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An Exciting Santa Anita Meet Ends, Minus Spectators

By Joan Schmidt

ARCADIA - Santa Anita Park IS the GREAT RACE PLACE: The Stonach Group, Aiden Butler and everyone connected to it, went above and beyond to bring racing back. We couldn't attend in person, but watched on TV and jumped up and down as young Heriberto Figueroa won a STAKES RACE on Grinning Tigre! OMG! A92-1 longshot! His mom, Wanda and family in Puerto Rico were BEYOND thrilled!

How was racing able to come? Jockeys were quarantined in trailers in the parking lot. Various owners/trainers supplied a much appreciated weekly special meal. (Aaron Gryder shared photos, and Thank you also to Benoit Photography)

The Final Jockey Standings: Flavien Pratt: 90; Abel Cedillo: 61; Umberto Rispoli: 50; Joel Rosario: 38; and Drayden Van Dyke: 33. Top Trainers: Peter Miller: 35; Bob Baffert: 33; Richard Baltas: 31; Mark Glatt: 24; Doug O'Neill: 18.

Flavien won the most races-



"THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR SPORT": The Breeders' Cup provided a wonderful dinner for the jockeys. Top row includes Victor Espinosa who rode American Pharoah to the Triple Crown. Middle row; Flavien Pratt, (left) had most wins this meet. Also jockey Mike Smith who won the Triple Crown on Justify. FYI: Top Row: Aiden Butler, CEO, Santa Anita, Victor Espinosa, Jorge Velez, Heriberto Figueroa. Middle Row: Flavien Pratt, Ruben Fuentes, Drayden Van Dyke, Geovanni Franco, Abel Cedillo, Mike Smith, Assael Espinosa. (Victor's nephew). Bottom: Aaron Gryder, Edwin Maldonado

90. How? Four wins on February 16, three wins on both March 8 and June 5, and SIX wins on June 20! (One short of Lafitt Pincay, Jr.'s record!) On February 1, aboard Thousand Words, Flavien gave Bob

Baffert his 3000 career win. Flavien won the "Virgenes Stakes" aboard Venetian Harbor and the "San Marcos Stakes" on United. Lastly, Flavien rode Ward'n Jerry to runaway victory in the "San

Luis Rey Stakes".

Among Abel's many (61) wins: The "Zenzatta Stakes" on Paradise Woods, "Gamely Stakes" aboard Keeper Of the Stakes, and Fighting Mad in the "San Maria Stakes".

Unberto Rispoli (50 wins), a successful Italian jockey, raced around the world, lastly in China. He came to Santa Anita and promptly won his first Santa Anita stakes race on February 29 on Hariboux in the "Pasadena Stakes".

Joel Rosario had gone back East for a year. Among his 38 wins, was on Raging Bull in the "Shoemaker Mile", his first day back!

Drayden Van Dyke (33 wins) most memorable ride was a landmark victory for Improbable in the "Hollywood Gold Cup Stakes". He rode Authentic to victory In The "San Felipe Stakes" and had an impressive victory on Charlatan.

Lastly, Congrats to Jorge Velez, riding Warren's Showtime in the "Melaire Stakes" and Ruben Fuentes for his win on Big Runnuer in the "Sire Lure Stakes".

Currently, the Jockeys are participating in a 7 race day meet at Los Alamitos. Del Mar opens next week. Wishing all a safe, successful Meet.

Foothill Gold Line Major Construction Begins July 10: Full Closure of Gladstone Street at Railroad Crossing in San Dimas

SAN DIMAS - After months of preparations, coordination and design work, KPJV is now set to begin major construction on the Glendora to Pomona project next week.

The first major construction activity will take place in San Dimas, as crews work to rebuild the railroad crossing at Gladstone Street. The activity was planned to begin in early August, but has been moved up at the request of the city to July 10. This activity will require a full closure of the street at the railroad crossing for vehicles and pedestrians for three months, while crews relocate underground utilities, relocate the freight track, install the light rail tracks, install new safety equipment to make the crossing safer for motorists and pedestrians once Gold Line service begins - and much more.

Local access to homes, businesses, schools and medical facilities on Gladstone Street, east and west of the closure, will be maintained at all times.



Digital sign alerting residents and commuters of upcoming Gladstone Street closure.

City of Baldwin Park's Patriotic Home Decorating Contest Winners

BALDWIN PARK - The City of Baldwin Park is proud to announce and congratulate the Patriotic Home Decorating Contest Winners! The winners will receive a lawn sign and a \$100 Home Depot gift card. As an added bonus, a home photo will be placed in the upcoming BP NOW city newsletter.

*** Most Patriotic Spirit - Sanchez Family, 4914 Elton St.**

Mr. Sanchez has served in the military for 12 years and still proudly serving, and I'm Michelle Alexandra Sanchez. We are parents of two 4 year olds and one on the way, we just moved to the City of Baldwin Park on April 24th and we have made many renovations to our lovely home that we love. Our girls helped us decorate our front yard display for most Patriotic Spirit in honor of their daddy who they adore and look up to. As we have become part of this amazing community we would love to be a part of everything it brings. Thank you so much from the Sanchez family.

*** Most Creative - Dave & Cheryl Herndon, 4247 La Rica Ave.**



We are Dave and Cheryl Herndon and we are known as the Halloween house in our area. We decided to use some of our other decorations to help us in decorating for the 4th of July. Since we are using a bunch of Halloween decorations we are going for the Most Creative category. We have skeleton soldiers saluting everyone that passes by and also one on a swing and one hanging from rings on a play set. We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

*** Judge's Choice - Alfredo Cervantes, 4308 Bresee Ave.**

Our home is decorated with an inflatable 4 ft. tall Uncle Sam to showcase 4th of July spirit during the day and a light up Ameri-

can flag to shine at night. The door has a custom wood carved American flag wreath. We also have signs and flags all along our front yard and big a beautiful flag.

We would like to thank all of the community residents that participated in celebrating 4th of July as a community. Make sure to check out all of the entries this 4th of July weekend:

- Angel Nevarez - 3926 Baldwin Park Blvd.
- Angelica Carbajal - 3214 Westcott Ave.
- Estela Rivera - 3137 Robinette Ave.
- Floridaalma Glazer - 14712 Pacific Ave
- Ramzy Jose Sanchez - 4914 Elton St.

Congratulations to Glendora's 4th of July Patriotic Home Decorating Contest winners and thank you to all who participated! Winners will receive a special gift basket generously donated by Chick-fil-A.

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THE VISITING ANGELS

Op-Ed: Prop 16 is Racist & Kills Merit-Based Achievement

Admissions and promotions based on race/gender (instead of merit) have the potential to destroy society.

I challenge everyone to not look at this as a left-right issue, which oversimplifies and prevents us from exploring the nuances of an issue.

I also challenge everyone not to look at this as a race issue, though I will certainly explore effects on subgroups in this article. While Prop 16 disproportionately affects Asians in college admissions, it would have an equally detrimental effect on Black Americans, currently "overrepresented" in public sector jobs.

We are honored to work with a multicultural team, including African American University of California Regent, Ward Connerly and key social media influencers like Indian American Vijay Chokalingam, who in 2015, exposed the flaws of affirmative action by getting admitted as an African American to college. Our team also includes principled and passionate community leaders in the Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic and Black communities, who offer fresh perspectives and creative solutions on a Proposition that could potentially divide us further, or unite us in ways never before. We recognize this unique moment in the national mood and hope to spark a nuanced discussion on what "equality" truly means. Spoiler: It should not just be a shallow slogan that ushers in poorly thought-out legislation that actually creates "less" fairness.

Whether or not the Proposition passes, my goal is community education and we will fight all the way to the Supreme Court if needed, to stand against systemic racism (macro), and to share the real stories of the effects on specific individuals and in turn, diverse subgroups (micro).

