom Orders Counties To Close Additional Indoor Operations and Sectors

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The following sectors must stop indoor operations as ordered by the State:

<p> Gyms & fitness centers</p> <p> Offices of non-critical sectors</p> <p> Places of worship</p>	<p> Personal care services: nail, massage, tattoo</p> <p> Hair salons & barbershops</p> <p> Indoor malls</p>
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LA County **Roadmap to Recovery**

Public Health
covid19.lacounty.gov

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise here and across California, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will be modified today to align with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s directives to prevent more cases, more serious illnesses, increased hospitalizations and more deaths.

The Order requires the closure of additional indoor operations for certain sectors which promote the mixing of populations beyond households and make adherence to physical distancing with face coverings difficult:

- Gyms and Fitness Centers
- Places of Worship
- Indoor Protests
- Offices for Non-Critical Infrastructure Sectors as identified

at covid19.ca.gov

- Personal Care Services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors)
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Malls

Bars, indoor dining at restaurants, indoor museums, indoor operations at zoos and aquariums, and classrooms and satellite wafering facilities remain closed in Los Angeles County, and all events and gatherings are prohibited unless specifically allowed by the Order.

As the new round of closures were announced, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) also released reopening protocols for K through 12 schools in Los Angeles County. Developed in consultation with more than 500 stakeholders, the protocols are intended to serve as a roadmap for school districts as they plan how to reopen with as much safety as possible for students, teachers, staff and their families.

The protocols do not authorize schools to reopen for in person classroom instruction. School re-openings will be guided by the state and by each school district’s decision on how to best configure learning opportunities during the pandemic, considering the levels of community transmission and what the science tells us about the risks. For those schools that re-open their campuses, they will need to adhere to the public health and safety requirements detailed in the protocol.

Candidate Filing Information for the November 3 General Election

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced the candidate filing period is open for the November 3 General Election.

Currently, all our offices are closed to the public to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. All candidates looking to file paperwork in-person must make an

appointment with our Candidate Filing Section prior to visiting the Norwalk Headquarters.

Alternatively, candidates may also request to receive their paperwork via email or U.S. Mail.

All candidates interested in filing must call 1-800-815-2666, option 4 to make an appointment or to coordinate the alternative issue method.

The deadline to return completed paperwork for the November General Election is Friday, August 7.

Candidates are encouraged to review the November 3, 2020 Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide. The handbook and resource guide includes a variety of details and critical deadlines to be eligible for the November General Election.

Sen. Chang Pushes to Move U.S. Medical Supply Chains Away from China

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) introduced SR 88, calling on the federal government to move United States medical supply chains away from China and create incentives to produce a greater share of pharmaceuticals in the United States.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the vulnerability of California and the United States

with respect to the consolidation of medical supply manufacturing in China,” said Senator Chang. “We must diversify. This overdependence on another nation for personal protective equipment and pharmaceuticals cannot continue. It wreaks havoc on public health and poses a significant risk to our national security.”

The U.S. market is dependent

on Chinese pharmaceuticals for 97 percent of antibiotics, 90 percent of vitamin C, and 91 percent of hydrocortisone.

The largest single expenditure by the State of California during the COVID-19 pandemic amounted to almost \$1 billion in medical grade face masks from China, who supplied half of the global market in 2018.

Enjoy Summer Fun And Make A Splash At LA County Parks

July is Parks Make Life Better Month

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed July as “Parks Make Life Better” month to highlight the impact of parks in supporting communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) marks the annual celebration as the official start of the Summer 2020 season.

“We invite everyone to enjoy summer fun by visiting our splash pads, swim beaches, and other outdoor amenities at LA County Parks,” said Director Norma E. Garcia. “We have convened with over 90 park municipalities, in partnership with the Department

of Public Health to develop COVID-19 health procedures to help our staff and park guests stay safe. We are excited, this year more than ever, to continue to celebrate the annual Parks Make Life Better month to promote the importance of access to local parks, recreation, trails and open space for respite and mental wellness to everyone in Los Angeles County.”

LA County Parks offers a variety of recreational activities and amenities that promote physical activity and wellness with their respective COVID-19 health guidelines.

- Splash Pads are a summer favorite with colorful play areas located at 18 parks.
- Swim Beaches are a perfect place to relax and refresh along the scenic shorelines of lakes at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, and Castaic State, and Santa Fe Dam Recreation Areas.
- Overnight Family Fishing

and Camping events at select regional parks offer an affordable outdoor “stay-cation” for families looking to experience the outdoors without the long drive.

- Summer Day Camps offer flexible schedules and free or reduced cost day camp options at 50 locations for ages 6 and up. Currently accepting registration.
- PAD In Motion is a new twist on Parks After Dark with an “open streets” concept. Starting July 16 at select parks.
- Drive-In at the Park takes the movie theater outdoors at Castaic Lake with double features every weekend through August.
- Trails and Natural Areas remain open for active recreation, such as hiking, walking, and running, with physical distancing required.

For a complete list and details, visit the 2020 Summer Fun website at: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/summer>.

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Biden: Pro Union, Anti Prop 22 Let's Heal America

Democrat Presidential candidate, Joe Biden, weighed in on Prop. 22, the initiative to overturn state law, AB 5, written by Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego). AB 5 became known as the gig economy bill and challenged any part-time, temporary or periodic employees, and companies who used these people, to become employees of the companies and eligible for benefits.



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora vehicle to provide prearranged transportation services. This proposition would overturn AB 5 allowing drivers for these companies to work as independent contractors. It would not affect how AB 5 affects other types of workers, like journalist, musicians and a list of others.

