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Police Arrest Two Barricaded Suspects

By George Ogden

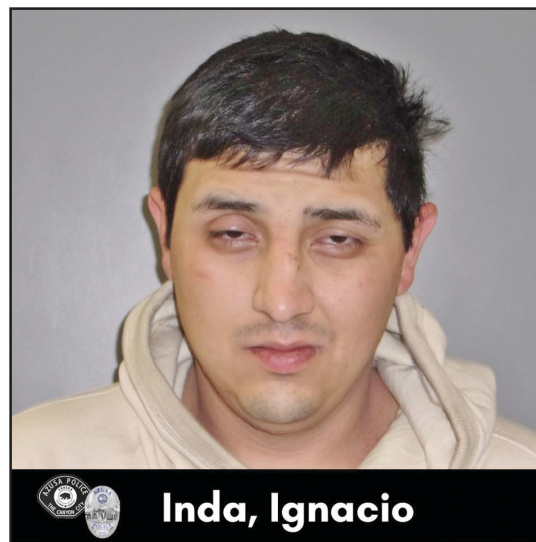
AZUSA - On January 6th, Azusa Police responded to a call to an apartment complex at 222 S. Azusa Avenue regarding a shooting which had just occurred. Once officers arrived, they found out that Ignacio Inda, 25, of Azusa, had approached a lone female and her four-year-old child in the apartment complex and proceeded to pick the child up. The female noticed Inda was in possession of a semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine in his sweatshirt pocket. It is not sure what exactly the relationship is between the two, but the woman didn't want Inda to take the child, but apparently he did.

Moments after picking up the child, Inda was confronted by Brandon Kirk, 26, of Azusa, and a physical altercation occurred. During the altercation is when the shooting incident happened. Nobody was injured in the shooting. Kirk and Inda fled the location of the incident on foot in different directions. Both live in the same apart-

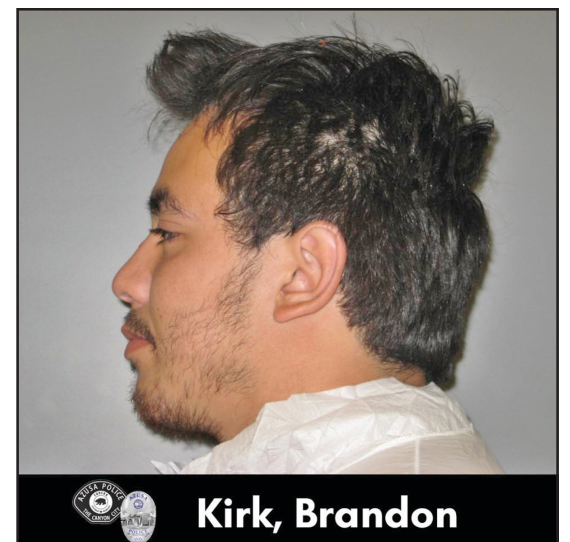
ment complex.

Azusa Police officers and detectives identified both Kirk and Inda's residences. They were both located inside the same complex but different apartments. Both Kirk and Inda barricaded themselves within their respective units. While authorities attempted to negotiate with Inda, he attempted to flee out the rear second story apartment window. Inda jumped from the window with an unregistered "ghost" semi-automatic handgun in his hand (Ghost weapons are usually guns without serial numbers). The officers did not shoot the suspect and were able to defuse the situation and Inda was taken into custody. The handgun was recovered and it was found to be loaded. Inda was charged with the weapons violation, kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon.

Hours later, suspect Kirk was detained outside his residence after briefly stepping outside. A search of Kirk's residence revealed an unregis-



Inda, Ignacio



Kirk, Brandon



Photos courtesy of the Azusa Police Dept.

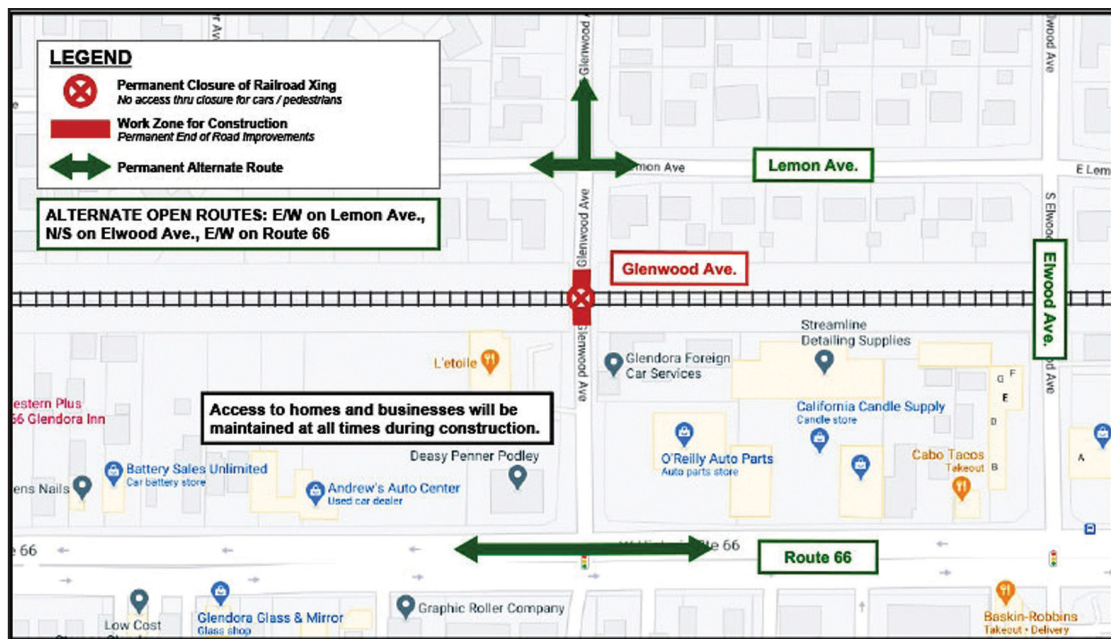
tered "ghost" AR-15 short barreled rifle, an unregistered "ghost" semi-automatic handgun, and narcotics. Kirk was subsequently arrested.

The child was not injured and was reunited with the mother once the suspect was taken into custody.

This is an ongoing investi-

gation. The Azusa Police Department encourages anyone with information regarding this incident to call 626-812-3200.

Glenwood Ave. in Glendora Will Be Permanently Closed At Railroad Crossing Starting January 18, 2021



GLENDORA - Crews will be permanently closing Glenwood Ave. and creating cul-de-sacs on both sides of the railroad crossing in the city of Glendora, as part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project. Construction crews will rebuild the existing roadway and add new curb, gutters, fencing, and soundwalls. The permanent closure is required by the California Public Utilities Commission to improve safety along the corridor. Following the permanent closures, crews will continue to build the project within the railroad corridor.

Starting January 18, 2021, Glenwood Ave. will be permanently closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing. Work will continue within the railroad corridor at Glenwood Ave.

- Crews will work daily 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday thru Saturday. NOTE: Occasional longer working hours may be needed (per the city's municipal code, which allows working hours: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM, 7 days a week).

- Glenwood Ave. will be fully and permanently closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing north of

Route 66 and south of Lemon Ave.

- Access to homes and businesses on Glenwood Ave. north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained during construction.

- Permanent closure signage will be placed on Glenwood Ave. to direct motorists and pedestrians. Please follow signage.

- Glenwood Ave. will be fully

closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Route 66 and Lemon Ave. 3 Elwood Ave. (northbound and southbound) will remain open to all traffic.