Equal opportunity does not mean equal outcomes

The biggest myth in today's society is that if everyone were given equal outcomes, all society's ills would be absolved. Freebies bring entitlement and discontentment. Instead, I encourage equal opportunities, where hard work is the prerequisite for certain outcomes, allowing anyone regardless of gender or race, to do the work and achieve success. Prop 209, passed in 1996, created today's environment, a generation of high quality scholars and professionals. In 2020, bureaucrats are actually taking these outcomes for granted, to "fix" something that isn't broken, with a "solution" that is actually a problem.

Wouldn't you want your doctor who is operating on your body to be the best and most vetted, regardless of race or gender? Interestingly enough, one of the real-world outcomes for Prop 209 was increased percentages of minorities and women in colleges and in professional fields. And an added bonus is no one would look at a UCLA or UC Berkeley graduate and question if they got in because of some shortcut or a flawed point system. It is incredibly insensitive and dangerous to put someone in a group where they are clearly behind their peers. This would cause a slowdown in the group's advancement if the class teaches to the person farthest behind, or it would ignore that child, breeding stigma and resentment.

Filipinos are now seen as affluent and "privileged", when hard work and perseverance



Marc Ang

(not shortcuts) have brought them up the ladder from humble beginnings.

Eastvale has one of the highest per capita incomes in Southern California's Inland Empire because the city itself is home to many Filipino American nurses working double shifts for 3 days of the week and then taking on a "second" job or starting a side business to supplement their income. Many have come from poor families but are now strong contributors to society and are able to afford luxuries once seen as unattainable. In fact, there is a dynamic of resentment that many Fil-Ams feel, that people back in the mother country don't appreciate the hard work required in America. This is what makes America special: the ability to achieve. Chinese have had a similar story, experiencing the worst discrimination in the past but have now moved up thanks to a stellar work ethic.

Who would be the bureaucrat in charge of determining demographic breakdowns?

Remember our state legislature and government positions are in flux, with elections every 2 or 4 years for key positions. Who would have the power to decide what the percentages of whites, blacks, Latinos and Asians are? Who would decide point systems such as "likability" for certain races that would influence final decisions, as we seen in Harvard? This is a dangerous slippery slope if we give a government bureaucrat such power for social engineering. One may start with good intentions, but how about the successor? Can we count on them to be truly fair with no bias?

Outdated Designations
What if you were of mixed race, say half black and Latino (common in our multicultural melting pot)? Which race do you identify with? Which race would be worth more likability or intersectionality points? Which race is most favorable at a given time, for the best outcome to get into college or a job? I sympathize with the young adult who grows up thinking their race is inferior and would undermine their future

opportunities. What a terrible message to send to a child, causing emotional issues that would distract them from achievement.

Simplicity will actually foster higher quality and less racism.

I'm not just Asian. I'm Chinese and Filipino, but that nuance is missed by shallow surveys. As a society, we were already moving in a direction of color-blindness, but this now regresses us from that progress, while simultaneously suffering the effects of diminished quality of professionals in key industries because we didn't choose the best of the best. We instead picked top professionals based on race or gender and maybe in the process, lost the cure for cancer? Merit is the only true equalizer.

Marc Ang is a Southern California community leader, currently serving as the President of community organizations Asian Industry B2B, People Encouraging People and Chinese American Citizens Alliance (Orange County), He is also Director of Outreach for Californians For Equal Rights, dedicated to the fight against systemic racism, specifically, ACA5, now Proposition 16 on November's ballot. His events have drawn thousands of attendees from all walks of life, in the areas of promoting veterans, the autism community, anti-human trafficking, health and wellness and business advocacy. Marc's op-eds have been featured extensively in Chinese and mainstream media, such as The Epoch Times, EDI, World Journal, and the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

Citrus College Athletics Program Prepares Students for Success On and Off the Field



Photo courtesy Citrus College

Men's basketball coach Brett Lauer talks to his players during a timeout at one of the team's games in April 2019. In late February, the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) announced that the Citrus College men's basketball team had been selected as a Scholar Team.

By Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen
Citrus College Governing Board Member

When the California Community College Athletic Association indefinitely postponed all competition and practice in mid-March due to COVID-19, student athletes throughout California were understandably disappointed. They would not be spending the spring semester working with their coaches, developing their skills or excelling in their sports. Despite the disruption, however, Citrus College student athletes have continued to shine. As Glendora's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud to share some of their recent successes.

First, I would like to highlight those student athletes who have committed to playing at the next level. Since late April, 11 Citrus College students have accepted scholarship offers to continue their education and compete at four-year colleges and universities. Of the 11 who made commitments, four will be moving on to NCAA Division I schools, five will be moving on to NCAA II schools and two will be moving on to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) schools.

Helping student athletes matriculate is one of the main goals of the Citrus College Kinesiology and Athletics Division. In fact, the process begins as soon as they join a sports program. Incoming athletes are required to attend the college's new student athlete orientation, and they are expected to complete all assessment requirements. In addition, all athletes must complete a student educational plan each semester.

Communication is another important aspect of the matriculation process. Citrus College coaches help student athletes reach out to four-year colleges and universities to help them determine which one would be the best fit. At the same time, it is common for four-year coaches to contact

student athletes to gauge their interest. In the end, anywhere from 40 to 60 Citrus College student athletes commit to four-year colleges and universities every year.

Perhaps one of the reasons the kinesiology and athletics division has been so successful with helping students transfer is the emphasis it places on academics. To maintain their eligibility and priority registration, a student athlete must remain in good academic standing. The college offers a variety of resources, such as a full-time athletics counselor and an Athletic Student Success Study Center, to help them do just that.

The nationally recognized Scholar Baller program is another way the college's athletics program promotes academics. An initiative that seeks to bridge the gap between education and sports, Scholar Ballers was first introduced at Citrus College during the 2007-2008 academic year. To qualify as a Scholar Baller, a student athlete must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. This semester, 118 Citrus College student athletes achieved this impressive feat.

Juggling academic responsibilities with the demands of a sport is not easy. When students fully dedicate themselves to their dual roles of scholar and athlete, the results are extraordinary. Although a global pandemic may have interrupted the spring athletic season, I am so proud of the continued success of Citrus College's student athletes, and I look forward to sharing many more achievements in the future.



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Los Angeles County Schools, Nonprofits Receive Tablets For Families

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Two-thousand Los Angeles County families will have at-home access to tablets to use for educational activities, thanks to a donation from Amazon.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Safer at Home order, students across Los Angeles County have been attending school remotely. As we move into summer, the need for remote learning continues and the donation of Fire 7 tablets helps ensure families across the County have access to necessary technology.

"It's a matter of equity that all of our students have access to technology in order to stay on a level playing field with students able to afford computers, tablets and other technology," said Supervisor Hilda Solis. "I am grateful to Amazon for stepping in and ensuring that 2,000 of our students in need are not left behind as they study and learn at home."

"Thank you to Amazon and L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis for the generous donation of tablets for the children of El Mon-

te. Our Saviour Center will begin using these tablets on Monday, July 6 during our Summer Program," said Jane Fall, executive director of Our Saviour Center. "Children grades K-8 will easily engage in quality, on-line educational experiences through our regular supervised learning. Additionally, our youth will participate in virtual trips, virtual fitness classes, virtual nutrition workshops and more."

Access to on-line resources are critical to families throughout Los Angeles County. The digital divide should not impede access to food or other necessary support services during these very difficult times. These tablets will improve child development beyond remote learning by also connecting families with mentors and healthcare providers that can offer virtual assessments by viewing body language and sharing coping skills through relationship building.

"As students connect, learn, and grow using technology to ensure their health and safety, I'm immensely thankful Amazon generously donated 500 tablets to our Antelope Valley community as a gift to foster youth and their families," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. "Antelope Valley Partners for Health and other local organizations will identify and distribute these valuable resources, which will help families in need and equip youth with tools to succeed."

"The COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating the challenges that many families in the Antelope Valley already face when connecting to vital supports. Ensuring that our most vulnerable school aged children have a device to access the internet is more than an education issue, it is a child development issue as well," said Roxana Martinez, from First 5 LA, representing the Antelope Valley Resource Infusion, a collaborative working to increase resources in the area. "Students are now engaging virtually not only to attend classes, but to access life-skills workshops, connect their family to critical resources, and communicate with adult supports and mentors. These tablets will allow for virtual interaction that can help deepen connections in the absence of in-person interaction and help them to develop the life skills necessary to thrive in this world."

