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Grand Opening of New Live Oak Library

By Joan Schmidt

ARCADIA - Back in 1993, there was a library crisis. LA County Library was threatening to close several branches because of funding issues. Locally there was a "Funeral" for the Duarte Library and a mock board-up of the Live Oak Library. This was unacceptable to residents and members of the newly formed Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council, who participated in both events.

Linda Sells wasn't on the Town Council Board yet, but she and her neighbor and good friend John Nicolero were aghast at losing this little beloved library. They walked door-to-door and obtained 1000 signatures on a petition! Everyone's children went there often and checked out books. Teachers used books and videos to supplement curriculum.

Fast forward a few years and Linda and John are on the Town Council. They are still walking the area, getting signed petitions and pleading with Supervisor Antonovich for a much larger space. He listened and the long journey for a new library began. Fortunately his successor, Supervisor Kathryn



Supervisor Kathryn Barger with Los Angeles County Library Director Skylar Patrick, Live Oak Library Manager Denise Dilley, guests and staff at the grand opening of the Live Oak Library.

Barger thought a good library was an integral part of every community. The \$7.3 million refurbishment began in May, 2019 and was completed, September 1 in the middle of the pandemic.

The opening included a ribbon cutting and snacks and books for the children. The building is four times the size of the old library. New features include 38 reader seats, 10 lounge chairs, a community

meeting room with kitchenette and audiovisual system, a group study room, and an Early Learning and Engagement Center. There are four adult computers, five teen laptop computers, four children's computers, two early-learning computers and two i-pads to assess the catalog. A laptop vending machine features 12 laptops for in-library use.

Live Oak Library Manager Denise Dilley was thrilled to see friends of the library and local leaders gather for the first time in months.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger spoke as did Los Angeles County Library Director Skylar Patrick who gave an informa-

tive history of the Live Oak Library. Members of the Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council, Dave Hall, Terrence Williams, Michelle Wright, Yvonne Bullock and Joan Schmidt were thrilled and

reminded how close they came to losing two local libraries. Arcadia Mayor Sho Tay came by and reflected their City Library is in the northern part of Arcadia. Although Live Oak is a "County Library", many residents in the southern part of the City have utilized it for years alongside county residents.

San Gabriel Mayor Chin Ho Liao, Temple Station's Captain Reyes and Deputies Sanders and Barr, Vicki Paul from Barger's San Dimas Office, many Arcadia officials and Karen Mc Nair and Carrie Barker from the Arcadia Chamber also attended besides MANY residents! It was such a happy wonderful event. Ms. Dilley felt like it was Christmas and shared how Live Oak was doing a daily lunch program for kids. Thanks you to EVERYONE who had a role in the new Live Oak Library! See you there. Visit lacountylibrary.org/live-oak-library for more info.

Photos courtesy of the Los Angeles County Library.



Supervisor Kathryn Barger makes a presentation to Live Oak Library Manager Denise Dilley and Los Angeles County Library Director Skye Patrick.

State Sen. Susan Rubio Delivers Millions to Increase Affordable Housing, Tackle Homelessness, and Provide Worker Training

\$21 Million in State funds secured for the San Gabriel Valley



State Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) (right) and Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) in front of an affordable housing project in Monterey Park where they discussed the state funds they were able to secure for the San Gabriel Valley.

MONTEREY PARK - State and local leaders on Wednesday, August 4th, unveiled plans for \$21 million in state funds that will help increase affordable housing, tackle the homelessness crisis, and provide worker training in the San Gabriel Valley.

State Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park), Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) and local leaders attended the event in front of an affordable housing project in Monterey Park as they discussed the state funds they were able to secure for the San Gabriel Valley.

"Alleviating the housing and homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley remains a top priority," Sen. Susan Rubio said. "Over the past two years, in collaboration with local leaders, we have laid the ground work for an innovative private-public partnership. With the \$5.6 million I successfully secured previously, this \$20 million grant will expand projects that empower our local service providers to address this

crisis in the way that best fits our regional needs."

In 2019, Senator Rubio passed Senate Bill 751. It authorized the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority, and allows communities within the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to fund housing to assist the homeless and persons of extremely low, very low, and low income. It also allowed the trust to receive public and private financing and funds for this purpose.

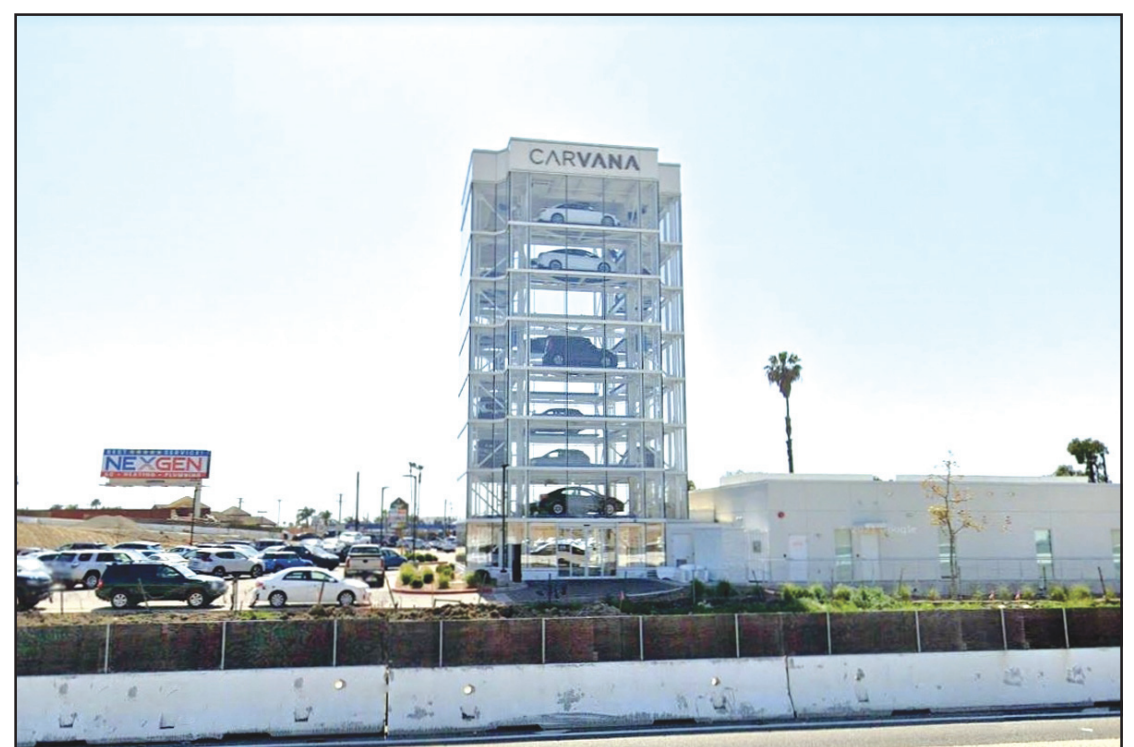
"I am proud to support Senator Susan Rubio in bringing this much needed funding back to the San Gabriel Valley," said Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, who is also chair of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus. "The lack of affordable housing and homelessness are crucial issues facing our communities and it is imperative that we act quickly to increase the supply of housing. This funding, along with money for workforce development, is a

huge step in the right direction and I look forward to continuing our partnership with local leaders to ensure that sufficient resources are brought to the San Gabriel Valley."

Becky Shevlin, Monrovia Councilmember, president of the SGVCOG and vice chair of the Trust Board, praised the collaboration with state and local leaders in bringing the funding.

"San Gabriel Valley cities last year joined together to establish a housing trust to fund and finance affordable housing developments and homeless shelters in our region," she said. "The \$20 million in state funding secured by Senator Rubio with the support of her San Gabriel Valley legislative colleagues will be the catalyst for the construction of affordable housing developments with funding shortfalls across our region from among the pipeline of more than 1,000 affordable housing units in various stages of entitlement in the San Gabriel Valley."