- Lemon Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

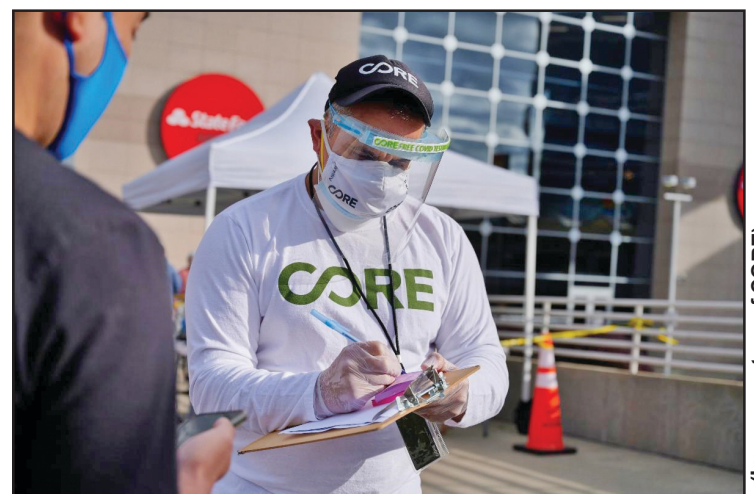
- Route 66 (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

COVID-19 Testing Site Opens in San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

SAN GABRIEL - To improve our region's COVID-19 testing capacity, the City of San Gabriel is partnering with Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) to offer free COVID-19 tests for San Gabriel residents and the San Gabriel Valley community. Testing will be held at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse at 320 South Mission Drive on January 19 to 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Working in coordination with Los Angeles County, CORE will provide a non-painful family-friendly, oral swab test through their mobile testing center. No ID or insurance is required and results will be given to participants within 48 hours via text or email.

"Given the surge in COVID-19 cases, it's crucial that we



(Image courtesy of CORE)

offer ample opportunity for our community to get tested," said San Gabriel Mayor Denise Menchaca. "We're very thankful to be working with CORE to provide a much-needed testing location for our region."

Appointments are highly encouraged and time slots will be

released on a staggered basis on [Curative.com/sites/17868](https://www.curative.com/sites/17868). Limited walk-in tests will also be accepted. Participants are instructed to not eat, drink, smoke, chew gum or to brush their teeth 20 minutes prior to the test to ensure a clear sample.

Beware of Vaccine Scams

It's a **SCAM** if someone offers to sell you the COVID-19 vaccine or a chance to get vaccinated before it's your turn.

FACTS:

- COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed in a fair and transparent way. Vaccine is only being offered to healthcare workers and people who live in long-term care facilities right now.
- COVID-19 vaccine will be given to Los Angeles County residents at no cost and regardless of immigration status.

covid19.lacounty.gov

ALL TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN LA COUNTY MUST QUARANTINE FOR 10 DAYS IN YOUR HOME OR YOUR LODGING ROOM. EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL SICK.

This is required by the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order.

For more information: ph.lacounty.gov/coronavirus

Smart Move: Speed Test Your Internet



These days, most families would agree, home Internet connectivity and reliable speed are more important than ever.

Think about it: How much longer will it take for the kids' new game to download? Do you have enough bandwidth for your 10 AM video conference? As more American households work, shop, learn, stream and game—often simultaneously—on multiple devices, making sure at-home Internet is reliable and speedy and uninterrupted is a must. The free Smart Move Internet Speed Test tool will track your Internet speed in real-time in seconds. You'll be able to determine what your current Internet speed means and what fits your needs, learn about common issues that may cause the Internet to slow down and dis-

cover simple ways to optimize your Internet speed. Get the speed test now at www.smartmove.us/speedtest.

Speed Test Tips

Things you should consider before running your speed test:

1. Internet speed changes throughout the day. Test your speed multiple times for clear results.
 2. Run the speed test in the same room and in clear sight of your router for the most accurate result.
 3. Complete downloads on all connected devices prior to running the test.
- How it Works**
The test finds your location and closest server. Next, it pings the server, measuring the round-trip response time and tests the time it takes to capture sample

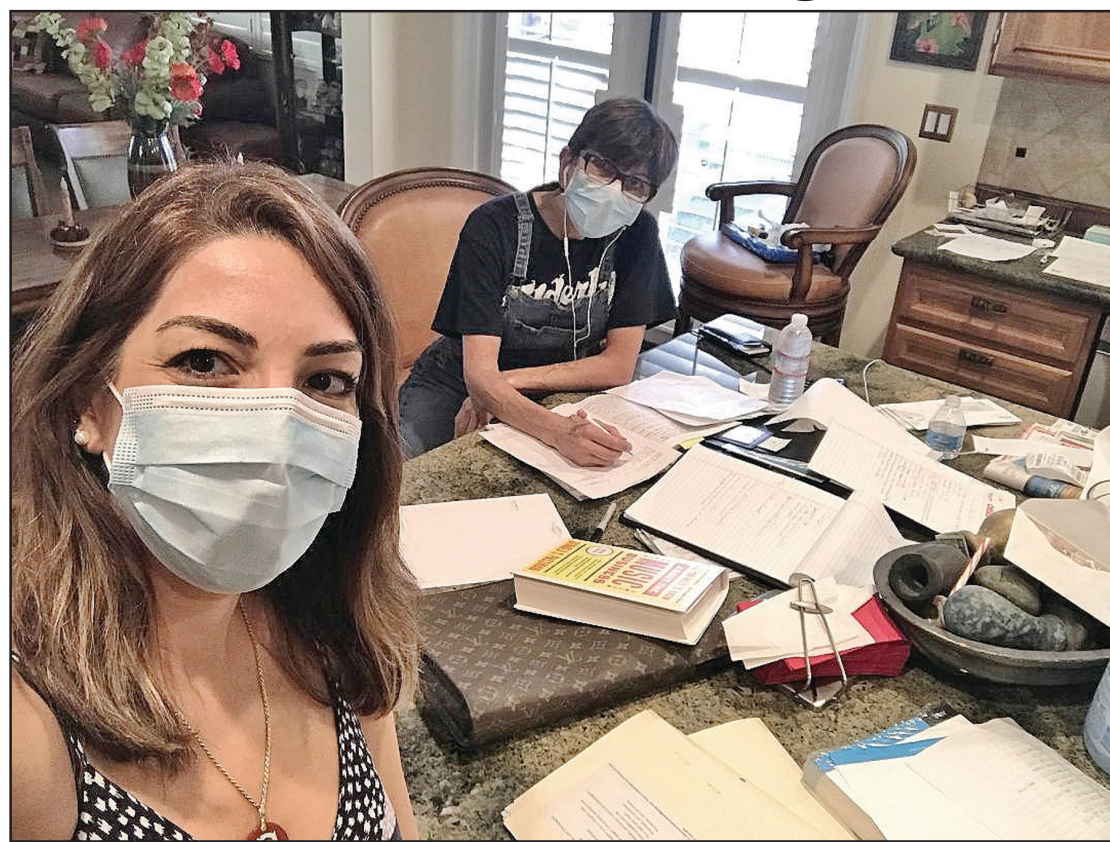
data and the network resources used in that capture. It will detect additional rooms and increases the number of open connections to download data, measuring how much your Internet connection can accomplish simultaneously (remember that 10 AM video conference and video game download speed we discussed earlier?). Finally, it processes your upload capacity, measuring the speed of data uploads from your Internet device to the test server.

Learn More

For further facts and to get the test, go to www.smartmove.us/speedtest. (NAPSI)

A fast, reliable Internet connection can make working, studying and enjoying themselves at home easier for your family.

Local Songwriter Raises Funds For Healthcare Heroes Through Music



Nathalie (left) helps Nancy before the song release.

By Jayam Rutnam

AZUSA - Nancy Kelel, a local resident of Azusa, is a songwriter and singer who is raising funds for our healthcare heroes through her music. Her new song project is called "Frontline Strong".