Cash contributions reported by the committee, Protect App-Based Drivers and Services, in support of Prop 22, are up to \$110,000,131.52. Lyft, Uber, and DoorDash, have put up \$30,000,000 each and Maplebear, Inc., (InstaCart) and Postmates, Inc., have each put up \$10,000,000.

The Coalition to Protect Riders and Drivers has reached \$690,000 in contributions to present their case in opposition with Transport Workers Union of America contributing \$500,000; Working Families Issues Committee (AFL-CIO) at \$95,000; Seiu, California State Council Issues Committee at \$75,000; Ironworkers PAC at \$10,000; and Union of Operating Engineers at \$5,000.

Those are all unions, with much less cash at the moment than Uber, Lyft and DoorDash to fight the battle of the ballot box for the November election. If the Democrats win the U.S. Senate, retain majority in the House, the federal PRO Act would have a good chance of passing and would give National Labor Relations Board the ability to level fines on violators of the law.

Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed AB 5 after the Senate passed the bill along party lines and the Assembly passed it almost along party lines with one defection on each side. One

Democrat voted against the bill and one Republican voted for the bill. This year Newsom has placed \$20 million in the budget to enforce AB 5 and Attorney General Javier Becerra has launched a lawsuit against Uber and Lyft asking for back wages for drivers. City attorneys for Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego have joined that lawsuit.

AB 5 created what is called the ABC test all companies and independent contractors must use to establish the person working is truly independent:

- In doing the job, the person is free from the control and direction of the hiring company
- Person performs work outside the usual course of the businesses' hiring process
- Person is engaged in an independently established trade, occupation or business the same as the company he / she is performing the work for.

An original post supporting Prop 22 says drivers will be protected:

- Receiving at least 120% of minimum wage, plus 30 cents a mile compensation for expenses.
- Health care contribution of 100% of the employer average payment toward Covered California or \$367 a month incrementally beginning at 15 hours a week reaching full amount at 25 hours a week.
- Auto accident and liability insurance and on-the-job injuries protection.
- Recurring background checks on drivers, mandatory safety training, zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol and a cap on driver hours to prevent sleepy driving.

From Shade's Perspective: Joe Biden will take care of the unions and establishment back in D.C. before he is willing to support the business community and average citizens' freedom of work choices. How Californian's vote in November for the House and Senate will show support for restricted work environments or freedom for choice.

Biden supports Prop 15, split roll tax, eliminating Prop 13 protections for commercial properties.

Joe,
Last week I suggested that the time must shortly come when you emerge as the nation's hope for overcoming the disaster perpetuated by Donald Trump. What is the vision you might offer a nation torn and battered not only by a virus but also by a President committed to tearing us apart?

Here is a suggested campaign theme.

LET'S HEAL AMERICA
It begins not with a "me," but with an "us." We have had more than enough of the egoist who has insisted that only he can make America great again. Healing America must be a national effort that may begin with leadership, but will certainly involve all of us. Here is a list of broken places calling for healing.

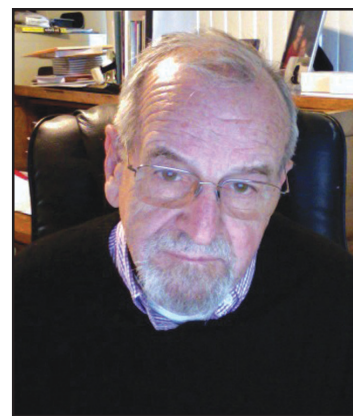
HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EVERY AMERICAN

It is long past the time for America to produce what every other industrialized nation now takes for granted. Bernie insisted that "Medicare for all" was the answer, but he never produced a plan to pay for it, nor did it allow for hard-won private plans. Clearly a single-payer option that is substantially built on Obamacare, is what most Americans seem ready to endorse.

A MORE EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE NATION'S WEALTH

This would not necessarily mean an increase in taxes, but a just sharing of what we all must contribute. Major tax reductions to the already rich have further distorted the nation's commitment to produce a modest level of economic parity.

OVERCOMING OUR RA-



Charles H. Bayer

CIAL DIVIDE

It will take all of us to heal the systemic racial divide recently most evident in the murder of George Floyd.

A MORATORIUM ON EFFORTS TO FOSTER DIVISION

Every speech Trump makes is fixated on his enemies' list beginning not just with his political opponents but also aimed at America's press as well as anyone who dares raise a challenge. This now includes America's military leaders and even former members of Trump's Administration.

RECLAIMING OUR ROLE AS LEADERS IN HEALING THE NATURAL WORLD

Essential to America's healing is our rejoining the Paris Accords and revisiting regulations and legislation taking seriously the sanctity of the natural world, including the generation of renewable energy resources. Climate change is not a hoax.

RECONNECTION WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL ALLIES

This involves renewed support of The United Nation's, NATO, the World Court, the World Health Organization and The World Bank. This would also in-

clude examining our immigration policies while building bridges of understanding instead of walls and fences.

RECOVERING FROM THE PANDEMIC

We are told that the only path to dealing with the pandemic must involve the cooperation of every American. Mask wearing, social distancing, carefully keeping closed our beaches, resorts and other gathering places are all vital. The elimination of massive rallies and other large assemblies, including churches, all are critical to America's healing. Political pressure caused the early opening of the nation's economic powerhouse. Now we are paying the price.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

A healthy economy depends on the defeat of the virus, and the defeat of the virus depends on following the guidelines outlined above. We will not heal our battered economy and THEN defeat the pandemic. In the meantime supporting individuals and small businesses must be a national priority.