"We are humbled by the work Los Angeles County is doing to help community members during these challenging times and we are glad to support their efforts by donating Fire 7 tablets," said Marc Whitten, vice president Amazon Entertainment Devices and Services. "We are hopeful these devices can help students and families continue learning and ensure they are able to stay connected to community support services."

The organizations will distribute the tablets to families participating in their programs.

Revised Health Officer Order Requires Closure of Indoor On-Site Dining and Other Indoor Activities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order was modified to align with Gov. Gavin Newsom's directives and require the closure of:

- Indoor, in-person dining at restaurants
- Indoor museums, indoor children's museums, and indoor operations at zoos and aquariums
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering facilities

Also, the Health Officer Order requires businesses with three or more known cases of COVID-19 within the workplace over the span of 14 days, to report the outbreak to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). Employers who have one known case within the workplace must have a protocol that requires that person to self-isolate at home and anyone exposed to self-quarantine.

Bars remain closed and all events and gatherings unless specifically allowed by this Order remain prohibited. Additionally, face coverings and gloves must be worn at fitness facilities at all times.

Los Angeles County continues to see steep increases in community spread of COVID-19. There are 1,889 people currently hospitalized, 27% of these people are confirmed cas-

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»» Sectors to Close Indoor Operations*

- Restaurants
- Wineries & Tasting Rooms
- Movie Theaters
- Family Entertainment Centers
- Zoos and Museums
- Cardrooms

* Bars must close all operations

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es in the ICU and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is the largest number of people hospitalized since early May.

"We are thinking every day of the many families who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. Our hearts go out to you, and we are so sorry for your loss," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "I know these closures are frustrating and it is heartbreaking to think we are losing ground. These immediate actions give us a chance to regain control over the increased spread. With steep in-

creases in cases and hospitalizations, it is important to act now to prevent as many future cases, hospitalizations and deaths as we can."

Earlier last week a Health Officer Order was issued that closed LA County beaches from July 3 through July 6 to prevent crowded situations that could result in more spread of COVID-19. All public beaches, piers, public beach parking lots, beach bike paths that traverse that sanded portion of the beach, and beach access points were temporarily closed to the public. The Order also prohibited fireworks displays.

Robbery and Shooting in City of Irwindale

By George Ogden

IRWINDALE - The Irwindale police have reported that on Wednesday, July 1st, around 2:30 a.m., a 40-year-old man from Azusa was robbed of his backpack and shot in the face.

He was walking home from work from a restaurant in Duarte when he was attacked.

As he was walking eastbound in the 3000 block of Huntington Drive, in Irwindale and crossed over the San Gabriel River, he was attacked by two men. They were in a dark four-door sedan that pulled up alongside him. The passenger got out and tried to take the victim's backpack. A wrestling match and fight took place as the man resisted. The two ended up on the ground and when the victim got up, the driver shot the victim in the face. The

first suspect took the backpack which had nothing of value in it.

The suspects drove away as the victim tried to get out of harm's way.

The victim was unable to call for help as he did not have a cell phone. He walked back to the Los Angeles Fire Department #44 in Duarte about a mile and a half away. They treated the victim for the gunshot wound and called the Sheriff's Department who arrived and found that the shooting took place in Irwindale. Irwindale police were then called and they took the report.

The man was treated at the hospital and has been released.

The Irwindale police are requesting anyone that may have some information on this case to contact them.

Drive-By Shooting in Covina, Suspect Arrested.

By George Ogden

COVINA - Early Thursday morning, June 29, around 1 a.m., a drive-by shooting took place in the 300 block of East Navilla in Covina. The 30-year-old Covina resident was in front of an apartment complex at the time of the shooting. The police responded and the victim gave the police a description of the vehicle and an All-Points-Bulletin (APB) was broadcast.

The police located the vehicle in the 200 block of East Center Street. The vehicle was within 6 blocks of the shooting. The driver was in the vehicle and was de-

tained. He was identified as 27-year-old Joseph Ponce of Covina. Officers also found the gun that was used in the shooting. He was soon arrested and taken into custody. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and bail was set at \$75,000. He has pending court appearances and there is a possibility that he may be charged with attempted murder.

There was no motive given for the shooting or murder attempt. The investigation is continuing at this time. It is possible that the suspect may be involved in other shootings in the area.

Board of Supervisors Protects Renters By Extending Temporary Eviction Moratorium to July 31

Residential and Commercial Tenants Unable to Pay Rent Due to COVID-19 Are Likely Protected from Eviction under the Extended Moratorium or a City Moratorium

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors issued an executive order which extends an existing temporary moratorium on evictions in parts of Los Angeles County in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 health emergency. The eviction moratorium, which can be extended on a month-to-month basis, will remain in place until July 31, 2020

The temporary eviction moratorium covers all residential and commercial tenants in Los Angeles County, except those who live or conduct business in cities that have already enacted their own eviction moratoria. The moratorium includes a ban on evictions for nonpayment of rent, if the tenant can show they have been financially impacted by the health emergency, among other protections.

The order also extends the

temporary rent freeze in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Property owners may not increase rent for rental units or spaces covered by L.A. County's Rent Stabilization and Mobilehome Rent Stabilization ordinances.

These actions are retroactive to March 4, 2020.

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), at the directive of the Board of Supervisors, will work to educate renters and property owners of these new rules.

In the interest of both property owners and tenants, DCBA has developed guidelines to help landlords understand the County's temporary Eviction Moratorium and take proactive steps now. The Guidelines, available at dcba.lacounty.gov/noevictions, include the following topics that

owners should consider as they plan for the months ahead:

- Applicability for residential and commercial tenants
- How to determine reasonable financial impacts
- Notice requirements and documentation
- Guidance for repayment of rent once the moratorium is lifted
- Resolving disputes between landlords and tenants

DCBA also provides expanded foreclosure prevention assistance for landlords with 15 or fewer units. If you are a renter or property owner facing financial difficulty, contact DCBA to learn about available resources.

For more details, please contact a DCBA Rent Stabilization counselor by calling (833) 223-RENT (7368); email rent@dcba.lacounty.gov; or visit rent.lacounty.gov.

West Covina Police Cites a Number of Fireworks Violators!

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - West Covina Police Department took a hard line on illegal fireworks in the city. With complaint after complaint from citizens about the fireworks going off all day and all night, they took to the streets and when they found illegal aerial fireworks, the culprits were given a mandatory \$1000.00 citation for the first offense and all ordinance would be removed from the property at the resident's ex-

pense. If the fire department and/or the fire department and HAZMAT was required to respond, this would be charged back to the responsible party and/or the property owner.

An example of one such incident in West Covina occurred on Wednesday on June 24.

Just before 8:30 p.m., West Covina Police Officers were on patrol in the area of Orange and Francisquito when they observed a subject igniting fireworks that shot into the air.

Once the subject noticed the police, they tried to avoid detection by moving away from the area, however the officers were able to detain him.

They wrote the subject a \$1,000.00 citation for the violation of having and detonating the fireworks. This was because of the classification of the type of fireworks that was being detonated.

All fireworks are illegal in West Covina, however this type is the most serious. Complaints of them going off all hours of the night, people and dogs being terrified, the dangers of injuries, fires and debris on other people's properties and debris in their swimming pools.

The police department has not tallied up the total citations at this time.

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Gascon v Lacey Will Draw Big Money

Jackie Lacey is the first woman and first African American to serve as Los Angeles County District Attorney in the agency's 120-year history. She joined the District Attorney's Office in 1986, ran for L.A. County District Attorney and won the seat in 2012.

Lacey has been known as an honest, forward-thinking prosecutor and had the support of Democrat Cong. Adam Schiff and Mayor Eric Garcetti. Until the death of George Floyd and Black Lives Matter (BLM) protestors changed the political environment and Schiff and Garcetti pulled back their endorsements.