Online Vehicle Retailer Settles Consumer Protection Lawsuit



A Carvana site in Westminister, CA. (Photo credit: Google Street View Screen shot)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that Carvana, an online retailer selling cars using multi-story vending machines, will pay \$850,000 to settle a civil lawsuit alleging the company was operating in California without a dealer's or transporter's license.

"Not having a business license is illegal, opens your company up to lawsuits and is unfair to the consumer," District Attorney Gascón said. "Business owners have the responsibility to obtain the licenses needed to operate their business legally."

The Los Angeles District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division led the investigation and prosecution in this

case, which also involved the district attorney's offices in San Diego, Santa Clara and Ventura counties.

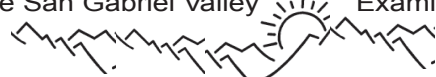
Under a judgment negotiated with the company, entered July 20 in the Los Angeles County Superior Court and signed by Judge Armen Tamzarian, Carvana was ordered to pay:

- \$600,000 in civil penalties, \$150,000 to each of the four district attorney's offices;
- \$200,000 in investigative costs, \$50,000 to each district attorney's office;
- \$50,000 in restitution to be distributed to a nonprofit charitable organization to support work that advances the public interest.

The company, which did not admit wrongdoing, has been selling cars to California con-

sumers since 2015 but did not obtain a dealer's license until May 20, 2019. Beginning in September 2017, Carvana delivered numerous cars to California customers using its own delivery vehicles but had no transporter's license. The judgment requires that Carvana obtain all necessary licenses to sell and transport cars in California.

Additionally, Carvana sold many cars between May 20, 2019 and June 30, 2019, without providing inspection reports to its customers prior to sale, as required by California law. The judgment requires that Carvana provide California buyers with copies of completed inspection reports prior to sale.



Mountain View Key Club Members Support Pasadena Pops



Kaye Biggs, Duarte Kiwanis Past President, joined the Mountain View Key Club as a chaperone at a recent Pasadena Pops concert at the Arboretum. The Key Club Members provided needed support from table set up, to ushering and assisting attendees during the concert. A great

time was had by all.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.

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San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Union Station Homeless Services Launch Landlord Incentives Program

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments in conjunction with Pasadena-based Union Station Homeless Services has launched the Landlord Incentives Program aimed at assisting those experiencing homelessness.

The program will provide financial benefits and support to landlords willing to lease to those receiving financial assistance so they can exit homelessness. Participating landlords would receive guaranteed rent checks each month, along with other incentives to cover the routine costs of securing a place to live.

The incentives include an up-front leasing bonus of \$500, a nonrefundable holding deposit of as much as one month's rent, up to \$2,000 for damage in excess of the security deposit and as much as \$3,000 to cover unpaid rent, abandoned units and evic-

tion fees.

In addition to financial benefits, landlords receive a point of contact who can mediate any issues or provide the funds to resolve the issues.

Any landlord with a unit in the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, or West Covina can participate in the Program. Landlords with units outside of the stated jurisdictions may still be

eligible to participate. Participating landlords will receive steady and reliable rent checks each month, either from the County of Los Angeles or nonprofits who are paid by the County. A small portion of the rent may also be paid directly by the tenants, based on the amount they can afford.

The Program is managed by the Union Station Homeless Services (USHS), in partnership with the SGVCOG. To learn more about the San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program, please visit <https://landlordincentives.org/>.

First Human Case of West Nile Virus Reported in County for 2021

All residents should take precautions against mosquitoes

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has identified the first case of human West Nile virus (WNV) infection in Los Angeles County for the 2021 season (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena as cases identified in those cities are reported by their local health departments). A resident of the South Bay area was hospitalized with WNV fever in late July and is recovering.

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache, nausea, body aches, and a mild skin rash. WNV can affect the nervous system and result in meningitis, encephalitis, paralysis and even death.

Adults over the age of 50 years old and people with chronic health problems are at higher risk of severe illness. While not all mosquitoes carry this virus, the type of mosquito that spreads this virus is found throughout Los Angeles County.

Public Health recommends the following actions to reduce the risk of West Nile virus infection:

- Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk.
- Use insect repellent. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Find the right insect repellent for you by using EPA's search tool.
- Cover up. Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors, particularly at these times and in areas where more mosquitoes are present.
- Take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors.
- Use screens on windows and doors. Check for and repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outdoors.
- Stop mosquitoes from laying eggs in or near water. Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, flowerpot saucers, rain barrels, or other containers. These are where mosquitoes lay eggs.
- Empty and wash birdbaths and wading pools weekly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; drain any water collecting on pool covers.
- Stock garden ponds with mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), goldfish, Koi or other mos-

quito-eating fish. These feed on mosquito eggs and larvae.

Public Health continues to document human cases of WNV every year in LA County, at an average of 118 cases per year during the previous 5 years. However, the total number of people infected with WNV each year in LA County is much higher as most infected persons do not experience any illness or only mild illness. These cases are neither reported nor recognized as WNV. About three-quarters of reported cases have had severe disease and approximately 9% of patients with severe WNV die from complications. Public Health collaborates with local vector control agencies to target areas for mosquito control activities as well as educate people about how to protect themselves. There is no vaccine for WNV and no treatment to cure the illness once an individual becomes sick. Reduction of mosquito breeding sources and protection from mosquito bites are the best ways to prevent WNV infection.

"Keeping our neighborhoods safe from West Nile virus is a shared responsibility," says Aaron Arugat, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District. "Residents can reduce the risk of mosquito bites by eliminating standing water in their yards and using EPA-registered repellents when mosquito activity is observed."

For more information on West Nile virus, visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/westnile>. To find a local vector control district, visit <http://www.socalmosquito.org>.

Stagnant swimming pools or "green pools" should be reported to the Public Health Environmental Health Bureau at (626) 430-5200, or to a local vector control agency. Dead birds may be reported by calling (877) 968-2473.

COVID-19 Cases Among Healthcare Workers Increase; Public Health Confirms COVID-19 Death in a Child

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As high transmission of COVID-19 continues, cases among healthcare workers have started to increase. After months of reporting fewer than 50 new cases among healthcare workers per week, weekly cases increased to 295 cases for the week ending July 17 and 275 cases for the week ending July 24. Since the pandemic began, 42,296 healthcare workers and first responders have tested positive for COVID-19.

As of mid-June, 68% of surveyed healthcare workers in L.A. County hospitals were fully vaccinated and currently, 85% of skilled nursing facility staff are fully vaccinated.

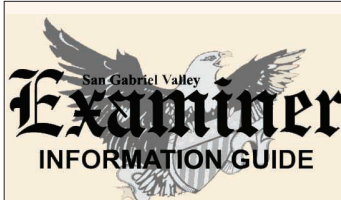
Given these relatively high rates of vaccination, the County has not seen significant increases in deaths among healthcare workers. To date, 276 healthcare workers have tragically passed away from COVID-19, with almost all deaths occurring between July 2020 and February 2021. Since late-May, two healthcare workers passed away from COVID-19.

On August 4, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirms 16 new deaths and 3,734 new cases of COVID-19. Sadly, Public Health has confirmed one of the reported COVID-19 deaths is a young person under the age of 12. The child who passed away

was hospitalized with COVID-19 and had underlying conditions.

To date, Public Health has identified 1,311,656 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,720 deaths. Out of the nearly 25,000 total COVID-19 deaths, six children in L.A. County have died of COVID-19 infection: 2 children under 12 years old and 4 children between the ages of 12 and 17.

Of the 16 new deaths reported, six people that passed away were over the age of 80, three people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, three people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, two people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49, one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 29, and one youth under the age of 18.