It was released on December 11, 2020 to Amazon Music, iTunes, Spotify, and others for purchase (for only \$1.29). A por-

tion of net proceeds will first be directed to "The Brave of Heart Fund" which supports the Frontline Heroes. Nathalie Esber, also from Azusa and a Realtor with Keller Williams, has taken it upon herself to promote the video on youtube and other social media.

Please watch the video (link below) in Nancy's own words

about how she came up with this song project.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_Tid5Y6P1k

This is the actual song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCml9tS7oaw>

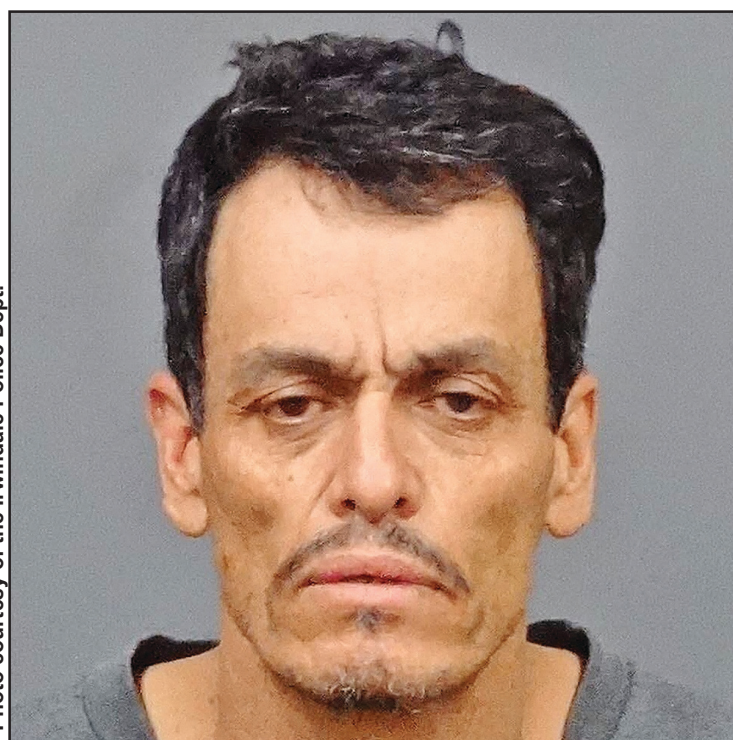
Here is the video with the lyrics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEteTC8ELv0>

DUI Driver Blocks Police Station Access Gate, Gets Arrested

IRWINDALE - In the early morning of January 6, Fermin Garcia Delatorre parked his white 1994 Chevrolet pick-up truck in the emergency entrance to the Irwindale Police Department's secured parking lot, blocking the access gate.

Seen on the station's security cameras, police officers were sent to investigate. They discovered the driver, Fermin Garcia Delatorre, a 50-year-old resident of El Monte, was not only driving around with a suspended driver's license, but was under the influence of drugs at the time.

Delatorre was arrested for DUI/Drugs and was booked at the jail. He was later released on a citation after a sobering up period. His truck was impounded.



Fermin Garcia Delatorre

Cases Of Canine Distemper Confirmed In LA County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County has confirmed several cases of canine distemper, which is caused by a virus and can infect dogs, raccoons, skunks, foxes, lions and tigers. Animals with Distemper tend to illustrate symptoms such as coughing, fever, discharge from the eyes and/or nose. It can also cause disorientation, tremors, twitches and seizures. Veterinarians can diag-

nose Distemper with blood and urine tests. While there is no treatment for distemper, there are several steps you can take to prevent it, including:

- Getting your dog vaccinated for distemper.
- Keeping your puppies inside and away from unfamiliar animals until they are vaccinated.
- Do not let your dog have direct contact with sick dogs, nor

share food or water bowls with them.

- Keeping your pet food and water indoors, away from wildlife to keep sick animals from contaminating the bowls with the virus.

Learn more about the virus and how to protect your pets here: PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Vet/Distemper.htm

City of Duarte
20th Annual
**Virtual Martin Luther King Jr.
Community Remembrance**

**Monday, January 18, 2021
1:00 P.M.**

We invite the entire community to view on the City's website: accessduarte.com, YouTube channel, and social media

While we are unable to gather for our annual MLK Jr. Remembrance day event, the City of Duarte is still committed to recognizing and honoring the legacy of Dr. King. This year's celebration will feature special presentations, guest speakers, and more.

*Please note: our ceremony will be prerecorded but available to view on the given date and time.

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- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

Call your provider if you are experiencing even mild illness. If you need a provider, you can call 2-1-1 and they can connect you to one.

For more information, visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus

Covina Police Partner With Public Safety Tech Company To Stop Crime

COVINA - The Covina Police Department announced on January 6, the implementation of a partnership with technology startup Flock Safety and the deployment of 20 Automated License Plate Reader cameras throughout the City. The ALPR cameras will provide technology solutions for Covina neighborhoods and surrounding communities to gather evidence like car descriptions and license plates to help investigate crimes.

The new cameras will replace outdated mobile ALPR cameras with a new state-of-the-art system. ALPR cameras leverage Vehicle Fingerprint technology, which identifies the details of any car that passes by it. That includes the make, vehicle type, color, license plate (full, partial, or missing), license plate state, and unique features like roof rack, trailer hitch, tinted windows, and more. Officers in the field will receive notification of stolen vehicles and other criminal activity involving wanted vehicles.

Flock Safety cameras are not used for facial recognition, traf-

fic enforcement or citations for broken tail lights or unpaid fines, and the data is not sold or shared with 3rd parties or entities like Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and repossession companies.

Covina Police can use the system for both proactive and reactive crime fighting. If they receive an alert, it will be for a stolen car, stolen license plate or a felony vehicle. The system can also be used to investigate crime. Data security and privacy concerns are protected through sound procedures to make sure that for every search is accompanied with a valid search reason, each hotlist alert is verified and confirmed, and that every search is done by authorized users, with systems in place for future audits. The footage is securely stored in the cloud and automatically deletes every 30 days on a rolling basis.

The Covina Police Department also believes that Flock Safety cameras will be useful in cases like Amber and Silver alerts, as Flock Safety cameras

have been responsible for solving several cases in other cities across the country.

Covina businesses and residents will also have the opportunity to partner with Flock Safety in order to have more evidence to stop property crimes and recover stolen vehicles.

These cameras are also being used by neighborhoods and police agencies in multiple California cities like Azusa, Walnut, San Dimas, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and areas throughout San Bernardino and Orange County. Today, Flock Safety cameras provide evidence for more than 400 police agencies to solve hundreds of crimes in 1,000 cities across the country.

"We are excited to be working with a community-focused police department like Covina," said Garrett Langley, CEO of Flock Safety. "Our goal has always been to eliminate nonviolent crime and we're glad to be able to help agencies like Covina to do so with crime-fighting, solutions based technology that they can leverage for community safety."

LACoFD's Patient Care Plan To Alleviate Hospital Surge

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) has implemented the Hospital EMS Surge Assistance Plan at local emergency departments that are experiencing challenges with patient overflow and ambulance turnover.

"This hospital surge plan allows our first responders to remain focused on our main priority: protecting and caring for residents," said Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby. "This ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is taking a toll on our communities which has created a heavy burden on our hospitals. We are all doing our part to ensure patients receive the best care possible."

Developed in cooperation with the Los Angeles County

Emergency Medical Services Agency, the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs, the Ambulance Association, and the Hospital Association of Southern California, the surge plan serves as a short-term stop gap. The surge plan consolidates patients with ambulance crews, so they can be observed and monitored which releases ambulances back into service as soon as possible.

"We are an all-hazard department and we respond to crises all over the world. Right now, the crisis is at home," said LACoFD Medical Director, Dr. Clayton Kazan. "We are here to support our hospital partners - and this plan will enable us to maintain our 9-1-1 response to our communities, despite the challenges and congestion in the emergency rooms."

Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Collaborate to Protect Californians from Unemployment Insurance Fraud

SACRAMENTO - The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in partnership with State's Districts Attorney's and the US Attorney's Office continue to investigate and remediate fraud within state and federal unemployment insurance programs. Under the guidance of this state level coordination group, new safeguards have already been put in place to protect Californians as ongoing investigations continue to move forward in a collaborative fashion.

Established on November 24, the state level coordination group on unemployment insurance fraud - which also includes participation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) among others - has worked closely with the California Employment Development Department (EDD) to employ new tools and bolster existing programs to strengthen its fraud detection methods. Changes include amplified fraud detection criteria as advised by Thompson Reuters, and a new data sharing system with the state prison system to stop any payments to incarcerat-

ed individuals.

"California is committed to making steady progress to swiftly identify and stop fraud that has occurred during the Pandemic within the unemployment benefits system. We thank our local, state and federal partners for their collaborative efforts to date, and we will continue to work in unison with them to protect Californians and to aggressively investigate and bring to justice those responsible for unemployment fraud" said Mark Ghilarducci, Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

"A fraud scheme of this magnitude, involving potentially billions of taxpayer dollars and thousands of fraudsters requires a united law enforcement approach. We have built a team of federal, state and local partners, and we are pleased and proud to work with them to investigate and prosecute the fraud arising out of the pandemic," said U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott. "We have already indicted multiple defendants, and a large number of cases are in the pipeline. The U.S. Attorney's Office and our part-

ners are committed to the mission of combatting fraud that abuses the provisions of the CARES Act."

The State level coordination taskforce was created at the Direction of Governor Gavin Newsom, who directed Cal OES to facilitate the joint efforts, with District Attorneys and the US Attorney's Office of multiple local, state and federal law enforcement entities to hold those responsible for PUA/UI accountable to fullest extent possible under the law.

The full list of organizations participating in this effort includes: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California District Attorneys Association, United States Department of Labor-Office of the Inspector General, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Secret Service (USSS), US Attorney's Office, United States Marshalls Service, Federal Bureau of Prisons, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Employee Development Department (EDD).

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Increase Continues; Businesses Reminded of Safety Measures to Protect Staff and Customers

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Because COVID-19 is spreading throughout L.A. County at an alarming acceleration, businesses are reminded they have a duty to protect employees, customers and residents from transmission of COVID-19 as much as possible and implement all safety measures in the business protocols that prevent COVID-19 transmission.

Public Health's compliance teams continue to visit businesses across the County every day and review public health protocols with business owners, identify deficiencies, and issue citations for businesses out of compliance. From December 6, 2020 through January 3, 2021 a total of 143 citations were issued to businesses including restaurants, gyms, personal care salons, hair salons/barbershops, places of worship, and shopping malls for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Since the end of August, a total of 526 citations

have been issued.

Businesses that are not adhering to safety protocols to protect workers and customers contribute to increased risk for COVID-19 spread. A list of non-compliant businesses that received citations can be found online.

To assist L.A. County businesses follow the required protocols and maintain their operations with as much safety as possible for their staff, customers, and visitors, Public Health encourages businesses to take advantage of the COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certification Program. The program provides business owners and employees the opportunity to take a free online training about COVID-19 infection control protocols and allows businesses to self-certify that they are fully implementing protocols in compliance with infection control and physical distancing requirements. To date, a total of 18,452 employees and

employers have completed the training.

"Our hearts go out to the families that are grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Everyone in L.A. County, businesses and residents, needs to follow the rules if there is any chance we can get out of this surge by the end of the month. Every day we report a large number of people newly infected with COVID-19, it is like a reset on the clock for when we can get back to our recovery journey. I implore everyone to stay home as much as possible. Shopping for anything except food and medicine and mingling with others are activities we all need to stop doing for the next few weeks as it increases risk. There are just too many people spreading the virus, too many people sick and hospitalized and each person that dies is one too many."

Los Angeles County Launches Free Technical Assistance Program To Help Businesses Navigate Their Way Through Economic Uncertainty

The BizHelp Program Prepares Businesses for Future Growth Through a Variety of Online Webinars

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has launched a new online resource to help businesses large and small navigate through economic uncertainty and prepare them for a post-COVID-19 economy. The BizHelp Program will offer support and resources via a series of online webinars starting January 12, 2021.

The BizHelp Program is available to all businesses in the County of Los Angeles and is offered free of charge. The LACDA has teamed up with three local technical assistance providers - Acelera Advisory Group,

Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment, and Vermont Slau-son Economic Development Corporation - to host webinars that will cover various topics such as tips for successfully securing financial resources, operating post COVID-19, understanding basics in accounting and bookkeeping, and improving credit for business owners. Registration is required to participate.

"Local small businesses in the County of Los Angeles continue to face obstacles when it comes to securing resources," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Su-

pervisor to the First District. "By lifting up this sector, we can spur innovation, bring back jobs, preserve community character, encourage development, and ensure generational prosperity. I urge our small business community to take advantage of the LACDA's new BizHelp Program which will provide technical assistance and offer support in navigating these uncertain times."

"The County is doing all it can to provide a variety of tools to businesses impacted by recent events. The BizHelp Program provides professional advice and guidance to prepare business owners to move their business forward and reach their future goals," said Emilio Salas, Executive Director, LACDA.

Registration is now open. Webinars begin on January 12, 2021. Businesses interested in participating or requiring further information can visit bizhelp.lacda.org.

Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExaminer@aol.com. We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.

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Supervisors Push Reopen Cal Now

Three supervisors, Sue Frost, Sacramento County, Jeff Hewitt, Riverside County, and Don Wagner, Orange County, got together this weekend in Rancho Murrieta to present a program they put together to present concerns about the health and well-being of their counties, as well as the entire state of California.

As I watch our Main Streets with small mom & pop shops being hit hard with these shut downs, the numbers two of the presenters provided, although not shocked, I still found distressing. Especially our hard-hit restaurants and salons.

We are all aware Gov. Newsom opens businesses up one day, announces another spike in virus cases and shuts things down again. The stress on the business owners and employees is real and many times you see the outbursts that let us know there is a breaking point. Justin Adams, PhD, Economics & Public Policy, told the group everyone expected there would be shutdowns until the virus could be controlled and a plan in place to get things safely reopened. But eight to nine months later, we are using the same model and there is no urgency to allow businesses, mostly small businesses, to open and stay open.

Adams showed the unemployment rate pre-virus at 3.9% and then the California rate spike to 16% when the virus hit, stay at home orders were issued and shut downs occurred. Large corporations and government agencies created the work from home paradigm and the numbers snapped back to 8.2% unemployment. But small businesses, particularly restaurants, still feel the pain.

John Kabateck representing National Federation of Independent Businesses, said his organization supports and lobbies for small businesses in California. Those small businesses are mainly the retail shops, restaura-



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora rants, service industry and construction. 4.1 million small businesses employ 14 million people with an average of 10 people each. If the economy doesn't improve and we don't open up in the next month or two, we will see 1 in 3 close their doors; and, overall, we will lose 20% to 30% by the end of the year.

Adams said a U.S. Census Survey said in the next 6 months:

- 37.6% of California small businesses will require additional financing - 7 percentage points above the national average.
- 6.3% surveyed expect to permanently close - 1.6 percentage points above the national average.
- Nov 2020, 1.5 million Californians are unemployed, an increase of 788,000 since Nov 2019.

Nov 2020, 598,000 Californians have left the labor force entirely since Nov 2019.

Chapman University put together a list of state mandates from Florida, Texas, New York, Illinois and California to show how these policies affect effect job growth. New York was at the top of the job loss list with California next and losing about 500,000 jobs because of state policies / mandates. Texas was shown to be the least restrictive and impactful.