Steve Cooley, Lacey's predecessor in the District Attorney's Office, told the L.A. Times when asked what he thought of Rep. Adam Schiff pulling his endorsement: "Adam Schiff is a disgrace as a congressman, based upon on his miserable performance, in terms of the impeachment."

When it came to Cooley's comments on Garcetti's withdrawal, he was just as succinct saying: "[Garcetti] saw the winds changing, and he goes, 'Let's cut the LAPD.' Without even thinking! The Police Protective League called him unstable ... I don't think they're too far off."

Lacey had the BLM protesters on her front porch at the crack of dawn, loud and aggressive, forcing her husband to show his gun and tell the protesters to leave Lacey's private property. One has to wonder why the BLM group would not support Jackie Lacey who represents everything the group seemingly represents.

In March, the media reported Lacey had a commanding lead over her primary opponent, George Gascon, with an estimated 53% of the vote. By election day when the votes started rolling in, Lacey's count was in at 48.71% with over 20,000 votes still to be counted. Gov. Newsom extended the vote-counting by 21 days to allow all ballots to be counted. Lacey still beat out Gascon but not enough to avoid a run-off in November.

In 2014, then-Gov. Brown and majority state legislators put Prop 47 on the ballot, **The Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act. The initiative was co-written by George Gascon, then-district attorney for San Francisco.**

Warnings from assistant district attorney prosecutors



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora
about the impact of Gascon's initiative were ignored and Prop 47:

- Re-classified certain crimes as misdemeanors instead of felonies.
- Allowed 10,000 of those in prison to have their felony offenses reduced to misdemeanors. Local government organizations say 13,000 criminals were turned out onto the streets.
- Shoplifting, bad checks, forgery, grand theft, receiving stolen property under \$950 became misdemeanors. No jail-time.
- Created a Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund that was to receive appropriations based on savings accrued by the state during the fiscal year. We need to find that fund.

Contributors supporting Prop. 47 were Open Society Policy Center, George Soros' lobbying operation of Open Society Foundations with \$1,460,112. The ACLU with \$3.5 million, and Reed Hastings, Co-founder and CEO of Netflix with \$246,664. Then Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom supported and Sen. Dianne Feinstein opposed Prop 47.

The Soros Foundation provided \$33 million in grants to Black Lives Matter for Measure R, Reform L.A. Jails March 3rd campaign.

George Gascon resigned as District Attorney in San Francisco to run for L.A. County D.A. He served as San Francisco Police Chief before then-Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed him as district attorney to replace Kamala Harris when she was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Soros became involved in Sacramento County's District Attorney race when incumbent Anne Marie Schubert contributed \$23,194.40 of her campaign

money in 2018 to support the initiative to fix the "flaws" in Prop. 47. Quickly her opponent, Noah Phillips, deputy prosecutor, received \$400,000 from California Justice & Public Safety PAC, a Soros organization. Schubert did win the election. The initiative she supported failed to qualify for the ballot because several county registrars were not able to verify the signatures in time. No time extension was granted. The initiative is back again and is Prop 20 on the November 3rd ballot.

Erika D. Smith, Sacramento Bee, 5/18/18, reported: "During the last election cycle, Soros dumped more than \$3 million on district attorney candidates in six states, flipping seats in Louisiana and Mississippi. In 2014, his Open Society Foundation gave the ACLU a \$50 million grant to elect progressive prosecutors in big cities with large jail populations."

The New Yorker, Benjamin Wallace-Wells, June 8, 2018, wrote an article, **The A.C.L.U. Is Getting Involved in Elections—and Reinventing Itself for the Trump Era** basically announcing, through its new executive director, Anthony Romero, the ACLU will become more partisan and more active in political campaigns.

In Charlotte, N.C., the ACLU became involved in radio ads against a Democrat Sheriff of Mecklenburg County saying Sheriff Carmichael "... had maintained an agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that deputized his officers to identify undocumented prisoners and turn them over to federal agents." The ads continued with "... Sheriff Carmichael works with Trump's deportation force - detaining people for deportation, tearing families apart." The opposition candidates in this race, supported by the ACLU, promised they would not work with "Trump's deportation forces". Carmichael lost and contributed that loss to the outside forces.

I would expect to see Soros and one of his Foundation PACs plowing money into the November L.A. County D.A. race. The Soros project is to revise the criminal justice system and to do that he must gain control of district attorneys' offices and particularly Los Angeles County, the largest in the country.

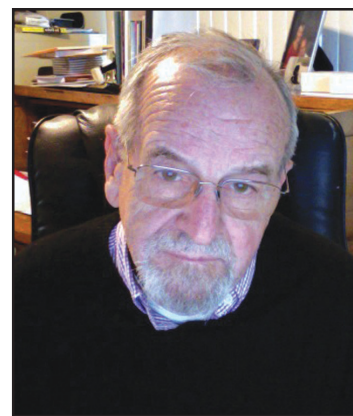
What Is Joe Waiting For?

Hey Joe, what are you waiting for? I write this out of a modest understanding of how electoral politics works. I realize, however, that striking too soon may be counter-productive. I once ran for mayor of my Missouri city. The election was scheduled for April, and I launched my campaign right after Christmas. I was by far the best known of any of the potential candidates, having chaired the commission elected to redraft our city charter, and being an elected member of the city council. My BAYER ASPRIN yard signs mushroomed all over town, and my billboards adorned the highways. Alas, by March the winter snows had vandalized both. While my signs were in shambles, my opponent, who had waited, now produced fresh appealing signs and ads. While this failure in timing may not have been the only reason for my defeat, it didn't help.

Perhaps Joe, you are savvy enough to be waiting for just the right moment. I hope so. In the meantime, many of your supporters are chafing at the bit wondering about the delay.

While Trump will no doubt do well when he is finally able to resume his rallies, the moment he is forced to face you before a national audience, he will be in trouble. But Joe, you must be far more aggressive than you were in your debates with Bernie.

It is clear that the election will focus on how Trump has handled the pandemic. At this point I believe you need to take off the gloves and tell the truth, unveil-



Charles H. Bayer

ing Trump's enormous catalogue of lies and misrepresentations.

Just for starters, Trump brags in every performance about how when he came into the oval office he was confronted with empty shelves void of essential medical supplies including ventilators and surgical masks. Joe, you just need the statistics on just what was in our medical storehouse. A couple of graphic charts should do the trick. Even if Trump's false claims had been accurate, he had three years to replenish the shelves. But what did he do? NOTHING. And in January when he was notified every day of the danger, he called the whole thing a hoax, and told the country that it was harmless and would quickly disappear. He had previously disbanded the White House group commissioned to prepare for such an eventuality. That was before a hundred thousand American deaths. His only response has been to blame China, Obama, the Democrats, CNN and the World Health Organization.

"Don't blame me, Don't blame me,

Blame the man behind the tree."

And that is just one illustration of how Trump has mishandled the pandemic. Since the onslaught of the virus his almost total concern has focused on touting the roaring personal success of his presidency-the best in the nation's history---so he would have us believe So while everyone is encouraged to wear a mask he thinks a mask would make him look weak before the world's leaders or the press. Instead, he was took a drug that has never proved effective in attacking the virus.

While grief had overcome tens of thousands of American families, his passion had rested on self-congratulations without a word of support to the grieving. In the meantime he continues to admit that while additional deaths might be the price of opening the nation, they are modest compared to the suicides and drug addiction that would result in continuing the hesitant economic re-openings. His personal image, not leadership, reveals his real concern.

So Joe, I trust that you may be holding your fire until you see the whites of his eyes. In the meantime your task seems to be selecting the right running mate and being ready with an overwhelming arsenal that is locked and loaded, so when the time is right Trump will be defeated. Joe, America is counting on you.

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Well, Is It Over? Hopefully There Is A Truce Or Something.

Hopefully it is all over. I am talking about those illegal fireworks that have been going off all day and at all hours of the night. As a combat veteran, all these sounds sure do bring back some bad memories and I am sure I am not the only one.