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Los Angeles County Library Wins Prestigious National Award

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - American Library Association Awards LA County Library the 2021 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award

LA County Library is pleased to announce that it has been named as one of the recipients of the American Library Association's John Cotton Dana Library Award for excellence in library public relations and strategic communication.

The American Library Association's Core Division of the American Library Association (ALA) have awarded seven winners this year's John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards. Each library receives a \$10,000

grant provided by the H.W. Wilson Foundation. The 2021 winners will be honored at a reception held by EBSCO Information Services at the 2022 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

LA County Library is receiving the award for its Park & Connect Free Outdoor Wi-Fi Program. In response to the widening digital divide during the pandemic, the Library implemented the new program to make technology accessible outside its walls and into its parking lots. Park & Connect allows customers to park in branch parking lots to access free Wi-Fi at 32 locations. The Library marketing team developed a comprehensive cam-

aign around the new service that targeted residents who lacked regular internet access, developing strategies for ethnic and hyper localized marketing efforts that spoke to the complex dynamics of a variety of diverse communities.

The campaign resulted in nearly 111,000 Wi-Fi sessions being logged in the targeted communities.

The John Cotton Dana Awards were inaugurated in 1946 by the American Library Association and the H.W. Wilson Publishing Company. The award is one of the most prestigious of the awards recognizing marketing and public relations excellence.

Vote by Mail Ballots Mailed for the Gubernatorial Recall Election

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan began mailing Vote by Mail ballots to all registered voters for the September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Some registered voters may receive their Vote by Mail ballots

as early as this weekend, however, most registered voters will receive their Vote by Mail ballots by August 16.

Voters can track the mailing of their Vote by Mail ballot with Where's My Ballot.

We encourage voters to safely participate in this election by returning their mail-in ballot ear-

ly. There are several safe return options available:

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While Recall Gascon 2020 is taking headlines, we must not forget we have Recall Newsom 2020 on the front burner and it is critically important Newsom stay our main focus until the September 14th vote is taken and confirmed. We have loads of good candidates who have the ability to run this state, not into the ground, but back to the Golden State of old. People have had enough, are angry and want California back on track and our state house in order.

Getting our state house in order means taking a hard look at our education system beyond the discussion of mask up or not mask up in schools. A group of parents has decided to organize in their district and find new school board members who are willing to fight back against the progressive agenda occurring silently behind closed doors in Sacramento. Two objectives: Get rid of Critical Race Theory (CRT) mandate and what I call Early Sex Education 101.

CRT is defined as examining social, cultural and legal issues as they relate to race and racism, but in practice many believe is the road to distorting American History, promoting a disastrous psychological impact on our kids and creating more anger and hostility in our communities than we are seeing now. What happened to history and civics classes?

Health Education Framework, April 2019 revision, Chapter 3, Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 3, reads in part:

"While students may not fully understand the concepts of gender expression and identity, some children in kindergarten and even younger have identified as transgender, or understand they have a gender identity that is different from their sex assigned at birth. The goal is not to cause confusion about the gender of the child but to develop an awareness that other expressions exist" Do parents want this in our public education system? In kindergarten?

The 11-member California Board of Education (CBOE) is the K-12 policy-making body for academic standards, curriculum



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

and instructional materials and have an indelible effect on our children through their policies and standards. We, the people, don't elect them. They are appointed by the Governor, and right now, that's the Governor who is being recalled for failed leadership and policies driving people out of California and leaving 6.8 million people lacking resources to meet basic needs, not including housing costs. Those are pre-pandemic numbers.

While many struggle, the solution progressive leaders are now implementing is a new definition on how to deliver various services including education. We used to believe in equality for all and now we are told to believe in equity. Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. ... Equity recognizes each person has different circumstances and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome. Which equals socialism.

Parents are irate knowing Newsom's children attended private school all year while his mandates required their student distance-learn on a computer. Newsom, by sporting his double standards, has provided a huge round of support for private education, home-schooling and school choice options. Public Education is bound by union contracts and mandates by CBOE trustees, who are under the thumb of progressive legislators' legislation and appointed by the Governor with a political agenda.

That leaves administrators and unified school district board members, already dealing with declining enrollment, with the challenge of figuring out how many students will return to in-person learning, remain online or go to private school. Their budgets depend on average daily attendance (ADA) so administrators' best guesses have to be accurate.

In California we don't fix problems, we find a suitable band aid to apply to the "boo-boo" making it invisible and therefore problem solved. Such is the case with children affected by California's poverty levels. Newsom just allocated \$54 million for a Universal School Meals Program providing 6.2 million students with free breakfast and lunch for the school year 2021-22 and local school districts will be responsible to implement with or without funding. Newsom's home free to find the next band aid.

The next band aid should be how to fund education without districts issuing more bonds that go on our property tax bills to fix decades old infrastructure and rarely are key to providing necessary materials and structure for educating students. Lack of resources from the state, solely responsible for education, have forced unified school districts into issuing bonds to keep schools clean and safe, while structuring new pathways for our students' futures.

California State Treasurer's Debt Watch link tells me: "Over the past 30 years, State and local government entities in California have issued more than \$1.5 trillion in debt to build infrastructure, provide services and refinance outstanding debt to save taxpayer money." Debt issued by local K-12 schools districts and community colleges the last twelve months is \$21.4 billion. USDs have issued bonds, spent the money upgrading schools and then sold those schools off for density housing to keep up with on-going costs. Minimal or no new students generated. We still pay the property tax bill.

Where Are You From?

By Farrah Hassen

It's a question I've been asked frequently, but how to reply always gives me pause: "Where are you from?"

As soon as those words leave the lips of a smiling cashier, server, or other stranger, my eyes widen and my head throbs from a chorus of opinionated, fractured voices offering their own interpretations of that question. One suggests it is entirely innocuous. Don't read too much into it.

"The person just wants to know what city you're from, where you grew up. Reply with 'West Covina,' and move on," the voice says.

And sure enough, West Covina has been my home since age 2 when I arrived with my family from the United Arab Emirates, my birthplace. I attended K-12 in the Covina Valley Unified School District. I had an unremarkable soccer career, playing two years for my local girls team. I accompanied my mom each week to the now-defunct Albertson's grocery store in Eastland Center and to the Middle Eastern market in Covina, where she would purchase spices, sweets, and casseroles. And I enjoyed far too many "Double-Doubles" extra toasted with pickles at the In-N-Out on East Garvey Avenue.

I stayed in West Covina to attend Cal Poly Pomona for my Bachelor's degree. In 2005, I finally ventured out of San Gabriel Valley for a taste of New York City and Washington D.C., where I completed my Master's and law degrees and began my career.

So West Covina, is that where I'm from? When I settle on that

answer, the questions often continue. "I meant where are you originally from," they press further. Like clockwork, another voice fills my head with another interpretation of the question.

"It doesn't matter how long you've lived in West Covina, the state of California, or the United States. Something about your identity—your race, your ethnicity, your religion—suggests you come from somewhere more mysterious. Perhaps somewhere more menacing?"

Both sides of my family hail from Aleppo, Syria—one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on Earth. Unfortunately, the war in Syria since 2011 has been many Americans' only point of reference for the country.

My introduction to Syria came not by traveling to the country itself, but rather, through living in the San Gabriel Valley. My father arrived here from Aleppo as a teenager, learned English at Pasadena City College, and attended Cal Poly Pomona. The rest of his family later followed him from Aleppo and put down roots in Covina and West Covina. I grew up hearing my family speak both Arabic and English. We grew to know other Syrian families in our neighborhood, Glendora, and San Dimas. We ate Syrian cuisine: kibbeh, hummus, baba ghanouj, kebabs smothered in cherry sauce. We listened to the music of Arab legends: Sabah Fakhri, Umm Kulthum, and Fairuz. And we practiced our religion, Islam.