Trump has engaged in a campaign centered on "divide and conquer." Every effort to divide America has resulted in his continued loss of credibility as evidenced in his diminished support. Joe, your role as a healer will earn you and the Democratic Party increasing support. But the task is ours as well as yours. Your role in healing America depends not only on your election but also on our effort to elect a Senate committed to this agenda.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Destruction

By Joe Castillo

Fire at the San Gabriel Mission... The San Gabriel Mission was founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1771 near what is now known as Whittier Narrows and next to the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. However, both rivers fluctuated in their flow and often changed course making it difficult for Missionaries to build any permanent structures or sustain any crop development. Within 5 years the missionaries had enough and decided to move north to avoid the wildness of the rivers and moved to higher ground. They moved five miles to the present location in San Gabriel where the rivers were calmer and the land fertile. It took 27 years but the Mission was finally built and the regions' strongest parish was established.

Named as the most prosperous of the Missions, its location along the El Camino Real provided a key stop to refill supplies and trade for needed goods. The Mission continued to grow and survived the secularization period, both the Mexican and American acquisition, the rancho period, earthquakes too numerous to recall and urban development.

In the early morning hours of Saturday July, 11, a security alarm was activated and a fire alarm was sounded shortly afterwards. A fire had broken out in the 249-year old structure and quickly spread like wildfire. The aged wood roof and interior wooden furniture fueled the uncontrolled fire. Eighteen fire engines and

five fire ladder trucks all responded to the all-alert call but it was too strong to quickly put out. The damage was extensive. The altar was spared and the walls remain intact but lots of work will be needed. Just last week, interior improvements had been made including new paint, refurbished pews and wall repairs. The church was set to hold a first communion on Saturday and a wedding had been scheduled for the following weekend but those plans have to be rescheduled.

The Mission has been the central point for the San Gabriel community since the 1800's and a number of local families, including my own, were members of the parish, buried in the cemetery and attended mass in the historic building. I performed a tour of the Mission and its grounds in March before COVID-19 shut it down but the more I was around the Church, the more I appreciated what it meant to the city, region and all of California.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and speculation includes arson, fireworks and electric problems but the cause isn't the issue, it's the restoration and preservation. The San Gabriel Mission is the birthplace of Southern California and Los Angeles. It was where the Spanish first brought Christianity and the European world to California. The Mission will need lots of funds for its extensive repairs and restoration but it's a project we all need to rally around in order

to preserve our local history. This is our Cathedral of Notre Dame. The year 2020 has been one of the most difficult, challenging and heartbreaking of years but we need to think positive and move forward to make this world a better place. For nearly 250 years, the Mission has been a part of San Gabriel, we need to ensure that it'll be around for another 250 and more years.....

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Governor Releasing 8,000 Prisoners Because of Coronavirus in the Prisons. Are You Kidding Me?

So, let's see if I have this right. The governor is releasing 8,000 prisoners or at least is in the process of doing it now. The reason is because of the coronavirus that is spreading throughout the prison. Whereas these prisoners have made contact with others that are testing positive. So, the right thing to do is to release 8000 people that are carrying the virus out into the public?

One would think if you have a contamination of a group of people and you have them contained, you would continue to keep them contained and treat them accordingly. Not only are these dangerous criminals, but they're carrying a virus. This seems like a double threat to me that the governor and or the government is doing and endangering our citizens with. What's wrong with these people?

They say they are non-violent criminals. Who are they kidding? Many of these convicted criminals did a higher-grade crime and they did a plea deal to a lower grade crime which sounds non-violent. Example; Two senior citizens came home to find their house being burglarized. The sus-



George Ogden

That's just the way it is!

pect punched out the old man and push down his wife, who we're both in their 80's. He pled guilty to the burglary and they dropped the other charges. His excuse was for hurting these people is that he was just trying to get away. The DA felt that he may not get a conviction on this and allowed this suspect (criminal) to take a plea deal for burglary. This makes him a non-violent criminal.

He's not the only one. I could go through a huge list? How about the carjacker that yanked that young woman out of her car and dragged her? Her baby was in the back seat. They found the car abandoned in a few blocks away. He pled to an auto theft charge and they dropped the kidnapping and the physical assault charge. Once again, the non-violent

Criminal.
The Governor basically commuted well over 750 death penalty sentences to just jail time. The people voted for the death penalty and look what he did. He promised on television that he would uphold the will of the people. In less than four months, the execution chamber was removed from the Prisons.

A West Covina Police Officer Ken Wrede was killed by a guy named Michael Jackson and he had been convicted at all of his retrials over and over again and each time sentenced to death. With Newsom taking away the death penalty, no matter who gets back in as governor they cannot re-apply the death penalty to all those individuals. A number of court cases call this cruel and unusual punishment.

When I see officials who are standing outside of San Quentin prison preparing to release prisoners, are you saying that is no longer a high-security and high-risk prison? Yes, I guess they are all in there for stealing underwear off the clotheslines or something. Give me a break.

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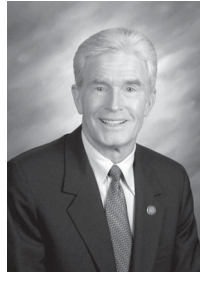
The Fed Sends Up a Red Flag

There is no doubt that rising coronavirus cases are starting to impede commerce again. Many states have mandated masks in public places, in an attempt to avoid reversal of the gradual business and social reopening process. If there is any good news associated with Covid-19 it is that most young people have proven to be asymptomatic or quick to recover from what to them is generally a non-life-threatening illness. It also should be encouraging that hard lessons learned about protecting the older and most vulnerable Americans should avoid repeating mistakes which resulted in a few states still having Covid-19 death rates over 6% (for those tested positive for the Wuhan coronavirus).