Strangely enough, I do like things that go up and go boom, but not in the city and around residential areas. I posted on Facebook an illegal firework going off in a teenager's hand. It blew up in his hand and a couple of his fingers that were left were just hanging on with just skin. One thing that is disturbing with this 11 second video is the horrid screams coming from this kid as he ran back towards his home. He knew the destruction that had just taken place. The pain and the



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

horror that went along with it. It reminded me of a soldier that became dismembered from an explosion and his screams. Very similar. It is painful to watch, but I posted it so hopefully people will learn. Not sure if it was a cherry bomb or an M-80, they do about the same damage.

So, with all these illegal fireworks going off over the last two

months, hopefully they will be done with it.

I felt bad for our combat veterans, senior, our pets and the community at large. The police tried to get a handle on it, and got more aggressive and started issuing tickets at \$1000 a pop to those that were lighting them off. If they weren't found, the residents of the property were cited for allowing this.

Hard to believe how much crap was all over the place from the falling debris. Scary to see this stuff on the roofs of homes. The fallout also lands in peoples pools... nice.

For those of you that survived, congratulations. The good news, next year, it is going to start all over again.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

"TIME JOCKEY" - La Presa

By Joe Castillo

Water System... The development of a consistent water system in the San Gabriel Valley provided for the future irrigation of tens of thousands of acres in the region. The first water system was developed by the friars at the Mission San Gabriel who sought to bring in water from the local mountains, creeks and underground wells and use it to irrigate the previously arid land. In 1821, Native American laborers were directed by the padres to build a dam northwest of the Mission which would store and hold water when the Mission needed it. In addition, the water within the dam was to be used to run a grist mill which was also located north of the Mission. But the construction of the dam was a priority.

Using natural materials, the Native Americans dug out a deep reservoir and constructed a retaining wall to hold back the wa-

ter. Using a combination of rock, mortar and a cement-like compound, the local Native Americans worked diligently at its construction, pressing and packing the wall until it was solid. Run-off of rain and creek water fed the stream which eventually ended at the dam. The dam was a success and was used extensively by the Mission to irrigate its huge collection of crops, vineyards, orchards and provide a water source for its large number of livestock and cattle. A series of ditches or "zanjas" were used to distribute the water throughout the valley.

In 1895, ownership turned over to the Sunny Slope Water Company, a mutual water company who developed their own distribution system in the area. Mutual water companies are usually established as non-profits with water supplies provided through ownership of shares in the company. Mutual water companies were established in the mid-1800's and some of the oldest mutual companies in the United States are located in California, which also has more mutual water companies than any other state.

Today, the Sunny Slope Water Company continues to serve the

residents of San Marino by providing water services throughout the region. Many other mutual water agencies could not change their operational model from crop water distributor to subdivision and urbanization distribution. But Sunny Slope was able to do this by protecting its own water rights and establishing an efficient water distribution system.

In case you're wondering about the dam, on the grounds of the Sunny Slope Water Company's well-maintained grounds is the original La Presa Dam. The Dam still holds water and though it is not used as part of its water distribution system, it still maintains a position in history. The wall of the dam contains the hand prints from nearly 200 years ago of the Native Americans who built it with their own hands. As long as the Sunny Slope Water Company maintains its current property, those personal artifacts will remain imbedded in its own history....

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MY TURN: Some Children See Him.

The latest exhibition of madness from the protestors, and the groups like Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA, targets Jesus Christ, desiring to rid us of his iconic images and depictions in works of art. Why? Because his image is "too White."

I studied art in school, eventually becoming an art director. And I learned about how the images of Christ and other people in the Bible were interpreted in the ways and the looks that European, Medieval and Renaissance masters thought them to be. It is natural for artists to depict subjects in the manner that they were raised with.

I remember the gift shops I would visit that had Southwestern and Native American gift items. Often those places included some beautifully crafted Nativity scenes with all the figures depicted as Indians, with the costumes of the various tribes worn by the Three Wise Men depicted not as "kings" but as Chiefs.



Charles Lopresto

We have today's hip-hop generation depicting our founding fathers as people of color in a modern and very popular play. Their interpretation has been hailed as innovative and thought provoking as I would image any play should be. The musical, of course is, "Hamilton."

We all put our interpretation on events, subjects and people. Based on our own backgrounds and cultures we look at things in uniquely personal ways. And that is how we visualize "The Christ." He means different things to dif-

ferent people and that is what makes the world go around.

There is a Christmas song that sums it up better than anything else. The song has been recorded many times from folks from James Taylor to Tennessee Ernie Ford. It is simply called "Some children see him."

The lyrics partly say, "Some children see him lily White, the baby Jesus born this night...some children see him bronzed and brown...the children in each place, will see the baby Jesus' face."

Many feel that we worry too much about the "objects" we destroy. They really are just objects. But are they? Someone's talent and someone's soul went into their creation. A person, a real person, not an inanimate object put their personality into those works. The story behind the subject, as well as the story behind the artist, is important and will be lost forever if the piece is destroyed.

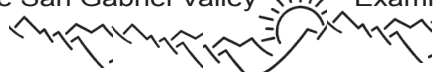
How else will some children see him?

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Is Defunding Police Departments A Good Idea?

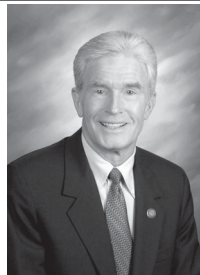
One of the most controversial ideas I have ever heard is to defund, dismantle and/or do away with our police forces throughout the country. Could there be a worse time to even bring this suggestion up (given the riots and lawlessness America has endured recently)? Already the NYPD has cut 600 special detectives from their ranks. Officials in LA want to cut \$100,000,000 from police budgets. Many blue states are headed in that same questionable direction. Are they headed back to the wild west, where American citizens feel the need to carry guns to protect ourselves and loved ones? Check with any gun store and ask about their business. Guns are flying off the shelves throughout our nation. Ammunition is also scarce, if you can find any.

I heard on the news recently about a woman traveling through her city (Chicago) with her daughter. She entered an area where there were protestors. The protestors gathered around her car and began to climb on the vehicle. Scared for her life and the life of her child the woman called 911- please send the POLICE! Unfortunately, the operator told this very frightened woman that the protest was peaceful and suggested calling the mayor.

I assume you would agree that most Americans have the utmost respect for most law enforcement officers. Eliminating any police today seems to be going in the wrong direction. How would that benefit America? Recent rioters (financially supported anti-American anarchists) are dangerous as well as wrong. They should be dealt with accordingly. Many NO BAIL policies in NY are also being taken advantage of by criminals (who are laughing at this insane catch and release rule).

Jon Ponder, a three-time convicted felon, grew up on the streets of New York, without a

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

father and involved with a gang at a young age. Soon after his release from prison Ponder launched Hope for Prisoners, to help ex-offenders triumph over inner demons, overcome the barriers to finding employment as well as to successfully reenter society. Jon partnered with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to create a special mentorship program, in which law enforcement officers volunteer time to coach former inmates, building trust and mutual respect. Jon recently said "Defunding the police would be the most horrific thing that our country could ever do". Jon predicted that violent crime and homicides would skyrocket as a result. He suggested that more resources be made available for police training, for body cameras for all officers, for promoting diversity, and building relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Mr. Ponder added that "It is important that we see police officers out in the community, chatting with locals or playing basketball with the kids. They should not only be in neighborhoods because 911 was called". Jon calls that "life rubbing against life". He believes that this approach would eventually solve one of the biggest relationship problems, which is "too many people in too many communities that don't trust the police". Wouldn't it be worthwhile today to consider his advice about how

law enforcement might be improved? Let's not allow America to fall victim to enemies who want to destroy what has been earth's greatest nation ever! Please don't allow your state or city to throw out the baby just because the bath water is a little dirty!