My Arab and American lives coexisted in West Covina, but it wasn't always idyllic. Just ask any

immigrant or anyone who has been labeled as "not from here."

The first time I felt like "the Other" was in the third grade during the Gulf War. Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was the ultimate enemy. A group of classmates took to calling me a "Saddam Hussein worshiper" because my last name resembled his, the inference being that I must be evil as well. The Arab-bashing I encountered was relentless and reinforced by media stereotypes. The 9/11 attacks further heightened Islamophobia, which politicians still exploit. In this context, I'm told I'm not from West Covina or even America.

So Syria, is that where I'm from?

Instead of answering that loaded question, I've learned to challenge it. I am not the first or last to face America's legacy of racism, inequality, and militarism. Regardless of intent, the underlying implication embedded in "Where are you from?" is often that a person does not belong in their own community. It doesn't open the door to meaningful conversation or lend itself to a one-word response.

The Afrofuturist poet and jazz composer Sun Ra may have arrived closest to an accurate answer to that infamous question when he said, "The universe sent me to converse with you."

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The Graveyard of COVID-19 Missed Information

By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

The British social hierarchy of the Middle Ages and beyond was divided into "three estates of the realm": the king, the clergy, and the commoners. More modern times brought the fourth estate, the non-establishment, independent journalists. Our founders knew that for a successful democratic republic, the press had to be a watchdog. Journalists now have become morticians who embalm and bury stories at the bidding of their puppet masters.

In many cases, the government with its media accomplices quietly plucked from the public square information that is not to their liking, irrespective of its factual accuracy. COVID-19 has brought the practice out of the shadows. With our health at stake, it is imperative that all sides of the science are available. Let the people decide.

Welcome to the cemetery. The PCR test used to diagnose an infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, was found to have as high as 97 percent of false positives for infectiousness because the test was so sensitive that it measured dead viruses that could not cause disease. Even the inscrutable Dr. Fauci agreed with that assessment. After the vaccines that were going to bring us back to the old normal, the CDC set strict rules for testing of vaccine "breakthrough" cases. It wanted "only specimens" that were collected with a PCR test that was much less sensitive. Was this done to make the vaccines look more effective?

It's unlikely anyone saw that the CDC will soon abandon the PCR test. What a coincidence that a consortium backed by Bill Gates bought out Mologic, a company with a yet-to-be-approved COVID test.

Then there's a CDC analysis of infections and mask-wearing. "In the 14 days before illness onset, 71 percent of case-patients and 74 percent of control participants reported always using cloth face coverings or other mask types when in public." Only 4

percent of the case-patients "never" wore a mask. The explanation was that the masked case-patients frequented restaurants and got infected when they removed their masks to eat.

The mainstream reporting of COVID-19 deaths is sensationalism at its worst. The newscasts implied any infected person would surely be on death's door at some point. Again, the CDC's own analysis of COVID hospitalizations showed that the risk of death while hospitalized was 0.3% for patients with no comorbidities. The analysis showed that the strongest risk factors were obesity, diabetes with a complication, and anxiety disorders. Yet we did not hear that we should lose weight and exercise. (How unfortunate that the gyms were closed.) Our mental health was tested by lockdowns and lack of socialization.

Even French virologist and Nobel Prize winner Luc Montagnier was ghosted when he posited that mass vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 virus during the pandemic was creating variants. His science appears to have been borne out. The CDC reported an outbreak in Massachusetts where 90 percent of SARS-CoV-2 infections were identified as the Delta variant. Moreover, 74 percent of the infected were fully vaccinated. There are similar findings in the United Kingdom and Israel. In another instance, 75 to 80 percent of recently infected staff members at two University of California San Francisco hospitals were fully vaccinated.

The most devastating missed information is the effectiveness of early treatment of COVID-19. Since February 2020, clinicians had successfully treated patients early in the disease process with hydroxychloroquine. A campaign to discredit these successes followed. When Dr. Fauci's pet drug, Remdesivir was found to be ineffective, the media buried the study. Despite studies showing its benefit, ivermectin was given the hydroxychloroquine smear treatment. Hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin are fully FDA-

approved, have a long record of safety, and remain on the World Health Organization list of essential medicines. What's the problem? They are very inexpensive and generic.

With early treatment sidelined, the experimental vaccines became the panacea. But why are we expected to ignore the RNA vaccines' role in encouraging variants and serious side effects such as heart inflammation, paralysis, and death? Could money be a motivator? Pfizer reports that it will have \$33.5 billion in Covid-19 vaccine sales in 2021, with even more revenue anticipated from the booster shots. Was the drug and health product manufacturers' \$171 million to lobbyists in the last 6 months intended to ensure the government's cooperation? Are the pharmaceutical companies the Fifth Estate?

The politicians' hypocrisy says it all. In their personal lives, Nancy Pelosi and her nephew, California's Governor Newsom, flaunt their own directives, with mask-less haircuts, fancy dinners, and children's summer camps, to name a few. More galling is the "let them eat cake" attitude in their political lives. Newsom demands that all state workers—except the powerful prison guard union—get vaccinated or submit to continuous COVID tests. Pelosi commands her subjects, aka congresspersons, to don masks subject to fines and arrest for noncompliance. But her majesty removes her mask for a photo op. How can anyone trust anything these soulless grifters have to say?

Do some digging. The truth is out there.

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These Are Some of the Dumbest Headlines

With my lifestyle being mixed in the media, I can't help but take notice of some of the headlines that come out wrong or are just plain stupid by itself.

There was an article on teen pregnancy that was headlined, "Statistics Show That Teen Pregnancy Drops off Significantly after Age 25." Really???

This next headline in an article really assisted the police into the reason WHY. "Homicide Victims Hardly Talk To The Police." So if you happen to be around when the police are trying to talk to a dead victim, you may remind them of this.

I love this one, "Marijuana Issue Sent to Joint Committee." Wow mannnnn.

Via the Associated Press: "China May Be Using The Sea To Hide Its Submarines." Oh my God, how clever is this???

"Federal Agents Raids Gun Shop and Find Weapons." I guess raiding a gun shop makes



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

them look good when they find a cache of weapons. No mistakes here.

Here is one the editors messed up on. "Man Kills Himself and Runs Away." I think that was supposed to read, man shoots himself and runs away.

Some people just seem to have some bad habits. "Tiger Woods Plays with His Own Balls, Nike says."

This came from a Sacramento newspaper. "State Population Due to Double by 2040, Babies are to Blame." These damn kids! You can't take them anywhere.

Pres. Obama was holding the presidency, this headline popped up in an article. "Republicans Turned Off by the Size of Obama's Package." What the hell are they talking about... but just in case, sorry ladies.

This one actually struck me funny, it is rather quite blunt. "Homeless Survive Winter, Now What?" Sounds like a little disappointment here. Seemed like they were looking forward to having the winter months solve their homeless problem and apparently that didn't happen.

This seem to make a lot of sense to me. "Scientists To Kill Ducks To See Why They Are Dying." If these scientist can't figure out how they killed their own ducks, then they're pretty stupid.

It is pretty obvious that they can't always get it right, but when they get messed up, it can put a smile on your face.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Arcadia Announces August 17 Public Hearing On City Council Redistricting

ARCADIA – The Arcadia City Council is seeking public input on the redistricting of City Council districts. Every 10 years the United States issues a census to count the population. Upon the completion of the United States Census, the City Council District Map is realigned to reflect Arcadia's current population.

The Arcadia City Council will hold a series of public hearings to best understand Arcadia's communities of interest.

At the public hearings, Arcadia residents are also given the opportunity to help shape the future of City Council Districts. With public input and professional demographers, the City Council will evaluate City maps drawn and submitted.