As expanded testing discovers more people infected with the Wuhan coronavirus, the death rate as a percent of infected people continues to significantly decline. There are already 15 states where the Covid-19 death rate (per verified case) is less than 2%. However, the USA's overall coronavirus death rate is still near 4.5%. A few Eastern states keep it that high (only slightly below the world wide Covid-19 death rate of over 4.6%). Specifically, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts combined account for 42% of all of our country's Covid-19 deaths!

Coronavirus hospitalization rates have recently risen in some new hot spots, like Houston, Miami, and Phoenix. However, there is no sign of hospital capacity concerns which would require returning those states or cities to lock downs or much stricter social distancing. So, while we are not out of the coronavirus woods yet, it is unlikely to see a return to draconian gov-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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ernment restrictions which crippled America's economy this summer.

If you had asked me in early March if 20 million people could still be out of work by the end of the second quarter, while stock averages would hit a fresh all-time high in June, I would have told you that you might be missing some marbles. But the Fed flooded the financial system with so many digitally printed dollars that more than a few of those electronic greenbacks found their way into the stock market.

However, the Fed may have freaked out the financial markets late last week when they ordered banks to preserve their capital (by not raising their dividends, and while also suspending stock buy-backs). Specifically, the Fed told banks that they cannot pay out any dividends that exceed their average quarterly profits in the four most recent quarters. To admit there has been a negative impact on normal banking conditions (from Covid-19) is an understatement, but were these limitations really needed? Even though many big banks had already agreed to suspend stock buy-backs during the second quarter, the Fed also barred all banks from any stock buy-backs in the third quarter. The Fed said that limiting shareholder payouts would help keep banks healthy during what could be a prolonged

recession.

Unfortunately, investors will have to wait for earnings season to reveal just how good or bad business conditions have been within the banking sector. But the Fed's actions last week suggest they aren't liking what they are seeing. That's why those tempting 4% to 8% past dividend yields (regularly thrown off by many of the leading mega and regional bank stocks) might not be as likely, and should not be expected for the time being. There are plenty of other places to go in the stock market for dividends yielding 3% to 5% that should be "good money" now and for the foreseeable future. Buying bank stocks that are being deeply discounted right in front of earnings season is, in my view, one trade to pass on.

The bottom-line question that many investors are now asking is: What does the Fed know that the stock market does not know? Is there now a more serious risk of a prolonged recession? Clearly, prolonged coronavirus possibilities could delay a full economic recovery (which remains on the minds of all investors). When markets go almost straight down or straight up it is like the forced stretching of a rubber band. Eventually it snaps back. We witnessed extreme selling, which snapped back to extreme buying, which now most likely needs to snap back to some lower level. The very first hints of a turning tide are here. History suggests lower market prices are just over the horizon.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I usually use cash to pay for most of my purchases because it really helps me keep track of my spending. Since Coronavirus, some businesses don't accept cash. When I use my ATM, I lose control of how much I'm spending. What can I do?

Many people love the simplicity of using their ATM card to pay for everything. These people are often unpleasantly surprised to see how much they spend when they use their ATM card to pay. When using your ATM card for purchases, always get a receipt! When you get home, review your receipts, and adjust your budget.

It looks like we should apply for an FHA home loan, but we want to understand our options. Can you give us some advice?

Although FHA loans require a small down-payment, the required mortgage insurance premium can be costly. There are Conventional loans, Veterans Administration loans, USDA loans, and First-time Home-buyer programs which require 3- to 5-percent down on a 30-year fixed loan. Although a loan with less than 20-percent typically requires Mortgage Insurance, there are ways to reduce this, too. To find a local mortgage professional who will crunch the numbers, advise you on the best loan for you, explain and do your loan: FindAMortgageBroker.com.

My right-hand-man would like to buy my business when I



Julia Yoder

retire or die. Is there a good way to set this up?

Yes, it's called a one-way buy-sell agreement: a legal contract between the owner of a closely held business and a future buyer. This future buyer would purchase a specific type of life insurance on you as the current owner. At the point of a triggering event, such as your death, retirement, or disability, the buyer uses the life insurance death benefit, or the available cash value accumulation, to purchase the business according to the buy-sell agreement. This establishes a smooth transition of the business.

Because of the cost, I have to choose between getting enough life insurance OR saving for retirement. Can you help me with this decision?

Yes. There's actually a type of life insurance (Indexed Universal Life or Fixed-Indexed universal Life) now that provides a death benefit to your survivors or ben-

eficiaries, but also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred, cash value accumulation for retirement or other financial needs while you are alive.

My friends and I were talking about our investments and the losses we suffer in the stock market. One friend said that she'd talked with you about 11 years ago, and that she hasn't lost a penny since moving her funds. What did you invest her money in?

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"Limiting Risk"

Today, many organizations are opting for changes in their working paradigm, and this can occur due to variety of reasons such as the devaluation of the brand, younger competition, or outdated machinery and management techniques. Currently we are adding a pandemic to the list to manage. Most often than not change in an organization is initiated on account of either growing demand or falling profits.

However, pressing the need for a change may be needed, however, it is rarely taken on a positive note by human beings. In organizations, when a large-scale change is about to be implied, it often creates a high stress environment in the organization. This condition happens because an elevated level of stress and anxiety amongst its employees. Most people face high stress levels due to change because they believe that they are not good enough to accomplish something that they have never accomplished before and this leads to a feeling of denial which is followed by disdain or resistance towards the change. With pandemic in our midst's there are several other factors to deal with including health concerns, financial issues, and the great unknown as to and end that seems to be elusive.