In April and May, an enormous quantity of cash flowed into the financial system. Three factors accounted for it. First, the federal government has never been so generous with aid. Second, the Fed has never been so generous with loans and asset purchases. And, third, corporations have never raised so much cash out of fear of a liquidity squeeze. The result is about \$3.8 trillion in cash flowing into household and corporate accounts since the beginning of March. In a \$19 trillion economy, \$3.8 trillion is significant. More than a little of this cash found its way into the stock market, fueling its near-full recovery from its March lows. Households spent some of the cash in May, too, lifting consumption 8.2% off its April low. Big gains in economic statistics and an optimistic rise in stocks encouraged belief in a V-shaped recovery, lending credibility to the Fed's optimistic jobs forecast.

During the second half of 2020 the easy part of this recovery could likely be behind us. The climb back to pre-COVID economic conditions could slow from a gallop to a slog. I don't think markets are priced for a 4-year recovery, but that is consistent with some thinking on Wall Street. However, wouldn't it be a mistake to underestimate America's current President?

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Your Money - Ask Julia

My daughter is making more on unemployment than she was as a waitress. Any advice that I could pass on to her?

She should make a diligent effort to live within her income while she was employed, saving the surplus income from unemployment. If she has debt, pay it off. Also put some money into an emergency fund savings. Unemployment could decrease or end, and it might take awhile to land another job. While she has time off, she should strongly consider taking some online college courses.

I lost my job, and my 401k is still sitting there with my previous employer. You say I can move that money - how? And, will I have to pay all the taxes on it?

It is possible to move the money to another qualified (pre-tax) investment product without triggering a taxable event. (Qualified funds are tax-deferred - you pay taxes when you take the money out.) "Moving" the money from one tax-deferred account (your 401k) to another tax-deferred account (an IRA, fixed or fixed-indexed annuity), is not considered accessing the money. Therefore, no taxes. You can walk into your credit union or bank and they will guide you into opening an IRA. It is best to make an institution-to-institution transfer. Once your money is in an IRA, you will only have to pay taxes on money you withdraw. It's easiest to pay a percentage of your withdrawal to help cover income taxes at the same time you make a withdrawal from your IRA. Your bank or CU can handle that.

What's happening with mort-



Julia Yoder

gage interest rates?

Mortgage rates are incredibly low. Rates could go a little lower, but they could also jump higher. My advice is don't be greedy! An online mortgage calculator can easily show you the difference in payments at different interest rates. If you are thinking about refinancing, please check with a non-bank, non-credit union, independent mortgage broker. They are quicker to make changes, and have access to many more loan programs with numerous lenders. Go to: Findamortgagebroker.com

Will MediCal take care of my long-term care needs when the time comes?

If you qualify for MediCal, (aka Medicare) it will take care of some of your needs, for a limited time period, and possibly not in a facility where you'd like to spend your final years. Be aware of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, signed on February 8, 2006, which includes ways for the government to get reimbursed for the money they spend taking care of you. This includes putting a lien against your home and making you name them as beneficiary on your insurance

and investments. To control seniors from 'spending down' their investment dollars at the last minute, this law also lengthened the look-back period to 5 years (it used to be 3 years). Any transfer of assets in the past five years could disqualify the individual for nursing home care for a period of time. Keep in mind that many long-term care insurance claims are a result of long-recovery time for injuries suffered in auto or personal accidents which can happen at any age.

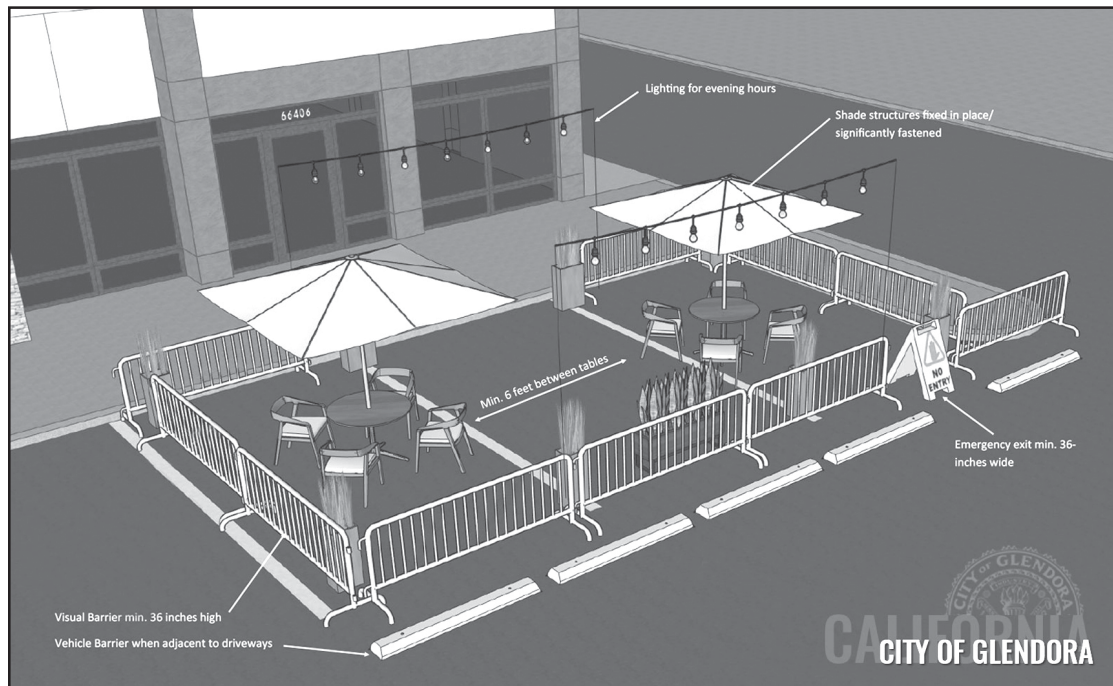
My banker wants me to move my CD money into a variable annuity so that I have a greater chance of higher returns. He says I cannot lose my money. Is that right?

In a variable annuity, your money can be at risk, and you are charged fees. I recommend fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities, where your money is not in the stock market; it only 'mirrors' the index. Some offer bonuses, no loss to you if the stock market loses, give accelerated benefits for specific needs, and guarantee lifetime income. (All guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.)

Ask Julia by email:
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City Permits Use Of Parking Spaces For Outdoor Dining



GLENDORA - L.A. County has issued a revised order requiring the closure of indoor on-site dining at restaurants. Restaurants may continue to use outdoor areas such as patios to serve customers. Indoor dining areas shall remain closed.

Because many restaurants do not have patios or only provide limited outdoor seating, the City of Glendora will permit the use of parking spaces for outdoor dining upon an ap-

proved submitted application.

Outdoor parking lot dining are temporary installations that may be proposed in order to allow increased capacity to serve restaurant patrons normally handled in an interior dining area. Parking spaces normally utilized by a business, w/exception of handicap spaces, may be used for outdoor dining.

All parking lot outdoor dining areas must be protected by both a vehicle barrier (to pre-

vent cars from intruding into the space) and a visual barrier (to allow people to clearly see the space). Vehicle barriers include concrete wheel stops. Visual barriers may include temporary fencing at least 36" in height.

For more information on parking lot dining areas and to obtain a permit, please contact Valerie Escalante at vescalante@cityofglendora.org or (626) 914-8292.

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Why My Vehicle Needs an Inspection

There are a lot of questions about inspecting a car when it comes into a shop for service.

In years past vehicle manufacturers suggested you change your oil every 3,000 miles. That meant you visited a service facility 3-4 times a year; that was 3-4 times a year that your technician had the opportunity to look over your car and catch potential failures in your vehicle's tires, wipers, brakes, fluids, leaks or any other concerns.

Today, the vehicle manufacturers are now extending oil and servicing to 7, 10 and even 15 thousand miles. This also extends the time your technician gets a look under the hood of your vehicle. This gives your technician less times per year to inspect and identify issues with your vehicle.

Consider air transportation; a jetliner goes through a safety inspection before each flight. In fact, all public transportation including planes, trains and city busses all go through a certification and regular inspection process to find, identify and fix potential problems before they happen.