On August 17, 2021, the Arcadia City Council will hold its first public hearing to provide an overview of the redistricting process and legal requirements. The public is encour-

aged to attend this meeting to learn more about the redistricting process and understand their impact on helping shape the City's new districts. Public meetings will be conducted throughout the year and the public is welcomed to comment on issues discussed during meetings. For more information regarding the City's redistricting process, please visit the City's website at ArcadiaCA.gov/redistricting.



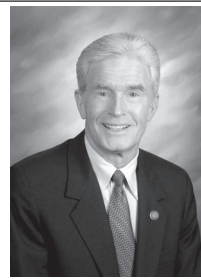
Are We Seeing The First Signs Of A Slowing Economy?

GDP rose 6.5% in the still recovering second quarter, below the 8.4% consensus, but above its pre-pandemic peak in Q4 2019. Notably, declining inventories shaved 1.13 percentage points off GDP growth. This was not as much as the 2.62 inventory deduction in the first quarter, but still significant. Businesses continue depleting inventories as they struggle to meet demand. Overall, despite the two-percentage point miss against consensus, this report shouldn't sway anyone's view of the recovery. Consumers keep on spending their unusually high level of savings and cash availability, and businesses are spending to try to keep up with them.

Consumer spending rose 11.8%, propped up by the March stimulus as well as the economy's reopening. There was likely some pent-up demand at play here as well, as newly vaccinated consumers rushed out to movie theaters and on vacations that eluded them during the pandemic. Anchored by the fall of pandemic restrictions and exposure fears, spending on services increased 12.0%! Still, the 10.9% personal savings rate continues to be incredibly high by historical standards. This should keep household spending robust even when stimulus fades.

Annual revisions to GDP don't seem to have shifted the narrative much. The BEA notes that growth between Q4 2009 and Q4 2019 still averaged an annual rate of 2.3%, followed by a real GDP decrease of 19.2% between Q4 2019 and Q2 2020. Since then,

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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the magnitude and composition of the recovery doesn't appear to have been revised dramatically compared to previous estimates. Real GDP is now above its pre-pandemic peak in Q4 of 2019. Consumers kept increasing their spending in Q2, but businesses can't keep up. Firms continue drawing down inventories as they struggle to increase capacity. Rapid price increases are also adding a reality check to the fast growth of nominal GDP.

Last year inflation plunged during the lockdowns, then quickly rebounded (except in transportation, live entertainment and hospitality sectors). In 2021 continued lockdowns caused shortages at the same time that federal aid supported and generated strong demand, combining to create the worst inflation in decades. Year on year rates for the CPI, PPI and PPE deflator are expected to remain ugly for months! But monthly inflation increases seem to already be moderating. Asked why the Fed is not tightening to fight this significant inflation, Jay Powell explained that it does not make sense for the Fed to remove accommodation (to pull inflation

back down) when most forecasters agree that inflation should modify on its own. While the data suggests this moderation is already underway, we will still need to wait and see if the ongoing unusually high cash liquidity combined with limited availability of many products (such as a new and used vehicles) will allow overall price increases to moderate.

Annual revisions in recent reports didn't significantly change Wall Street's view of the magnitude and composition of the recovery. Despite the miss against consensus forecasts, my colleagues on Wall Street don't expect this to significantly change the outlook for the Fed. The recent FOMC statement acknowledges the economy has made progress towards the goals needed to modify its asset purchases, but gives no clarity on what that timeline will look like. Wall Street and investors continue to size up comments from Jerome Powell after the Fed concluded its two-day meeting (on July 28) by keeping interest rates in a target range between zero and 0.25%. No move was made on asset purchases, and while the economy is "making progress" toward its goals, it apparently has a way to go before the central bank will adjust its easy money policies.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Our 'draw' period on our home equity line of credit ended almost 5 years ago, and the bank gave us 5 more years to continue making interest-only payments. In 3 months, our payment amount will almost double when we have to start paying principle plus interest. We can't afford that in our budget. What can we do now?

It's commendable that you are aware of this impending financial problem and are ready to take some kind of action now. If you have not recently refinanced your main mortgage, I suggest you finance your home mortgage and your home-equity line of credit into one loan. Many banks and credit unions are taking much longer than 2 months to do a refinance, making it even more critical to utilize the services of an independent mortgage broker. Inform them of your 3-month deadline so they can better work within your timeline. Although interest rates are exceptionally low, there are some costs involved in getting a refinance loan. Go to: FindAMortgageBroker.com for a local, independent mortgage professional who will shop various lenders for the best deal for you. Fully cooperate by quickly supplying all information and documentation requested, initially and throughout the process. If, for some reason, you do not qualify for a refinance at this time, make some budget cuts, sell some possessions, and possibly get a part-time, second job.

Our 3-year-old goes to daycare 5 days a week. The government childcare amount will help, but much of my wife earnings (at a job she loves) will still be used. Is there anything else



Julia Yoder

we can do to reduce childcare expenses?

Look into making pre-tax contributions to a Dependent-Care Flexible Spending Account. The single, and married-filing-joint, contribution limit for 2021 is \$10,500 (previously \$5,250); the married-filing-separately contribution limit is \$5,250 each (previously \$2,550). Check with your employers to learn whether they changed from the typical "use-it-or-lose-it" clause in their plan, to either an unlimited-rollover-into-2022 any excess account funds, or if they added a 2-1/2 month grace period to use up the funds. Be aware that the current monthly amount of child tax credit is an advance of the annual child tax credit. Go to the IRS.gov website for more information about qualifications, annual tax ramifications, and how to opt-out of receiving the advanced child tax credit if you so desire.

I can get life insurance, yet we're confident my husband will be 'rated.' Is there a way to get some life insurance on him without paying the higher 'rated' premiums?

Ask your licensed insurance agent about a "second-to-die" life insurance policy with a first-to-

die rider. Normally, a second-to-die life insurance policy is used to pass more money to heirs. The cost is typically lower because the payout is based on the lives of two people, while the insurance company only pays when the last one dies. By paying extra for the first-to-die rider (typically less than 'rated' premiums) the insurance company will pay at the passing of the first person insured on the second-to-die policy.

Is there something we can do to relieve our stress from worrying that we won't have enough money for retirement?

By asking for some help, you have taken a brave, first step in the right direction! Roughly 80-percent of Americans feel the same way, and over half are so worried that it's even affecting their sleep. The majority of these people are actively saving for retirement, but are still full of anxiety. On the other hand, those who are saving toward a specific goal, with a detailed plan to reach that goal, also gain a high level of confidence that they are going to be okay! Make a detailed plan on your own, and get help from a licensed insurance agent or financial advisor.

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Spam Alert - Do Not Be Fooled by Calls About Expiring Auto Warranties

We have all had them...robo calls telling us our vehicle warranty is about to expire! Sadly, once we answer the call, the company who initiated the calls knows your phone number is legitimate and they will keep calling. Even more aggravating, they make big bucks selling your number to other organizations! Even if you block the original number, they will simply use a different caller number next time.

Should you, for whatever reason, engage with a live person on such a call, do not give out any personal information such as social security number,

driver's license number, credit card or bank account numbers. Always protect yourself from fraudulent scammers.

The best course of action is not to answer any phone number you do not recognize. Even though these callers know they are violating telemarketing and robocall rules, they make enough money to take the risk and will simply pay the fine if they are caught.

If you want more information, visit www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/spoofingand-caller-id. Here are some options if you would like to file a complaint:

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How to Speak to Someone You Don't Know

Have you ever found yourself visiting a business establishment where the customer service was less than professional or simply out right rude and disrespectful? Unfortunately, this is more commonplace than you may think. Social norms and mutual respect has been deteriorating for years and has become acceptable in our society.