To create a positive and sure shot plan for implementation of a change in an organization, it is important to minimize the risk that can act as a hindrance. Given below are some guidelines that you can use to minimize risk during a change:

- * Understand the goal and break it down into objectives
- * It has been observed that long



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term or radical changes are often implemented by the management at once and make a complete break from past procedures. However, such long-term changes are difficult to accomplish and receive a greater resistance from the employees because of its sudden nature and sheer magnitude. Instead for going for a long-time sudden change, organizations can opt for a change that is short term and cost effective. Short term changes are beneficial over long term changes, as they allow smaller, achievable goals that are very easily accepted by the organization. These short-term goals, if done properly and constructively, lead to the accomplishment of long-term changes.

- * Preempt resistance to the change process and incorporate feedback from staff

While formulating the necessary requirements and specific nuances of a change, it's a foremost requirement to make the staff aware of the change and to include employee and stakeholder feedback regarding the change in the change process.

- * Be flexible to accommodate

different views
Many times, after a change is implemented, employees face problems and give feedback regarding the change. During the creation of a change, it is necessary to include a provision for easy and hassle-free inclusion of different views and feedbacks during and after the implementation of the change.

- * Explore the possibility of using external consultants to re-train employees

In case a change requires a firm to create new skillsets for its employees, provision for the inclusion of external consultants for employee training should be made. Instead of transferring the full workforce to a new skill, a limited number of employees should be trained at a time and positive experiences must be encouraged.

- * Document every action so that you can correct any mistakes made in the process

Last but not the least, in an organization, no matter how much care is taken, mistakes can be made while implementing a change. To prevent this, proper documentation of the change and its steps should be diligently performed.

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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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Azusa Brushfire Along Highway 39

By George Ogden

AZUSA - On Sunday afternoon, a brush fire in the San Gabriel Mountains along Highway 39 above Azusa resulted to the shutdown of Highway 39.

The fire started near the mile marker 31, according to the authorities with the Angeles Na-

tional Forest. Later in the day, Caltrans officials said the Los Angeles County Fire Department asked to shut down the highway overnight as firefighters continued mopping up hot spots in areas the fire burned.

Caltrans said the "fire was under control" but that firefighters

requested a "hard closure remain in place until Monday morning". California Highway Patrol units at the time were closing the northbound side of the highway at Mountain Laurel Way. This is some distance from where the fire was burning.

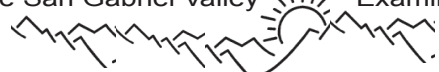
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Around the Valley & Senior News

Napolitano and Sánchez Announce \$384.9 Million to Complete Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Project

WASHINGTON, DC - Reps. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA-32) and Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA-38) announced that the FY2021 Energy and Water Appropriations bill is providing \$384,900,000 as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dam Safety and Seepage Program.

"Since first learning about flood risk concerns over a decade ago, I have encouraged the Army Corps of Engineers and my colleagues in Congress to make Whittier Narrows Dam the top budgetary priority," Napolitano said. "To further illustrate this need as well as Whittier Narrows' importance to the millions of people who live in Los Angeles County, in March I hosted Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee Chairwoman Marcy Kaptur, Congresswoman Sánchez, Congresswoman Judy Chu, eleven additional members of Congress, and Assistant Secretary of the Army—Civil Works, RD James, at the dam for a tour and roundtable discussion with local stakeholders. I would like to thank Chairwoman Kaptur and Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey for recognizing the importance of Whittier Narrows Dam as one of the most significant flood control projects in the country with the funding to back it. I will continue

to fight alongside the appropriators, Congresswoman Sánchez, and all of our colleagues to deliver these federal dollars to complete the vital dam safety project, on behalf of all San Gabriel Valley residents and millions more throughout the region.

"If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that we cannot control nature. All we can do is be prepared," said Rep. Sánchez. "I'm so pleased that today's Energy and Water Appropriations bill fully funds the Whittier Narrows Dam safety construction. This is one of the most critical dam safety projects in the country. When it's completed, more than one million residents in Los Angeles County will be protected from catastrophic flooding, including the cities of Pico Rivera, Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, La Palma, Lakewood, Montebello, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier."

Napolitano is the Chairwoman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, which has jurisdiction over the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She helped secure this money through her leadership on the Subcommittee and through multiple hearings, meetings, legislation, and letters to the Corps.

Napolitano held a Congressional roundtable and tour of Whittier Narrows Dam on March 6 as her Subcommittee continued preparations for a biennial Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). At the beginning of 2020, she and Sánchez, who represents the City of Pico Rivera—where the dam is located—along with several adjacent cities, spearheaded a letter with other local Representatives to House Appropriators requesting \$384.9 million, the exact amount approved today by the Committee, which is projected to complete the critical safety repair project at Whittier Narrows Dam.

"This dam safety work is needed not only for proper flood control for our area, but also for water supply operations," Napolitano added. "The drought is not over, and Whittier Narrows is an extremely important water supply facility for our region as water is captured during storm events and channeled to local spreading basins for recharge into the groundwater basin. These aquifers have been depleted by recent droughts in Southern California, so the water captured at Whittier Narrows for groundwater replenishment is a vital source of water for our communities."