With state policies opening and closing businesses, Adams said large business are doing okay

with revenue, but small businesses are getting hammered and down 30% with restaurant and entertainment industry down 62%. Credit card tracking reflects those numbers with card charges down 5% overall and restaurant charges down 62%.

Closures before Christmas particularly hurt those mom & pop shops that depend on that big spending time of the year to fill in the shortfalls during the year. 72% of small business have received federal PPP but 90% of that money has been spent and 52% of those small businesses need more cash flow.

It has been surprising state Policy makers and Newsom have not been pushing for reopening all businesses to provide the revenue to pay the bills and provide the needed services throughout the state.

Reported: California will have \$33.9 billion more in revenue than the July budget projections. California is looking good two years out Adams said.

AP News reported, "Gov. Newsom revealed the most expensive budget in state history - a \$227 billion spending plan highlighted by a \$15 billion one-time surplus." The budget plan indicates he will spend \$25 billion more than last year.

Sen. Melissa Melendez, not happy with Newsom's budget, said, "This budget provides no reopening plan nor the necessary relief for small businesses; it provides no successful roadmap to alleviate the growing housing, homelessness and mental health crises; and it provides no actionable help to the millions of school aged children who are falling behind academically".

Supervisor Dan Wagner commented on the virus containment plan saying Newsom and health leadership, not doctors, are using COVID for "picking the winners and losers, and losers have no voice in Sacramento."

Extra! Black Mob Storms Capitol

A mob sporting BLM flags invaded the Capitol yesterday, breaking windows and doors to gain access to the House and the Senate chambers, the Rotunda and congressional offices. It appears that they had been summoned to Washington from around the nation by black revolutionaries.

President Trump calling the mob's activities "sedition", vowed to quickly put down this violation of the greatness that is America. Sedition is defined as 'conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against the authority of a state.' By mid-morning the demonstration had become violent, overwhelming the Capitol police who had not been prepared for such an eventuality. In a nationwide TV address, the President said that as Commander in Chief, it was his duty to restore order, and do whatever was necessary to end the insurrection.

"I am calling for the military to respond immediately. Anyone caught invading the Capitol will



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be shot on sight, and those supporting this illegal action will be arrested." (why should the reaction be different if the insurrection was almost entirely committed by white people?)

By noon a bus caravan had brought several thousand heavily armed riot-clad troops to Capitol Hill. Within two hours it is reported that as many as 200 Black activists had been shot and hundreds of others had been arrested and taken to the DC jail awaiting processing on criminal

charges. "We will never tolerate this revolutionary disrespect," proclaimed the President. "These are not honest patriots--they are thugs." By mid-afternoon order had been restored and the nation's business resumed.

Later in the day the President held an abbreviated news conference during which he vowed to find who had incited this mob to violence. "Whoever was behind this treachery should be apprehended and severely dealt with. America can never again be dishonored."

Maybe that's not exactly what happened.

Nevertheless, we agree that whoever was behind the insurrection that did indeed take place, must be hunted down, arrested, tried and removed from the national scene.

SOMEBODY GIVE THE PRESIDENT A MIRROR.

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Abraham Lincoln Predicted This, Americas Death By Suicide

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

On January 27, 1837 Abraham Lincoln addressed a group of young men at a venue known as the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield Illinois. The topic was; "The perpetuation of our political institutions". If one reads Lincoln's speech one will be astounded at the difference in the way ideas were presented then verses the accepted speech of today. In his address, he presented a topic that I find that I now too must consider. The topic was the destruction of our beloved - at least by patriots, beloved - Sovereign Republic by political suicide.

In that speech Lincoln said: *"Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years. At what point, then, is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, If it ever reach us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time, or die by suicide."*

I ask you, isn't this Nation committing suicide by allowing a blatantly fraudulent election to be perpetrated upon itself? Rigged voting machines were undoubtedly used to secure the victory of the Socialist Democrat Party candidates. Even here in this area, if one examines the results of this past election one finds an inconsistency. Republicans voted almost unanimously for Republican Candidates yet a significant number appeared to have voted for Biden. I wonder how this could happen. The simple an-

swer is that Los Angeles County used SmartMatic voting systems to perform the counting of ballots. Enough Said!

The riots of the past year were condoned by the "leaders" (self-proclaimed leaders) of the Socialist Democrat Party. These leaders encouraged looting and burning of innocent peoples businesses. Nothing was said, when innocent black shop owners and a retired black police officer were killed by these marauding thugs. Kamala Harris raised funds to bail these 'mostly peaceful protesters' out of jail. Aided by the Main Stream Media and the social media, (MSM) the cover-up was perpetrated.

By comparison, when patriots assembled in Washington D. C. in support of president Trump these same Democrats and the MSM called these peaceful assemblies riots. Trump told the people to go to the capitol and peacefully demonstrate their support for the Republicans calling for contesting the November vote. Some of those gathered decided to invade the Capitol Building. New evidence shows unequivocally that the group that stormed the Capitol Building was infiltrated by ANTIFA and Black Lives Matter sycophants. Now the MSM is calling for Trump's head. Nancy Pelosi is leading a charge to once again try to impeach Trump or force the Trump Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment. She knows full well that these moves are nothing but a blatant grandstanding attempt to create such a cloud over Donald Trump's head that he could never again try to run for President. Mike Pence has committed political Seppuku.

Recently, the Washington Post published an article comparing the recent patriotic demonstrations in Washington D. C. to the Nazi uprising of Adolph Hitler. How ridiculous. My suggestion is: if you are on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube or

almost any other social media - get off. Parler is a better alternative. Stop supporting globalist companies like Walmart. These companies are major supporters of the Socialist Globalists of the Democrat Party. If you subscribe to the New York Times or the Washington Post, cancel your subscription. Money and power are always behind these organizations motivations, not the welfare of the people. Stop supporting organizations, including schools that promote Socialist ideals. One cannot kill a serpent by cutting off the tail.

We are witness to the suicide of this Nation by the Socialists in the Democrat Party supported by the MSM and the Republicans in Name Only (RINOs) in Congress. Identify, and primary out the RINOs. We must unite and fight back by any legal means possible. Our Nation and the future of our progeny are forfeit if we do nothing.

Control of the media, rigged elections, suppression of free speech and gun control, are the tools of despots and dictators. Tyranny is at our doorsteps. The complacent masses have been beguiled into believing Socialism is great. The Democrat Gestapo will soon be demanding to see your COVID - 19 papers.

'Bad government is what good people get when they become complacent'
Aristotle

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MY TURN: It was "High Noon" for Donald Trump

Quite often, my interest in old movies has revealed to me many films from several decades ago that reflect and even imitate events happening today. The last two weeks of Trump's controversial first, and apparently only, term, have reflected quite closely on one such film from the past.

We have all seen the Gary Cooper film, "High Noon." Cooper plays Will Kane, the sheriff of a New Mexico town who is retiring and settling down somewhere else with his bride Amy, played by Grace Kelly. Prior to his departure he hears that one of his old outlaw enemies has been released from prison and is coming to town seeking revenge. His new wife and the townspeople encourage him to get out of town. But Kane feels an obligation to protect the town one more time. Frustration mounts as he tries to recruit people to help him against the gang that is gathering at the railroad station. Some townsfolk have "too many other commitments," while some say they will help if others are recruited. When just one deputy is confirmed, that deputy gets cold feet and bails out. And even more folks don't have an interest in helping him at all, because times had been more profitable when the town was "wide open."

Finally, in the end, when the clock strikes "high noon," Kane faces the challenge alone. The people hide in their homes, the local saloon and the church. It is after all, Sunday. Kane fortunately and eventually, shoots the bad guys, his only help coming from Amy, who decided to leave alone but changed her mind, not wanting to abandon her new husband. Amy finds a gun, and in spite of her Quaker background, shoots one of the bad guys.