Those business owners that can see this trend and provide a "cut above" service will win the day and hopefully send a strong positive message to our society. It may not just be the pressures of life or the breakdown of society that is the cause (cell phones and social media has not been the best in keeping things civil).

Many people simply find it uncomfortable to talk in front of people who they simply don't know. Some people find a difficult audience to be someone who they know because they may be judged in a more hurtful and critical manner due to familiarity. For those who speak or give a sales pitch in front of others that they are not familiar with often give a better presentation. It's the notion that you don't know these people and you could care less of what they think of you motivating you to develop and deliver a good presentation. Some find it a blessing to speak to someone who you have never met or know well which defies common sense.

The first thing that you should keep in mind is to check your baggage at the door. Whatever issues are going on in your life they are your issues and not anyone else's issues, they have their own to deal with. Get comfortable with the other person and try to learn a little bit about that person. This way you can reduce the stress and pressure of the encounter that typically add roadblocks in communicating. Being comfortable and fos-



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tering two-way communication is the key to disseminating information and idea that will build trust. Before you know it, you'll provide the necessary information into the conversation providing the level of service that is anticipated and will bond the two of you. Maintaining mutual attention and engagement is the key to a satisfied customer. You will want to think about communication tools that you may want to use to break the ice, the best is to be cognizant of your tone, attitude and always speak with a smile; stay away from jokes at all costs.

If you are paying attention and providing great service, you will know what someone is thinking about you and your performance before you even ask. In fact if you read their body language you will be able to tell right away. If you notice that they are getting tired of talking, you may want to give them a chance by asking them what they think. You may also want to pick up on cue signs. When you begin to drag things into tiny details, you will see it on their face; use their body signs as cues to gage if you are giving the correct information and the appropriate level of service.

There are many other tools that you may use regardless if you know the person or not. The basis that you will need to focus on is creating and keeping the bond with the person

that will help and enhance your communication and customer satisfaction. The key is to stay calm before and during the entire presentation. Breathing techniques can be of a great help to keep you calm, focused, and stress free. You will want to experiment and find out what works for you and what doesn't work for you. There are many ways that you can keep your cool throughout your presentation, or sales pitch, being confident in your materials is extremely important.

When it comes to delivering the presentation, if you make any mistakes, they probably will not notice unless you bring it to their attention. When you make a mistake, take it with stride and move on, don't try to correct what you just said. It was once said to me from a wise mentor "no one knows what you are going to say but you".

Be calm, leave your baggage at the door, breath, put a smile on your face when talking and be kind no matter what!

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Bargain Children's Books at Friends of Arcadia Library Sale

ARCADIA – Stock up your home (or classroom) library at the Children's Bargain Book Sale at Arcadia Public Library on Saturday, August 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This sale of gently used books is sponsored by the Friends of the Arcadia Public Library. The books are priced affordably, with chapter books, picture books, and board books, for example, selling for 5 for \$1. Many popular children's books will be available.

During the pandemic closure, the Friends of the Arcadia Public Library received generous donations of children's books for

all ages, from board books for babies and toddlers, to beginning readers, and chapter books for all ages, including middle-school students and teens. There will also be a large selection of non-fiction books—perfect for homework help and fun learning—and textbooks. Books in Chinese for children will also be available in limited quantities. All procedures benefit Library services and programming—including the annual Summer at Your Library Program.

The book sale kicks off the Library's expanded hours. Start-

ing Monday, August 16, the Arcadia Public Library will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 am through 6 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, please call 626.821.4364 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., closed on Friday, and open Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., until Monday, August 16.

Glendora Man Shot by Police Identified

By George Ogden

AZUSA - On Wednesday, August 4th, Azusa police responded to assist Glendora police with a domestic violence situation where it was reported that the suspect had a gun.

Glendora police responded to the domestic call just before 1:00 a.m. The suspect came out of the home with a gun in hand, pointed it at police and fled on foot. Additional resources were called including the Azusa police. As the Azusa police were responding to the Myrtle Street location, they came across the

suspect in the intersection of Glendora Avenue and Route 66.

They saw the suspect attempting to carjack vehicles in the intersection. When officers attempted to detain him, the suspect turned and pointed a handgun at officers, at which time an officer-involved shooting occurred at a proximately 1:10 a.m. The gun was recovered at the shooting scene.

The suspect wasn't immediately identified at the time of the shooting; however, the coroner just released his name. He has

been identified as Dylan Harmer, 21, of Glendora. A check with the Sheriff's Department, there appears there is no previous arrest record for Harmer.

The reason for the domestic violence situation in undetermined outside of the fact that his girlfriend called police to state that she had been assaulted by Harmer and that he had a gun.

The investigation will continue to see what all the particulars and to see if they can piece together what happened which led up to the shooting.

Man Dies at Dead-End Crash

By George Ogden

COVINA - Covina police were called to a fatal crash around 11 p.m. on Monday, August 2nd. When they arrived, they found a 1989 Ford Ranger impaled into a block wall and gate at the end of Sunflower Avenue. This was actually the 4200 block of Sunflower where the street ends and is the beginning of a short private road. The cross street is Nottingham.

Inside the truck they found a male driver who had been killed. He was not identified.

The CHP is investigating the crash. It appears the man was driving at a very high-speed south from Badillo where the street slopes down a few degrees. There is a sign at the corner of Badillo and Sunflower where it states that Sunflower is a dead-end street. At the end where the crash happened, the street turns to the

left which leads into a number of dead-end streets. There is no stop sign at the end of Sunflower just a sign that says END. The driver drove right past that sign at a high rate of speed, down the common driveway and crashed into the wall.

The coroner's office will do a toxicology tests to see if the driver was under the influence of any drugs of alcohol. The investigation continues.

New Polling Shows LA District Attorney George Gascon Rapidly Losing Support, Recall Would Pass by 11.1% if Held Today

61.4% of voters say they would vote for an alternative candidate

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Recall George Gascon campaign commissioned a scientific survey of Los Angeles County voters showing Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon is rapidly losing support, and that a recall vote would pass if held today.

The survey conducted July 23-July 28, 2021, by J. Wallin Opinion Research included 53% Democrat voters, 17% Republicans, and the remaining balance registered as No Party Preference or Other Party. 650 respondents were interviewed through mobile phones, landline phones, and email.

A survey of this size yields a margin of error of +/-3.8% (95% confidence interval). The sample was stratified, meaning that the demographic composition of the results matches the demographic composition of the region that was surveyed.

Key Findings:
Voters prefer someone else as DA

• **61.4%** of voters said they preferred an unnamed alternative candidate, compared **21.5%** who said they would vote to retain Gascon.

Gascon's personal favorability is underwater

• **34.2%** of voters had an unfavorable opinion of Gascon, compared to just **17.7%** with a favorable opinion.

Gascon's job approval is dismal

• **40.8%** of voters disapprove of Gascon's job performance (including 29.2% that strongly disapprove), compared to just **25.1%** that approve.

If a vote were held today, the recall would pass

• **42.6%** of voters said they would vote yes on a recall election if it were held today, compared to only **31.5%** who said they would vote no.

• After hearing supporting and opposing arguments (verbatim language that each side has used), support for the recall jumps to **49.2%**, compared to just **36.5%** who said they would vote no.

• After learning more about the reasons for the recall effort, **54%** of informed voters said they would vote yes on the recall, compared to just **31.5%** who said they would vote no.

• **41.5%** say they would sign the recall petition, which equates to roughly **2,331,653 voters** in the County – well above the signature threshold of **579,062** required to qualify the recall.

These figures represent a dramatic loss of support, given that Gascon was elected less than one year ago with 53.5% of the vote.

“The clear takeaway is that George Gascon is rapidly losing support less than a year after being elected, and that a recall would overwhelmingly pass if it were held today. The voters of Los Angeles County disapprove of Gascon, his job performance,

and extreme policy agenda that puts violent criminals first, and places victims at the back of the line,” said Tim Lineberger, spokesperson for the Recall George Gascon campaign.