Tips to Spend Less Money on Cooling Your Home This Summer

Keeping your home cool and comfortable on hot summer days doesn't need to cost a fortune. These tips can ensure your heating and cooling equipment lasts a long time and operates at maximum efficiency:

- Clean and change filters: Dirty air filters can cause a system to suffer from pressure drop, which can lead to reduced airflow or "blow-out," which can result in no air infiltration at all. When this occurs, your HVAC equipment is working harder, which means increased energy bills and ultimately, more wear and tear. To avoid costly repairs and replacements and enjoy lower utility bills, clean your air filters monthly.
- As far as replacing air filters is concerned, one general guideline to follow is to change them every three months. However, the truth is that optimal frequency for this maintenance task depends on a variety of factors, including the type of filter in your HVAC unit, the size of your home, if anyone in your family has allergies and whether or not you have pets. No matter how often you change air filters, be sure they are properly-

ly-sized for your system.

The importance of cleaning and replacing air filters can't be overstated. Dirty air filters won't just cost you more money, they can compromise your home's indoor air quality and aggravate allergies and respiratory issues.

- Get annual service: Your HVAC or furnace technician should service your unit annually in order to check that all its various components are in working order. A service check may actually detect a problem before you notice it, and catching it in time could extend your unit's life. Be sure to schedule this service before it's an emergency (i.e. don't wait until it's the hottest day of the year and your unit is in disrepair.)
- Replace older units: Consider whether it's time to replace your unit, factoring in its age and regularity of service. Newer units, especially those with ENERGY STAR labels, operate more efficiently. Indeed, a properly sized and installed ENERGY STAR air conditioner uses up to 20 percent less electricity than older models. So, even if your

heating or cooling system is properly maintained, you may be spending more money than is necessary each month.

- Do it right: For ultimate savings, it's best to ensure your HVACR equipment is installed and serviced properly. The best way to ensure fast, efficient service done right the first time is by hiring a technician certified by North American Technician Excellence (NATE) for all installations, repairs and maintenance. NATE-certified technicians have demonstrated their knowledge of today's increasingly sophisticated heating and cooling systems by passing a nationally recognized test developed and supported by all segments of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning industry. To find a NATE-certified technician in your area, visit Nateex.org.

If reducing cooling costs, increasing home comfort and helping protect the environment are all important to you, there's good news, with proper HVACR installation and maintenance, these don't need to be competing priorities. (StatePoint)

Californians: #ShopSafeShopLocal

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the new marketplace. It is up to us as Californians to support all of our diverse small businesses by shopping with their survival and everyone's health in mind."

"When local businesses thrive, communities thrive. It will take all of our collective actions to achieve a new balance of shopping safe and local to support these tenacious businesses," said Sarah Friar, Small Business Subcommittee co-chair and CEO of Nextdoor, the neighborhood hub. "Together, let's start a chain reaction of neighborly action to help California's small businesses survive."

"Small businesses are the cornerstone of our economy. At Google, we're committed to helping small businesses in California and throughout the country get through this unprecedented time," said Mary Ellen Coe, President of Global Customer Solutions at Google. "According to a recent report by the Connected Commerce Council, 70% of small businesses say digital tools have been useful to them during the COVID crisis, with 30% of them saying digital tools have been essential. We're proud to support the Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery in this initiative to help even more small businesses

adopt digital tools and connect with customers."

"The pandemic has accelerated the growth of e-commerce to levels that were not expected for two or three more years. As consumers look for more products online, it is vital for small and medium businesses to strengthen their presence in this channel. From appearing on the first page of search engine results to providing a frictionless path to purchase and easy returns, local businesses can leverage the access to experts that this website will provide," said Eduardo Lopez-Soriano, Marketing Vice President of UPS.

The COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus have presented extraordinary challenges for California's small businesses. Small businesses across the state have stepped up to protect their employees and customers with in-


novations that meet the moment, but thousands have shut down or paused operations and face the threat of permanent closures. According to the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, the United States has experienced a 15% drop of active business owners between February and May. That decrease is nearly double for Black-owned and operated businesses at 26%. Latinx, Asian, and immigrant business owners have also seen declines greater than the national average.

During this month-long campaign, the collective actions of all Californians – workers, consumers, and business owners – to follow public health guidelines and shop safe and local can help all California's small businesses survive and thrive.

For more information, please visit <https://business.ca.gov/shopsafeshoplocal/>

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

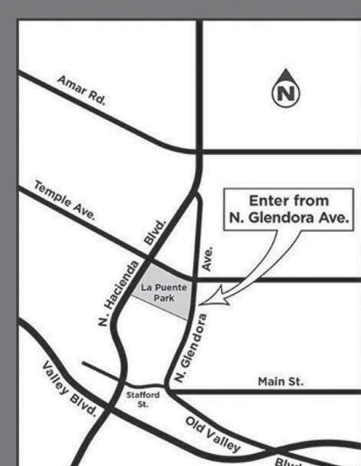
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by bringing your Household Hazardous Waste, including expired medicines, used needles, paints, household cleaners, old computers and

television sets. This event is open to all LA County residents. Visit www.lacsd.org/hhw to find when the next roundup near you is!

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Veteran Educator Announces Retirement from College Board

Citrus College Governing Board Member Joanne Montgomery Will Not Seek Re-Election

MONROVIA/DUARTE – After proudly serving the Citrus Community College District for 22 years, Governing Board Member Joanne Montgomery announced her retirement on July 7th. “This is a bittersweet moment for me. I have been honored and privileged to serve the district for over two decades, but now is the time for me to move onto a new chapter in my life. I would like to thank the students, faculty, staff, and constituents of the District for allowing me the opportunity to serve.”