Our personal vehicles, on the other hand, usually see their technician for oil changes and maybe get a check over every few years. Just as regular oil changes keep your car healthy, having a professional inspection done on a reg-

ular basis will save you time, money and avoid the headaches of major mechanical repairs.

A basic inspection can be simple, fast and efficient. It will allow the technician to fill your tires, top off your fluids and give you peace of mind when you are on the road.

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tion program to supplement your vehicle's service plan.

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- Swimmers must provide their own equipment.
- A mask must be worn at all times while entering and exiting the facility. Masks do not need to be worn in the water.
- Spectators are NOT allowed on deck.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

Two Baldwin Park Schools Named 2020 Top L.A. County Public Schools

BALDWIN PARK – Two Baldwin Park Unified elementary schools have been named 2020 Los Angeles County Top Public Schools for narrowing the opportunity gap for low-income Latino students and increasing their chances to attend a public university.

Kenmore Elementary and Santa Fe School earned the distinction for their strength in English language arts (ELA) proficiency; Kenmore was also recognized for its math proficiency.

This is the third consecutive year Kenmore has been recognized as an L.A. County Top Public School and the first year it has placed in the top ten of the county's non-charter affiliated elementary schools for ELA. Santa Fe was previously recognized in

2018.

"Kenmore and Santa Fe continue to serve our community by ensuring high achievement for all learners and developing a district-wide culture of high expectations," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "By creating nurturing environments, these two very special schools are putting our children on the path to academic success and a college education."

Kenmore has a low-income Latino enrollment of 88%, an ELA proficiency of 61% and a math proficiency of 44%. Santa Fe has a low-income Latino enrollment of 68% and an ELA proficiency of 50%.

Of the 1,346 L.A. County elementary schools that serve a significant number of low-income

Latino students, only 254 have been designated as Top Public Schools.

Kenmore and Santa Fe have been recognized consistently for academic achievement. Santa Fe was named a 2020 California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education, a distinction Kenmore also earned in 2018.

The Top Public Schools list is compiled by Innovate Public Schools in partnership with the USC Sol Price Center for Innovation and the USC Rossier Center on Education Policy, Equity and Governance. The group considers multiple factors in its rankings, including math and reading scores, college eligibility data and suspension data.

Road to Recovery: Duarte Outdoor Dining and Curbside Pick-Up Policy

Guidance for Duarte Restaurants Seeking to Offer Outdoor Dining or Curbside Pick-Up Services

DUARTE - To support local businesses on their road to recovery, the City of Duarte announced guidelines for offering temporary outdoor dining and curbside pick-up services while following County health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City also commits to waiving Temporary Use Permit (TUP) fees so long as the County's dining limitations are in place. If you're a local business owner, here's what you need to know to secure your TUPs to offer these expanded services:

Outdoor Dining
With the proper approvals and by following County guidance for outdoor dining, restaurants can offer more dine-in seats to customers by expanding their outdoor seating.

To apply, submit a site plan along with the following:

1. Property owner approval
2. Location of building/tenant space on the property
3. Address of the restaurant, hours of operation, contact information
4. Number of tables, chairs, and distances from each seating area
5. Location of outdoor dining area
6. Location of 4' wide (minimum) ADA path of travel through the outdoor dining area
7. Locations of ramps adjacent to outdoor dining area

Curbside Pick-Up
Curbside service allows restaurants to use private parking spaces for customer pick-up and preferred parking for mobile pick-up.

To apply, confirm the following and submit a TUP application as well as a site plan that clearly shows parking spaces and suggested temporary signs for identifying the spaces.

1. The number and location of spaces that balance safe and convenient access for customers and the needs of adjacent businesses
2. Your access to a private parking lot that serves your restaurant (public right of way, fire lanes or other restrictive areas are not permitted)

Complete submissions will be funneled through the City's rapid approval process. For more information or assistance, call the Planning Division at (626) 357-7931 or email Associate Planner Ivan Galeazzi at IGaleazzi@AccessDuarte.com.

Great Ways to Take the Fun to the Backyard

If you've been spending a lot of time indoors lately, you may be ready to get outside for some fresh air. Here's how to make your backyard the center of family fun.

- Set up an outdoor theater: There's no need to spend the day indoors, even if your family wants to binge watch favorite shows. Whether you're viewing a movie, video chatting with friends or looking at a slideshow of old family photos, a portable projector can quickly transform the backyard

into a home theater. Those from Casio are particularly versatile, offering speedy set-up and the ability to transition from daytime to nighttime viewing.

- Be sure to get comfy: Your home theater will get more use if it offers the same amenities as the living room. Luckily, these days, it's easy to find weather-resistant furniture as comfortable as your favorite couch.
- Make music: Host a socially distanced block party with your neighbors and offer to pro-

vide the music. All you need is a portable keyboard to set the tone. Not only do Casio keyboards have the ability to hook up to a laptop or tablet so you can play any song from your library, if you put the keyboard on Dance Music Mode, you can add beats, sounds or filters to anything you want.

- Get ready, get set, go: Keep everyone busy and active with a decathlon. Feature all-age friendly events like a potato sack race, Frisbee toss, long jump and more. Whether you keep score or play just for the fun of the game, you can make a day of it -- and add a little gravitas -- by including opening and closing ceremonies.

With the right tools and ideas, the backyard can become your go-to destination for relaxation, entertainment, competition and fun. (StatePoint)

Monterey Park Police Report Fatal Vehicle and Bicyclist Traffic Collision on Crest Vista Drive

MONTEREY PARK - On July 3, 2020, at approximately 6:38 p.m., Monterey Park Police officers responded to a traffic collision of a vehicle and bicyclist at Crest Vista Drive and Windover Way. Upon arrival, officers learned a 17 year old bicyclist was riding down the hill at a high rate of speed against traffic and collided head on with a vehicle travelling northbound. The Monterey Park Fire Department was on scene. Unfortunately, the bicyclist succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The bicyclist has been identified as Ernesto Manzano Jr., 17 years of age, residing in Los Angeles, California.

The driver of the vehicle

stopped after the collision and is cooperating with the investigation. Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to be a factor at this time.

Investigators are asking that if anyone witnessed the collision they contact the Monterey Park Police Department Watch

Commander at 626-307-1200. If anyone has any information and would like to remain anonymous, please contact LA Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPSS, www.LACrimeStoppers.org, or text TIPLA plus your tip to 27463 (crimes).

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- Must maintain 6 feet physical distance from others.
- Appointments are limited to (1) person. No guests allowed unless special accommodations are needed.
- Hand Sanitizing stations are provided in public areas.

Drywell and Catch Basin Project at Royal Oaks Park

DUARTE - Please be advised that the City of Duarte has started the Drywell and Catch Basin Project at Royal Oaks Park on Monday, July 6. The work will include excavation and concrete work for a new drywell. Drywells are underground structures that dispose of surface runoff and stormwater. This particular drywell will hold approximately 500 cubic yards of stormwater and is a multi-benefit project by helping to reduce drainage problems in the area, cleaning stormwater runoff, and putting water back into our local groundwater.

The project is estimated to be completed by July 30, 2020. Your cooperation in observing all traffic controls and parking

restrictions will be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call CEM Construction at (562) 659-8213 or Duare Public Works at (626) 357-7931.

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Shepherd's Pantry Launches 2020 Campaign

GLENDORA - Shepherd's Pantry is launching a major fundraising campaign, "Nourish the Body, Feed the Soul." The campaign for individual donors is scheduled to run from July 1 through July 31. Shepherd's Pantry also will be reaching out to businesses in the early Fall and asks that companies and local businesses stay tuned for more information and sponsorship opportunities. Because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, Shepherd's Pantry has cancelled its annual Gala planned for later this year. Shepherd's Pantry hopes this campaign will unite the community to raise funds to help those who need hope and a helping hand.

Since 2004, Shepherd's Pantry has provided food, clothing, counseling and additional resources to families and individuals struggling to make ends meet. With facilities in Glendora, Irwindale and Baldwin Park, Shepherd's Pantry serves well



over 1,000 households every month. Clients served include families struggling to put food on the table, senior citizens on fixed incomes, and individuals who have suffered job loss, illness or severely reduced income. The COVID-19 crisis has created major challenges for many, and the situation is more dire than ever before.