“The main hurdle is not the recall vote itself but collecting roughly 600,000 signatures from LA County voters during a pandemic, especially while operating under COVID-19 lockdowns (as was the case at the beginning of this effort),” Lineberger continued.

“However, if this effort can continue to secure the resources required for signature collection and LA County residents affected by the Gascon crime wave continue to step up and speak out, Gascon will be gone by this time next year. Otherwise, this will be a major missed opportunity to restore public safety, and the brazen crimes, mistreatment of victims, and dereliction of duty by the County's top prosecutor will continue to cause chaos in Los Angeles,” Lineberger concluded.

To successfully trigger a recall election of Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon, proponents must collect 579,062 signatures from registered voters in Los Angeles County (10 percent of the total number of registered voters) within a 160-day period. The deadline for signature collection is October 27, 2021. If successful, a recall election would likely take place in 2022.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Los Angeles History

By Joe Castillo

City of Angels. The City of Los Angeles has a grand history going back to its founding in 1781 and much of its history still remains. The Seal of the City of Los Angeles depicts much of the history of the city and it is still on display today. From 1542 to 1821, Spain controlled California's future and the lion of Leon and the castle of Castile from the Arms of Spain were included on the seal to represent Spain's influence. From 1822 to 1846, Mexico took over rule of Spanish possessions including California and the Eagle holding a serpent in his claws is from the Arms of Mexico and is represented on the Los Angeles City Seal. The Bear Flag represents the Bear Flag revolt when for a brief period California was its own republic and the American Flag represents California as the 31st state of the Union. Also included on the seal are sprays of Olives, Oranges and Grapes which represent Los Angeles being in the center of an agriculture garden and a small rosary represents the religious background of early California.

The Seal of Los Angeles is a reflection of the rich history of the city and is used by the Mayor's Office to represent his role within the city. The City of Los Angeles was founded on September 4, 1781 at a site which was selected by Governor Felipe de Neve who selected the site for the fertility of the land and abun-

dance of water. There were 11 families consisting of 44 men, women and children who agreed to settle the land. These families were from Sonora and Sinaloa, Mexico and were all farmers and mixed of Spanish, Indians and Black members who knew how to grow crops and farm the land. The group had arrived at the Mission San Gabriel, were quarantined for 17 days due to an outbreak of small pox and then were led by Corporal Vincente Feliz to the site of the pueblo and to where their parcels of land were located. The settlers were to build their own houses and grow their own crops and after five years the land would be given to them.

On September 4, 1786, the Spanish government awarded each of the settling families their ownership of the land which they had lived, settled and developed. The full name of "El Pueblo de Nuestra Sonora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula" was identified for the city which at that time numbered 139 people. An adobe wall was built around

the entire city, a similar design to the European cities of the Middle Ages. Four flags have flown over the City of Angels; the Spanish royal flag, the Mexican Imperial flag, the Federal Mexican Flag and the Stars and Stripes.

In the 1850, the first mayor of Los Angeles was elected. His name was Alpheus Hodges and he was a physician. At the time, the city had a population of 1,610 and on April 4, 1850 the city was incorporated as a city of California. Today, nearly 4 million people live within the City of Los Angeles and it has become the nations second largest city. Over 240 years of history have made Los Angeles one of the world's greatest cities and that history still can be seen in the Seal and Flag of the City of Los Angeles....

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD ACROSS

- *Sports analyst, ex-wide receiver Randy
- Dashboard acronym
- *Depth of an end zone, in yards
- Fencing blade
- Weight not charged for
- Young hog
- Witnessed
- Aroma
- Nary a soul
- *Line of _____
- Spanish earthen pot
- Pinocchio and the like
- Bean house
- Antonym of descent
- Cycle taxi
- Greek "t"
- 50-50
- Not happening
- Newbies
- Bert Bobbsey's twin
- Like a neon sign
- "Clueless" catch phrase
- Not a desktop
- Metal-bearing mineral
- "Chim Chim Cher-ee" setting
- Relating to nose
- Actors' group
- Sink hole
- Golf club handle
- *3-point score
- Make a canyon, e.g.
- Not written
- Racing sled
- *"Purple People _____" song, inspiration for Vikings defensive line name
- Like H. C. Andersen's duckling
- Poet Pound
- *AFC counterpart
- Dreaming stage of sleep
- Daytime entertainment

- ### DOWN
- Hodgepodge
 - Oil cartel
 - Palm reader, e.g.
 - Old and mentally infirm
 - Weather-related Doppler tool
 - Programs, for short
 - Insignificant
 - Hammer or sickle
 - Europe's highest volcano
 - Born, in bio
 - Marinara fruit
 - Ornamental hair net
 - *Grabbing penalty
 - Breath freshener
 - *Pre-game encouragement
 - Rose oil
 - One's assertion
 - Collectible in a cabinet
 - *Fourth down option
 - Colonoscopy tract
 - Ancient assembly area
 - B in IBS

THEME: FOOTBALL

- *Start of a football play
- Goo on a trunk
- *Scrimmage-related penalty
- Plant louse
- Yule firewood
- By word of mouth
- Candle shape
- English in Spanish
- Mourner's song
- Camelot, to Arthur
- Tennis great Steffi
- College officer-training prog.
- *Number of downs to get a first down
- Anis-flavored aperitif
- Site of Taj Mahal
- *Lambeau Field jump
- Poetic "even"

August 5, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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Arcadia Grocery Outlet's Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting



Bryan Race and Erin Johnstone, owners of the Arcadia Grocery Outlet, present a \$4000 check to Entouch Betterment Foundation which distributes food to underserved areas.

By Joan Schmidt

ARCADIA - Recently, my family and I attended the "Grand Opening" and "Ribbon Cutting" of the Grocery Outlet at 165 Foothill Boulevard, Arcadia. Thank you, Arcadia Chamber and Grocery Outlet for such an awesome event!

Did you know Grocery Outlet has 375+ locations across the country? Why are they so special? They do have quality groceries at reasonable prices. It's their community commitment. In July, 2020, Grocery Outlet held its 10th Annual Food Drive raising 3 million nationwide for families in need. (360+ stores participated.)

Bryan Race and Erin Johnstone, a young married couple own and operate this Grocery Outlet. They are overjoyed to be part of the Arcadia Foothill Community and give back to the

community. In April, their doors opened. They hired twenty-five local employees, and donated \$4000 to Entouch Betterment Foundation which distributes food to underserved areas in the San Gabriel Valley.

Festivities began with special presentations and comments: Arcadia Mayor Sho Tay mentioned South Arcadia's new successful Grocery Outlet; he is SO pleased there's also one for North Arcadia! Sierra Madre's Mayor Rachele Arizmendi mentioned Sierra Madre has no major grocery store and was gratified there's one so close! Other presentations included: Kristy Lopez for Senator Anthony Portantino; Danika Mendoza, Senator Susan Rubio; Julissa Zepeda, Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio; Henry Lo, Assemblyman Ed Chau; Brian Greene, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Karen Mc

Nair, Arcadia Chamber; Sari Canales, Monrovia Chamber, Arcadia Economic Development Analyst Tim Schwehr; Benjamin Acker, Principal, Foothill Middle School; and Arcadia H.S. students and a faculty member.

All the above-mentioned representatives praised Grocery Outlet for its commitment to the community and were grateful it came to our area.

Michael Longshore from Entouch Foundation was presented with a \$4000 check. (Please visit their website- they do more than distribute food.) After the ribbon cutting, came fun for adults and children! There was a giant wheel to spin. Prizes included great grocery bags, Frisbees, sun glasses and \$10 store gift certificates. Prior to the festivities I caught up with the great Arcadia Chamber Staff/ Members Karen Mac Nair, Carrie Barker, Matt Miyasaki, Jennifer Stone, David Lamb, Mike Vercillo and Tracy Pea. What a great ribbon cutting! See you at Grocery Outlet! I can't say enough about the quality and prices of their products!