As a former elementary school teacher and educator, Montgomery has received countless awards and honors over her many years of service. “I love teaching, being an educator, and the college district. The only thing that brings me more joy is my family and I’m looking forward to spending more time with my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren,” added Montgomery.

“Moving forward, I want to make sure I am leaving the district with stability and good governance, so I am endorsing former Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz to replace me. Mary Ann’s extensive policy experience especially with budgets and spending will help the district weath-



Citrus Community College Governing Board Member Joanne Montgomery

er the challenging economic times ahead. She is a dedicated public servant and community leader with the knowledge to lead the district forward.”

Azusa Drive-In Movies At Northside Park

AZUSA - The City of Azusa's Community Resources Department will present a 2020 Drive-in Movie series beginning Thursday July 16 at Northside Park, 600 Block W. 11th Street beginning at sunset. NO RV'S or CAMPERs will be allowed entrance to the park. Vehicle Check-In begins at 6:30 p.m. All vehicles must be in their spots by no later than

7:45 p.m. For more information, please contact the Recreation office at 626 812-5280 Register at: www.azusaca.gov Drive-In Movie Schedule 7/16 - Moana 7/23 - Lilo and Stitch 7/30 - Finding Nemo 8/6 - Pirates of the Caribbean

8/13 - Toy Story 4 8/20 - Trolls 8/27 - Abominable 9/3 - Do-little 9/10 - Little Mermaid 9/17 - Little Giants 9/24 - Sonic The Hedgehog 10/1 - Matilda 10/8 - The Goonies 10/15 - The Addams Family 10/22 - Halloween Town 10/29 - Hocus Pocus



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 Visit secure.rec1.com/CA/azusa-ca to register for this event or call (626) 812-5280 for more information (including a list of all movies and dates).

Fake Funeral Scam Leads To Arrests

By George Ogden
 COVINA - On Friday, July 10th Covina police were notified that there were people who were in traffic lanes at the intersection of Azusa and Arrow Hwy asking drivers for money for a funeral. These people would wait for traffic lights to turn red and they would enter the traffic lanes to ask drivers for money for funeral costs.

According to information provided, Covina officers were dispatched to the area to look for these subjects. Officers contacted the subjects and were able to confirm it was a scam. Two adults were arrested and two others, juveniles, were also located and contacted. Over \$1,000 in cash, which had been collected throughout the day was recovered and booked as evidence. In the



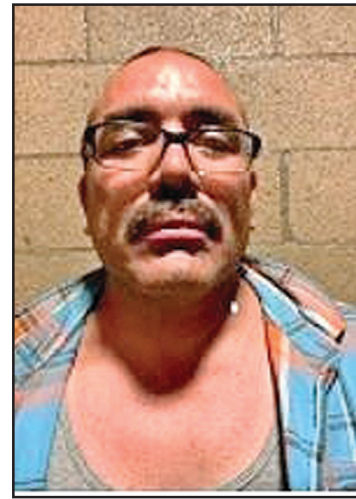
Evidence recovered in the Fake Funeral Scam. bundle of money, they found a \$50 bill, and number of \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$1 bills. These scams going on all over the area. This is nothing new. People approach your car, wait

Glendora Man Arrested For Sex With Minor Under The Age Of 14

By George Ogden
 GLENDORA - A Glendora man identified as Hijinio Arroyo, 44, of Glendora had been sought in a Banning child sexual-abuse investigation case has been arrested and charged in the case.

Arroyo was in custody Wednesday, July 8 at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning and held on \$1 million bail. Authorities requested the high bail following his June 25 detention by the U.S. Border Patrol when he was trying to escape to his home country using the southern crossing to Mexico in San Ysidro.

Documents filed in court said that Arroyo traveled back and forth to Mexico and previously



Hijinio Arroyo, arrested for sex with child under the age of 14.

It was stated that Arroyo is a "definite flight risk" and as someone who "has access to money and several vehicles and is known for traveling to and from Mexico." Also, in the declaration to the courts, Arroyo owns a welding shop in Los Angeles County, and maintains two addresses outside of Riverside County.

Arroyo has been charged with two counts of child sexual abuse. Banning police released a statement that Arroyo was "wanted in connection with several counts of lewd and lascivious acts of a minor child" in Riverside and in Los Angeles counties.

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Top Ways to Take a Safe Vacation

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After months spent indoors at home due to the coronavirus pandemic, it's clear that many people are itching to get back out there and take a vacation. This is with good reason. Staying isolated for too long can take a substantial toll on one's mental health and well-being, according to the American Psychological Association.

If you still feel uncomfortable with going far from your home for a travel experience however, traveling domestically can be a step in the right direction. There are lots of great places to visit a few hours' drive from your home that you probably didn't think of! Whether you're looking for a beach stay, or some nature, exploring options close to home can allow for an escape you and your family want, and in a safe environment, such as an apartment or home vacation rental. And it's an increasingly popular choice. According to trivago, a global accommodation metasearch provider, the share of users clicking on deals for such vacation rentals increased by 5 percent from February to June 2020, both in the U.S. and inter-

nationally.

As you book and plan your travel, here are a few tips to consider to help ensure you have a healthy and safe experience:

- **DIY Cleaning:** If you are worried about cleaning standards, consider seeking out accommodations where you don't have to worry about someone else coming into your space during your stay. Bring your own wipes, antibacterial soap and other supplies and wipe down surfaces when you arrive, and as often as needed. Of course, you should always check with your accommodation provider about their hygiene standards to make sure they meet your expectations. Major hotel chains have announced special cleaning protocols in light of the coronavirus.