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The last scene in "High Noon" is the all-important reflection of what happened to "Sheriff" Trump on January 6th. Will Kane stands in the middle of the street when the folks bring the wagon with Amy sitting there and the luggage stored. Now the folks are friendly but Kane gives them a cold stare. Saying nothing, he takes his badge off and tosses it in the dirt, stepping on it. He gets in the wagon and they ride off into the sunset.

On what now appears for all intents and purposes to be President Donald Trump's last day in office, January 6th, Trump finds himself a man alone. He tried to fight the swamp but much of the swamp denizens are enjoying way too much profit for this man to disrupt it with his inconvenient law and order. Other denizens of this town talked about having his back but got cold feet when they said, much like Kane's townspeople said, "we didn't sign up for this." In the end, Trump only has his family who he can really depend upon, even if members of his family, like Grace Kelly's Amy, have to experience things they never planned on. The ambitions falsely supported, the bravery revealed to be shallow, and the loyalty nonexistent that Will Kane experienced from his

so-called friends, many of whom he had helped considerably along the way, left the Sheriff and a certain President with a feeling of disappointment.

The vindictiveness of his enemies in the Democrat party are still numerous. They seek impeachment once again, hoping that can disqualify him from running again. At least, Kane's enemies would face him straight up, guns in hand, rather than hiding behind a cloak of "decency" and a suggestion of outrage at the behavior and the actions of the President. A President that provided leadership over folks that, like with Kane's townspeople, did all right for themselves while he was sheriff. And he, the sheriff, took all the risks.

I wouldn't blame President Trump, if he removed his POTUS badge and just threw it in the dirt. It became a cheap piece of tin in a world that rewards certain people for little accomplishments and a world that ignores the efforts to do right when it isn't fashionable. Throw the badge in the dirt, and ride off into the sunset. He did more for people than they ever appreciated. Besides, some other sheriff, now a puppet at best, will come along and treat that badge like it is silver. Maybe even thirty pieces of silver.



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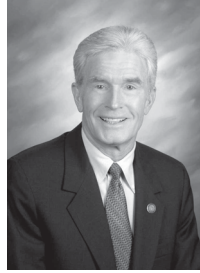
The Continuing COVID Problem

Entering 2020 many of us were ecstatic, believing the new year would be much better than 2019. While last year started with an incredibly bullish January, China's COVID-19 dramatically changed everything. The world faced its worst pandemic in at least 50 years. March brought almost insurmountable fear and darkness. Stocks fell drastically as COVID altered the fabric of our lives. Many millions of people worldwide were infected, as millions died with or because of COVID-19. Millions of jobs were also lost.

Recent holidays accelerated the spread of COVID, and may have contributed to vaccination delays. One result was a return to hospital capacity issues across the lower half of the US from California to Georgia. Outbreaks in rural northern states were more contained; but, the Great Lakes and New England states (with the exception of Wisconsin and Maine) have been experiencing new cases. For those who hoped COVID would go away with the turn of the calendar, it did not happen.

Most states are still looking for their own ways to mitigate this coronavirus problem. Efforts to prioritize vaccines by any means other than for front-line medical status and older age are backfiring. Distributing the vaccines is complicated without added restrictions. In NYC, for instance, once healthcare workers are inoculated, Mayor deBlasio decided to prioritize vaccines by neighborhood rather than by age, as recommended by the CDC. As a result, it is taking longer to

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get organized and it is more difficult to check eligibility. No thanks to stale data - NYC is prioritizing neighborhoods where COVID was bad previously, not where it seems to be worst now.

Other states and cities have different problems. A significant number of healthcare workers in Ohio refused to be vaccinated. In Puerto Rico, the vaccines arrived just after all the healthcare workers who will administer it went home for Christmas. The pandemic appears to also be triggering a reset in USA workers. Widespread layoffs sometimes were followed by limited rehiring of veteran employees (who could be replaced with new, younger employees willing to work for considerably less). As a result, this pandemic is triggering a reset in the U.S. labor pool.

The world has changed, maybe permanently, for millions of once-office goers. Technology is eliminating the need for on location workers in many offices and other businesses. As a result, employment costs may remain lower than in the past. Profits for many, if not most, S&P companies are likely to explode higher in the second half of 2021 (assuming the pandemic is fully

eradicated as Trump "warp-speed" vaccines eventually fulfill America's needs). The vaccination process should accelerate during the first quarter of 2021. President Trump's stimulus bill also provided needed funding.

My personal observation is that the analyst community has been living in a foxhole for most of 2020. Both the second and third quarter results for S&P 500 revenues and earnings have handily exceeded consensus estimates. For the fourth quarter (2020) and Q1 of 2021, there remains guarded optimism about earnings prospects due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, and probably related deaths. However, data both here and abroad is less than reassuring that healthier, more normal times are safely just around the corner.

Despite the USA losing our most business-friendly President ever, 2021 is still expected by many to improve over 2020! We should be healthier, the Trump Warp Speed vaccines should be successful, and a return to a more normal life is very much anticipated. Thank you, President Trump for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (known as Cares)! That plus your administration's Paycheck Protection Program and Operation Warp Speed helped to minimize the extensive damage related to this ongoing Wuhan coronavirus.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Are home loan interest rates going to go up in 2021?

Probably, but rates are good right now. (Check BankRate.com) When the Feds raise the rate that they charge banks for money, interest rates for mortgages, credit cards, and other loans will go up. Whether the Feds hold the rates, or raise the rates, depends on government statistics and other factors that affect the economy. One factor is inflation. The unexplainable 'mystery' of our current economy is that we should be seeing inflation, but we aren't.

Why was half the cost of my \$100,000 group term life insurance policy through work added to my income on my W2?

Only the cost of the first \$50,000 of group term life insurance is considered a tax-free fringe benefit. Additional bad news: The IRS uses its own table to determine the cost of group term life insurance. This frequently is higher than the actual amount being paid by the employer, resulting in a higher "phantom" income on your W2. Consider accepting your employer's \$50,000 "free" coverage and looking into purchasing your own life insurance policy outside the company. If you were to lose or leave your job, you'd need your own coverage anyway.

I got a bonus in December and just cashed the check in January. Can I claim it as income in 2021?

No. You'll need to claim it as income received in 2020 because that's when your employer paid you. In the future, if you antici-



Julia Yoder

pate a bonus next December, talk to your boss to see if other arrangements can be made. Beware that, in some cases, unless you specify, some employers do not subtract withholding taxes when they issue bonus checks.

The stock market has been doing great! How long will this last?

Yes, it has been doing great, and, sorry, but nobody knows how long this will last. We all know that the stock market is risky, and that a crash can happen suddenly. Go online and get the big picture by looking at a chart that covers 5 to 10 years of the stock market ups and downs. Financial professionals advise: Buy low. Sell high. Regardless of whether you have time to ride out the lows, or if you are nearing retirement, you should investigate diversifying the types of investments you are using to reach your goals. Don't limit yourself to only investing in the stock market and CDs. There are other good places to invest like fixed or fixed-index annuities, and fixed-index universal life insurance.

I have some money that I'd

like to pass on to my beneficiaries. What do you suggest?

It really depends on what's suitable for your individual situation. If you qualify, look into a paid-up life insurance policy. That way, upon your death, your beneficiaries could receive the money income tax free. If you use the right kind of life insurance policy, you could have access to those funds during your lifetime - just in case your plans change. If you don't want, or don't qualify for life insurance, look at a fixed, or equity-indexed annuity. You could have access to the funds in your lifetime, and choose between methods for your beneficiaries to receive their inheritance via a lump sum, or a gradual payout over five or more years.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Car Batteries and New Technology

I was talking to someone from out of state the other day, and they had just bought a new SUV. One weekend, their vehicle just would not start when they were at a store. They called their son to come and jump the battery and it started right up. The same thing happened a few days later. The son suggested they go to a parts store next door and have them check it. The parts store employee happily tested it and informed them that they had a bad battery. They said it does happen, even in a new vehicle. They also said that unfortunately, they could not put a new one in as it was hard to get to, and the vehicle would have to be reprogrammed; something they could not do at this time.