The Dog Stories of Sierra Madre Search and Rescue

By Carolyn Grumm

Sierra Madre Search and Rescue's (SMSR) motto is "anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help." And by anyone we mean human, dog, donkey, mule, horse or bear. Yes, we've rescued them all, but the dogs we have rescued have a special place in our hearts.

Since the team started keeping records, in 2003, there have been 41 dog rescues. The Team has helped dogs that have been out with their lost owners, stranded in steep terrain, dangerously overheated, or simply exhausted.

Overheated Dogs

In the last couple of years SMSR has seen multiple overheated dogs on the Mount Wilson Trail. This trail has very little access to water or shade and is a dangerous place for a dog on a warm day. In these cases, rescuers responded with extra water, frozen water bottles and ice packs to begin cooling the dogs immediately and then transported the dogs off the mountain.

When considering taking your dog for a hike, remember that short snout breeds like pugs and Boston terriers are not great hikers. They are especially prone to exhaustion and overheating. If temperatures will be reaching 75! carefully consider how dark your dog's coat is and how much shade is on the trail. If temperatures will reach 80! it is best for your dog to stay home. When your dog does join you for a hike be sure you carry plenty of water for both of you.

Lost Dogs

Two dogs SMSR helped this summer spent an unexpected night out with their owner and a friend when the group got lost on a hike to Cooper Canyon Falls. A SMSR team was thrilled to find the group alive and well the next day, and hiked the women back to the trailhead giving the exhausted pups a ride for most of the hike

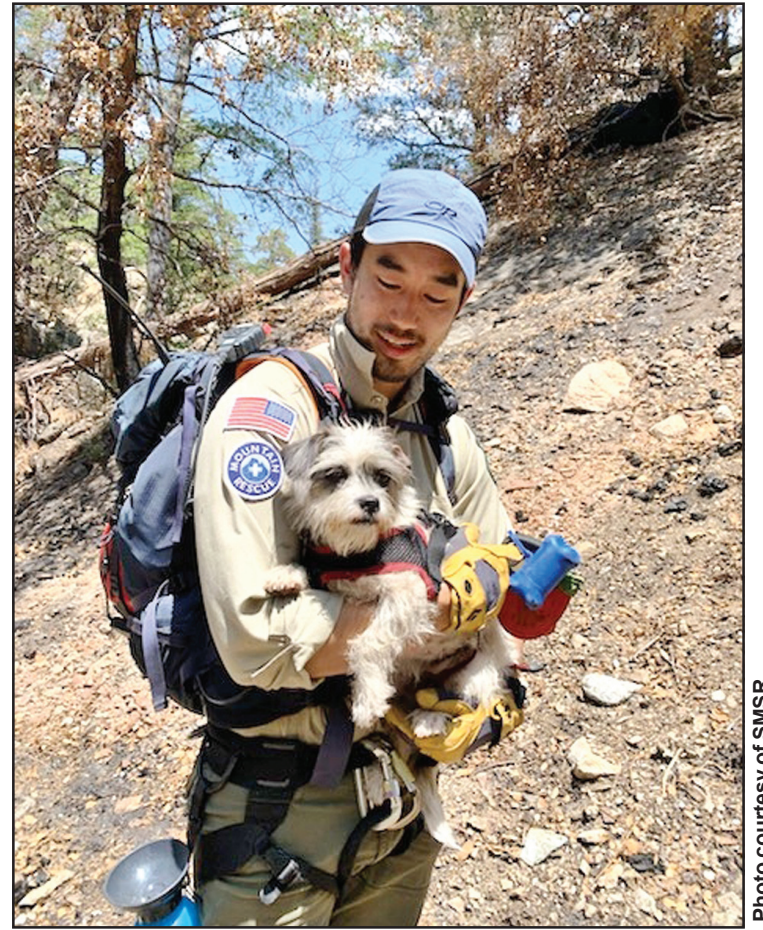


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out.

In 2019 one dog helped lead rescuers to their missing owner. On July 12 a 60 year camper and her dog went missing from the Grandview Campground near the Bristlecone Pine Forest. Teams from across California joined in the search and on day 4 of the search the dog was found, alive and well. This find caused search assignments to be shifted to the area, and later in the day the missing camper was located alive and well by a SMSR crew.

Stranded Dogs

Another dog helped lead SMSR to a new team member. In 2014 Bandit was out hiking with his owner, Michael Owens, when Bandit got stranded on a narrow ledge off trail. Our friends with the Montrose Search and Rescue Team, sent rescuers down on ropes to retrieve Bandit and hoist him back up to the trail. This was Owens' introduction to what mountain rescuers do, and shortly after Owens joined SMSR.

Behind every search, and each rescue that SMSR responds to

there is a story to be told. But the ones that involve dogs are especially memorable to our teammates. Although we are always ready to help any dog that needs it, we'd rather you be prepared when you are hiking with your dog so that we don't have to.

Know that dogs build physical fitness just like you. If your dog only takes walks around the block, they're not ready for a 14 mile trip to Mt. Wilson. Be cautious about putting them in a situation where they will overheat. Know that your dog will be safest on a leash.

Since 1951, the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has responded to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. SMSR also provides a range of wilderness safety programs. The Team never charges for any of these services, and is funded entirely by charitable donations. For more information, to donate, or to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.

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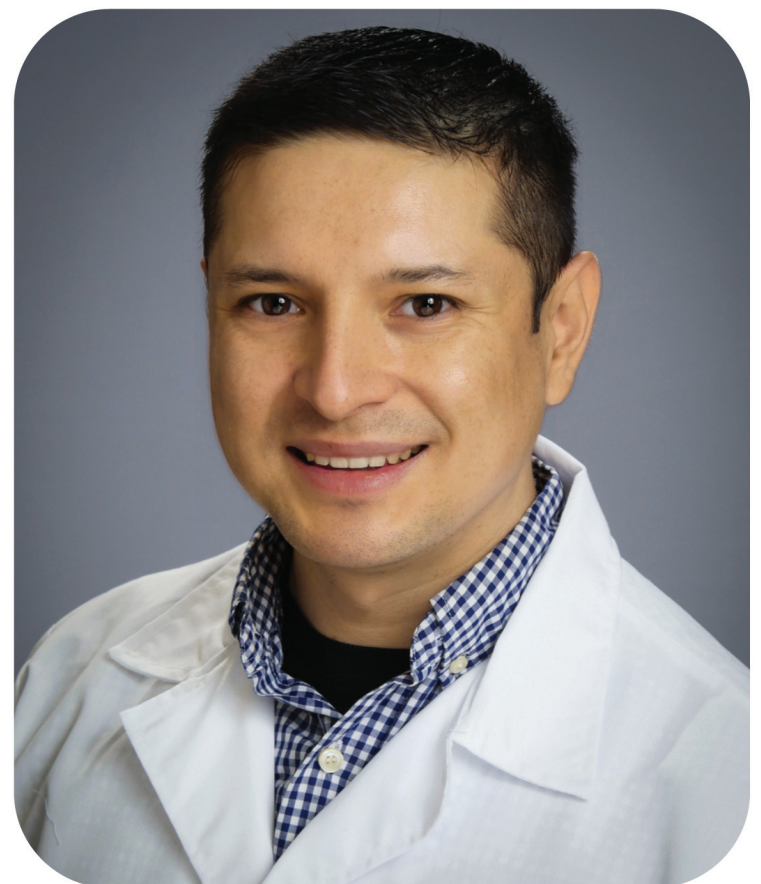


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