- **Beating the Crowds:** From beach houses to mountain cabins, try to look for a vacation experience away from densely populated city destinations, which is a good choice for those wanting to beat the crowds.

- **Staying Active:** Getting away doesn't have to mean staying indoors somewhere new. Take a leisurely stroll on a beach. Go on

a hike in the mountains. Explore a national park you've always wanted to see. Brunch at a small local café. There are plenty of ways to stay active and have fun, all while following social distance guidelines.

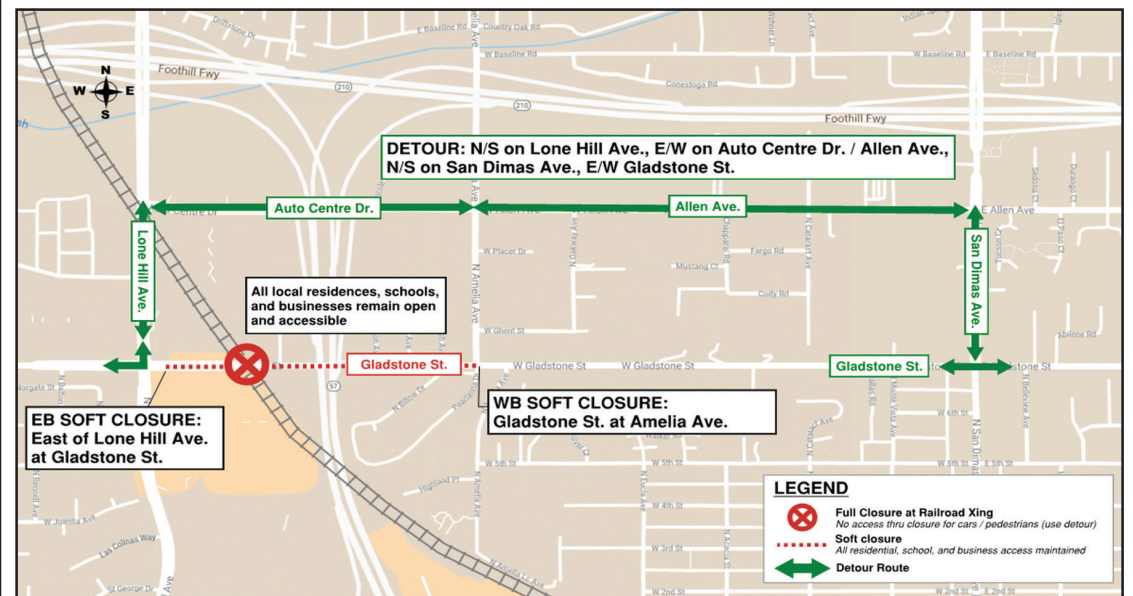
- **Choosing Your Destination:** So where is everybody going? The current most popular U.S. travel destinations by click share according to trivago are:

1. Las Vegas
2. Myrtle Beach, S.C.
3. Panama City Beach, Fla.
4. Virginia Beach, Va.
5. Destin, Fla.
6. Miami Beach, Fla.
7. Ocean City, Md.
8. Galveston, Texas
9. South Padre Island, Texas
10. Orlando, Fla.
11. Key West, Fla.

For more travel tips and ideas, visit trivago.com, and trivago.com/corona for the most up-to-date travel restrictions.

Whether you hit up a popular destination or head somewhere remote, make sure you adhere to local health guidelines when traveling. And above all, stay safe and healthy. (StatePoint)

Full Street Closure of Gladstone St. at Railroad Crossing in San Dimas



DETOUR MAP - Gladstone St. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing between Lone Hill Ave. and Amelia Ave. in San Dimas.

SAN DIMAS - Crews will be fully reconstructing the railroad crossing on Gladstone St. (San Dimas) as part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project. This work requires a full closure of Gladstone St. at the railroad crossing for approximately 3 months.

Starting Friday, July 10 (and continuing thru September 30, 2020), Gladstone St. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Lone Hill Ave. (just west of the crossing) and Amelia Ave. (east of the crossing) will remain open

and accessible by way of detour routes (see map below).

Extended work hours, including double shifts from 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Monday - Saturday, have been approved to shorten the closure duration and to complete the crossing reconstruction by September 30th. NOTE: Occasional longer work hours, construction on Sundays, and night work may be performed during the closure period.

Gladstone St. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing.

Local access to homes, busi-

nesses, schools and medical facilities on Gladstone St., east and west of the closure, will be maintained at all times.

A detour route will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted.

NOTE TO RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS

Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones. Bus stops may be temporarily relocated. For more information: Foothill Transit Bus: (800) RIDE-INFO/(800) 743-3463 or foothilltransit.org. MTA Bus: (323) GO-METRO/(323) 466-3876 or metro.net

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- AAA Cosmetica
- DDI Multinacional SA de CV
- Eskbiochem SA de CV
- Grupo Insoma, S.A.P.I de CV
- Limpo Quimicos SA de CV

- Liqesa Exportacion or Liq-E-S.A. de CV
- Maquiladora Miniara, SA de CV
- Mystic International SA de CV
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For the latest information, check the FDA's [Methanol Contaminated Products List](#)

More Hand Sanitizer Safety Tips:

- Avoid products that say "FDA-approved" on the label – there are no hand sanitizers approved by the FDA.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you have swallowed hand sanitizer or are experiencing symptoms after repeated use of these products on your skin and contact your poison center (1-800-222-1222) for advice.
- Signs and symptoms of methanol poisoning include headache, blurred vision or blindness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of coordination, and decreased alertness.
- Keep hand sanitizers out of the reach of children and supervise their use.

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