What??
New technology is great, but it can have its drawbacks. Today's electrical systems in vehicles are extraordinarily complex and trying to jump the battery can, in fact, be dangerous, depending on the car. If correct procedures and tools are not used, it can also cost a lot of money to repair.

Replacing a car battery used to be one of the least expensive repairs in all vehicles. This is not the case today as once the new battery is put in on some cars, it must then have the computer reset.

If you are in the market for a new vehicle, it is a good idea to ask about this, so you will not be surprised, as this couple was, when things go wrong. The good news is that we, and many other repair shops, can test, replace, and recalibrate your car's battery. You can expect a battery to last three to

five years, depending on how you drive and the weather elements you drive in. There is actually a date on all battery cases as well. We suggest having it tested whenever you come in for service.

Do not be afraid of technology, just know that it does change how repairs are done. It is not just a matter of replacing parts these days, it also involves recalibrations of the complex computer in cars. We always say, we are now driving a computer on wheels!

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family members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, housing application fees, and like in order to prevent homelessness.

This program is only available for Arcadia residents only. For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at Union Station Homeless Services at 626.734.3971, edeurmeier@unionstationhs.org or Sara Somogyi, at the City of Arcadia at 626.821.4369 or ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov.

City of Monterey Park Offering Grants up to \$1,000 to Restaurants for Food Delivery & Pick-up Costs

MONTEREY PARK - A critical concern for any restaurant is how to generate revenue during the shutdown restrictions forced by the pandemic. While customers are staying at home, promoting online takeout and delivery orders offers a lucrative income stream that works for all types of restaurants and not just fast food places.

Online ordering, phone apps and other restaurant technologies make it easier than ever to increase a restaurant's sales of carryout and/or delivery items. Owners can easily increase business with carryout and delivery services, and they often work in a complementary way with outdoor and indoor dining room activities when things go back to normal.

However, there are some challenges to consider. Many

restaurants are realizing that they're taking a loss on every order through the delivery apps, so those orders don't make economic sense. Beyond the fees, many restaurants said they felt that some delivery app companies weren't good partners.

Effective January 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021, the City of Monterey Park COVID-19 Restaurant Delivery Assistance Program will reimburse restaurants up to \$1,000 for food delivery and pick-up costs when using either one or all of the following four online delivery companies: Chowbus, DoorDash Storefront, Fantuan Delivery, and Hungry Panda.

In addition, Chowbus, DoorDash Storefront, Fantuan Delivery, and Hungry Panda are offering special discounted pricing, multi-language on-

boarding, and training for all Monterey Park restaurants participating in the program.

To be eligible for reimbursement and special discount pricing, the restaurant must be located in the City of Monterey Park and must be enrolled in the program. However, enrollment is limited to the first 120 restaurants on a first-come, first-serve basis, so businesses should act quickly and apply for enrollment now. Other restrictions apply.

The efforts businesses make to promote online delivery and carryout can more likely help restaurants come out of the pandemic on stronger footing.

To apply or for more information, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/econdev or call the Economic Development Department at 626-307-1385.

US SBA Offers Restaurants, Hotels Larger Loans from 2nd Round of PPP

The latest round of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) allows restaurants that can show a 25% decline or more in gross receipts to apply for loans up to 3.5 times their monthly payroll costs

January 11, marks the start of the US Paycheck Protection Program's latest round, which will begin distributing loans to restaurants and other small businesses that are first-time recipients. Lending will expand to previous borrowers applying for a second PPP loan. The \$284 billion fund is expected to distribute loans through March 31, 2021.

In the key change of the PPP-2, as the new round is being called, hotels and restaurants can apply for a loan up to 3.5 times their monthly payroll costs if they can show their gross receipts dropped by 25%


or more, year-over-year, for at least one quarter in 2020. Under last year's version, they could only apply for up to 2.5 times their costs.

Other types of businesses can apply for PPP-2 if they can show the same 25% drop in gross receipts, but they're limited to the 2.5 times payroll amount. The new PPP-2 also allows businesses that received a loan under the first round to

take a second draw.

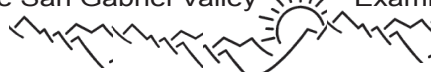
This new funding brings a glimmer of hope for restaurants that have been able to survive months of ever-changing COVID-19 regulations and their impact on outdoor and indoor dining.

For more information and to apply for PPP-2, please visit the US Small Business Administration (SBA) PPP webpage at www.sba.gov/ppp.



Beware of Vaccine Scams

It's a SCAM if someone offers to sell you the COVID-19 vaccine or a chance to get vaccinated before it's your turn.



Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Remembrances

By Joe Castillo

A Week to Remember...

Less than one week after the pages of the calendar turned to 2021, it still seems like the dark shadow of 2020 hangs over us. On Wednesday, January 6th, a large group of misled, misguided and missing everything else extremists rioted through the United States Capital building, threatened police and congressmen within the building, damaged and stole items and furniture located in the building, and created an overall environment of fear and destruction. Five people were killed but it could have been a whole lot worse especially with the both branches of Congress in session.

Construction of the building started in 1793 and the Capital Building had not been attacked since 1814 when British troops seized the US Capital and burned it as part of the War of 1812. When I took my kids to Washington DC, I took them to the steps of the building and explained the importance of what happened inside the Capital. The building is the most recognizable of all Washington structures and has long been a symbol of American democracy but the insurgents who took over the building on Wednesday didn't care about the building's importance to America, it's history and its special place in the world and instead acted with malice and impudence with its dangerous and damaging actions. It was one of the saddest, difficult and most disappointing days in American history, another Day of Infamy.

The City of Los Angeles also

lost two of its most recognizable people, Tom LaBonge and Tommy Lasorda, during the week. LaBonge was known as Mr. Los Angeles, a former Los Angeles City Councilman, who had so much enthusiasm and energy for the people of Los Angeles which he represented that he could turn a rainy day into a clear and sunny postcard day. His attitude was infectious and his effect on people was as positive as any one is in all levels of government. I once attended an event in which he was the primary speaker and as a last-minute presenter I took the podium after his speech. Prior to the start of the event, we had shared an entertaining conversation, a surprise as I had never met him before. During his speech, he had the crowd laughing, cheering and excited, and by the time I took the stage, the crowd was primed for whatever I was going to say next. The energy he instilled within the crowd carried over to my speech and as a speaker we feed off the energy of the crowd. Everything went well and I felt good about the speech. Tom LaBonge was the first person who greeted me as I concluded my speech and of course his handshake had the same energy as his just completed speech.

Also, this past week, Mr. Dodger, Tommy Lasorda passed away. The gregarious, rotund, motivating and wise-cracking Hall-of-Fame manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Lasorda would talk to anyone about anything from baseball, to food, to Los Angeles. His love was for the Dodgers, whom he worked for 71 years, was a player, coach, man-

ager and advisor. He was unofficially Baseball's Ambassador, and wherever he went people came to see and hear him talk about baseball and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He won two World Series Championships, managed for 20 years, was the face, energy, symbol, heart and soul of the team in the 1970's and 1980's. It was his quote that when he bled, he would bleed Dodger Blue, and when he died to would go to the big Dodger in the sky. I once met Tommy on the field prior to a Dodger game when the Dodgers were taking batting practice. When I was first introduced to him, it looked like he was going to rip my head off but I soon realized that I was interrupting his favorite time on the field, watching batting practice. We shook hands, I asked a question, and he answered it for the next 20 minutes. We talked like we had known each other for all our life, and at the end of the conversation he invited me back anytime to continue the topic. The one thing I took from that meeting was that he much nicer in person than he displayed when he was a manager on the field but his enthusiasm for the Dodgers was greater than I had imagined.