According to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, an estimated 2 million people in Los Angeles County live with food insecurity, which means 1 in 5 people who live here may not know where their next meal is coming from.

Shepherd's Pantry appreciates every donation no matter the amount. All donors will be ac-

knowledgeable in September as we highlight Hunger Action Month.

Through "Nourish the Body, Feed the Soul" Shepherd's Pantry also invites individuals to consider other activities to help fight hunger such as neighborhood food drives. If you are having a birthday or other special event, start a fundraiser and ask family and friends to support Shepherd's Pantry and the fight against hunger, or consider donating in memory of a loved one or friend.

Shepherd's Pantry encourages everyone to participate in the "Nourish the Body, Feed the Soul" campaign and consider sharing their blessings with others in need. To learn more about the campaign or Shepherd's Pantry, visit www.shepherdspantry.com

5 Tips on How to Combat Loneliness During Social Distancing

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, many people are staying in their homes to help prevent the spread of the disease. Feeling lonely from time to time is natural, but this unprecedented time of social distancing could lead to increased loneliness.

There are some easy ways to feel connected to others, even when you aren't seeing them in person. Consider these tips from Dr. Doug Nemecek, Cigna chief medical officer for behavioral health.

- Use technology... but not too much. Social media is a favorite and easy way to stay connected to family and friends, but too much use can leave you feeling lonely. Cigna's 2020 U.S. Loneliness Index found that 72 percent of very heavy social media users identify themselves as lonely. Balance technology use with disconnecting and taking time for yourself. Use real-time interactions with others, like video chats, to build meaningful connections and limit time spent passively scrolling social media. Read a book, take a walk or do a puzzle after screen time. It may help you feel more connected when you spend time online.

- Join a virtual club or group. There are plenty of resources available to find virtual book clubs, craft communities or even fitness challenges. You can start a new hobby, learn a skill or find others who are interested in the same things as you, remotely. Once the guidelines for social distancing are lifted, you'll have new friends you can meet in person.

- Spend time outdoors. Simply leaving your house to take a jog around your neighborhood or to walk your dog a few blocks could improve your spirits, refreshing you for the next time you virtually connect with others.

- Ask those you reach out to how they're really doing. How you connect with those in your network makes a significant difference in how lonely you feel. People tend to feel less lonely when connecting on a deeper level. Cigna's study found that those who do not feel they have close relationships that give them emotional security and well-being have an average loneliness score of nearly 15 points higher than those that do. When video

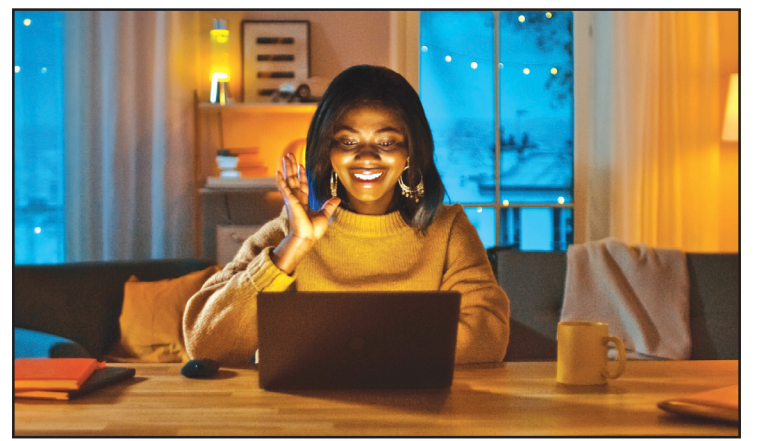


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chatting with friends, ask them for their most honest response when you ask how they're doing. Everyone will likely feel better for it.

- Rethink working hours. We spend approximately 90,000 hours at work over our lifetime, so how we spend that time will play an important role in how we feel overall. Improving your work-life balance and connecting with colleagues can reduce loneliness. Your employer may also benefit from you feeling less

lonely. Lonely employees are less productive, produce lower quality work and miss more days of work. So, talk to your boss about slight changes you can make to how you spend your working hours. This could help you feel less lonely and benefit your company.

Being unable to spend time with others in-person will likely cause many of us to feel lonely, but there are ways to help lessen those feelings during this challenging time. (StatePoint)

IF YOUR BUSINESS WAS IMPACTED BY COVID-19, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A WASTEWATER FEE REBATE

Your business may qualify for a rebate if it closed or had reduced wastewater discharges due to COVID-19. This program provides a partial rebate of the fiscal year 2019-20 Sanitation District service charge payment made on your property tax bill. Please contact us at rebate@lacsds.org to see if you qualify.

We also have a low-water rebate program open to all ratepayers that generate below average amounts of wastewater.



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American Independence Day Ruminations

By Ed Torres

As the years since 1776 have gone by, years becoming centuries, and then many changes occurring relatively recently in the composition of families and schools and business models and technological entities, the transformations undergone have sometimes been swift and extensive... The government, it must be said, has tried to cope and respond to the ever-changing developments, but often, maybe, in a blundering and lumbering manner... Thus, different parts of society have evolved and grown in so many different ways that years ago were not envisioned, culminating in a diverse, sometimes irritable society... Is it, then, as

suggested by continual major press reports throughout the day and night about strife in a city or region over there, that the nation is on an inevitable path toward self-destruction?...

The writer says no... So there, during this time when America has just celebrated its Independence Day, this ol' guy here has spoken -- so now everyone can live, work and sleep safely, henceforth confident that the future is still bright for our families and our country, so long as we do not become overwhelmed with the dire presentations on the daily-news and do not panic and become angry, pessimistic and unhappy citizens -- nor become an-

grier and more pessimistic and unhappy than some seemingly already are.

Americans of all colors and of no color are blessed in many ways, so long as they do not become distracted and derailed by flimflam politicians or social demagogues, nor disillusioned by their own fears... Without wanting to appear Pollyannaish, regardless of the current health and societal problems America faces, do not underestimate the future... Do not doubt that unity is possible because for The United States of America, the best years are yet to come!

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How to Save Money on Prescriptions if You Lost Coverage



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Many Americans are feeling the effects of job loss and furloughs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For people with a chronic condition, loss of insurance coverage can create additional stress during this uncertain time. However, it's vitally important for them to stay adherent to their medication to maintain their health and to reduce their risk of complications from COVID-19.

Fortunately, there are ways that people can obtain their medications affordably and predictably even if they have lost coverage.

One program is called Express Scripts Parachute Rx, which offers deep discounts on prescription medications, capping costs at \$25 for a 30-day supply of generics, and \$75 for a 30-day supply of select brand-name medications for eligible customers. There are more than 40 brand-name medications and thousands of

generic medicines available through the program, treating reproductive health, as well as conditions such as asthma, diabetes, glaucoma, heart disease, migraine, non-opioid pain management, seizures and thyroid conditions. The program, which is available for a limited time, is not health insurance and does not require an enrollment fee or commitment to participate.

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To take advantage of the Express Scripts Parachute Rx program, visit www.express-scripts.com/parachuterx to view the list of available medications, eligibility requirements and restrictions. Once you've checked medication prices, select the home delivery option.

Also, if you are an Express Scripts' plan member who is losing coverage, you can transition your prescriptions to Parachute Rx by contacting the

number on the back of your prescription card.

Pick up medications at your local pharmacy

There are more than 50,000 retail pharmacies, including national chains such as Walgreens, CVS and Rite Aid, and thousands of grocers and local community pharmacies that are participating in the Parachute Rx program. Your local pharmacist can check if discounts are available for your prescription, or you can visit www.express-scripts.com/parachuterx. Additionally, customer service is available seven days a week at 877.644.0212 to answer any questions you may have about the program.

Affordable access to medication can help you come out of this crisis healthy and ready to return to work. For those whose lives have been upended by this pandemic, there are programs available that can offer a softer landing. (StatePoint)

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