A building, a councilman and a manager, all with a positive influence on the country and the City of Los Angeles, all worth remembering.....

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The Peaceful Protest in Washington That Turned Into an Unruly Mob

It is a sad day when people who are having a peaceful gathering turn into a mob and overrun the Capitol Building. When all of this took place, Trump supporters had gathered on the lawn in front of the White House where the president was set to speak at 11 a.m., a smaller group had congregated by the Capitol around 9 a.m. Although there is no definitive dialogue by the President to over-run and break into the White House, his accolades to his supporters certainly seemed to encourage a move to the Capitol Building. The peaceful group headed down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol Building where soon it became an unruly mob. The mob of demonstrators ended up rushing the building to disrupt the certification of the presidential election.

The police planned only for a rally and a free speech demonstration. Well this went bad as the crowd became more unruly and ended up breaking into the Capitol Building pushing back the police who tried to keep them out.

Many feel that this was an extremely violent riot... compared to what? The peaceful demonstrations that we have seen all across the country with beatings of police officers, police cars being burned, looting, buildings being burned, graffiti all over and smashing every window in sight and much more. Many in the political arena called these peaceful demonstrations. Yeah, right. These were flat out riots.

Well we didn't see this from this mob. They were certainly unruly to the point where they started committing crimes. They caused the death of one police officer in my opinion. Officer Brian Sicknick, while in a confrontation with the crowd was struck in the head with a fire extinguisher that was thrown. It caused a gash in his head. He



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

collapsed after returning to his division office and may have had stroke or cardiac arrest because of the events that took place. He was rushed to the hospital and sadly he passed.

A woman was fatally shot by a US Capitol Police employee as the mob tried to force its way toward the House Chamber where members of Congress were sheltering. Authorities identified her as Ashli Babbitt, a 35-year-old who flew in from San Diego for the rally. She was an Air Force Veteran. They were trying breach the security area and were breaking down the doors inside the building when she tried to jump through a broken window next to the doors. She was shot and she fell back. Authorities attempted first aid, but they were compromised by the mob trying to take pictures and videos of her bleeding to death on the floor. She died from her injuries.

I'm sorry, but what the hell was this woman thinking? It is sad, but she chose to do what she was doing, now she is dead. Three other people died of apparent medical emergencies.

The mob vandalized the building and assaulted police officers. Richard Barnett, an Arkansas man who was shown in a widely seen photo sitting in Pelosi's office with his boots on the desk, has been arrested. Also charged was a West Virginia state lawmaker who posted videos online showing himself pushing his way in-

side the Capitol, fist bumping with a police officer and then milling around the Rotunda. The lawmaker, Derrick Evans, was arrested by the FBI at his home on Friday and charged with entering restricted federal property. Jacob Anthony Chansley, 32, more commonly known as Jake Angeli or that horned freak with a painted face has been arrested. Adam Johnson, 36, of Parrish, Florida, was arrested Friday night on a federal warrant and was being held Saturday without bail in Pinellas County, Florida. Johnson, married father of five was quickly identified on social media as the man who is smiling as he walked through the Capitol rotunda carrying Pelosi's stolen lectern.

Police seized five guns and arrested at least 13 people that day. Many people took tokens from the melee inside the building, but however you look at it, they stole items that was not theirs.

This entire fiasco ended up with 2 people dead and if you want to count the 3 with the health issues, then you have 5. If they thought they were helping Trump, they are horribly mistaken. They ended up with death and destruction. I have no idea why Trump did not step in sooner to try and put a stop to this mess. We are lucky this wasn't in a full-blown riot where there would've been graffiti and fire everywhere and many more deaths. Those people that entered the capital building, what the hell were they thinking? Is this what we have to look forward to? Everything from veterans to lawmakers were out of control. That lawmaker, Derrick Evans turned in his resignation. That mob turned this into a vicious party that did nothing for their cause but make themselves look bad.

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Ask And You Shall Receive

By Ed Torres

QUESTION: When should I remove my Christmas tree and holiday decorations?

ANSWER: Some people remove everything the evening of Christmas Day or the next day... Overall, it is a personal matter, but some remove natural trees quite soon because they become dry and might be a fire hazard... On the other hand, some worshippers of "Western Christianity" wait until after January 6 because that day is the date of one of their major religious events.

QUESTION: Is it reality, that the majority of Americans now see themselves as victims?

ANSWER: Sorry to say that, yes, it appears that the majority in America is now comprised of individuals and politicians who have found that by promoting "victimhood", all "victims" of different types can unite and thereby gain political power.

QUESTION: Am I obligated to send back money to charities that along with a plea for financial contributions, they send me items, such as caps and shirts?

ANSWER: No, you're not obligated.

QUESTION: Why is it that yearly many Americans fall be-

low the middle class economic level they once traditionally occupied.

ANSWER: Because these people often unthinkingly agree, to their detriment, to vote for politicians who tax the middle class more and more so that others below can reach the proverbial middle class, while these unthinking voters in turn "fall" from the middle class level.

QUESTION: Are most politicians at all political levels hypocrites who say and do whatever will get them re-elected?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Why is it that American state run universities continually enroll significant numbers of foreign students into specialized fields, as well as overall, and consequently limit greatly the enrollment of American students?

ANSWER: It could be because universities individually receive more tuition monies from foreign students than from Americans.

QUESTION: Are employees at American educational institutions doing less work for full pay during the Corona Virus shut-down?

ANSWER: In general, it sure seems like it, but more

specifically, in some cases employees in some categories nowadays are doing more work, while in other categories of employees they are "coasting" and doing much less.

QUESTION: Most people I encounter on the road do not acknowledge with a "thank you wave" when I allow them "to merge" in traffic, or thank me when I step aside while walking on the sidewalk - are we becoming more rude as a society?

ANSWER: An emphatic, YES. Seemingly we are overall becoming more unmannerly, but individually we all should not regress by responding in a similar manner.

QUESTION: Many people in the national news media say that whatever ideas they assert cannot be wrong because those are "personal" opinions - are they correct?

ANSWER: No... Opinions CAN be wrong.

QUESTION: In 2021, will the press continue to mix news reporting with editorializing and thereby confuse unthinking readers.

ANSWER: Yes, that is a certainty.

Comments to the writer can be sent via honnod1@yahoo.com

Jewish Federation To Hold Every Person Has A Name To Serve As A Reminder Of What Can Happen If Hate Goes Unchecked

MONROVIA - Beginning on Saturday, January 23 at 7pm through Sunday, January 24 at 8pm, the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys will be holding its annual Every Person Has a Name to commemorate UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Normally this event takes place on the steps of Pasadena City Hall, however due to COVID this year's commemoration will take place virtually.

The program will begin with a commemoration ceremony at 7:00pm and it will feature remarks from elected officials, including Congressman Adam Schiff, Congresswoman Judy Chu, LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Assemblymembers Chris Holden and Blanca Rubio, a couple additional dignitaries, local clergy, and a special

performance by the Jewish Federation's Jewish Youth Orchestra.

Immediately following the ceremony, the program will transition into the reading of the names of people who perished during the Holocaust. Holocaust survivors and children of Holocaust survivors from around the community will begin by reading the names of their family members who were murdered during the Holocaust, and then will be followed by volunteers from throughout the community reading names.

"With every passing day, we are losing survivors. And when they die, so too do their stories. My concern is that their memories will be dying as well," explains Jason Moss, Jewish Federation's Executive Director. "This event was too important not to hold it due to COVID-restrictions so we conceived of a way to do it virtually. And we are adding a few additional aspects to this year's event, including video vignettes of Holocaust survi-

vors." Moss continues, "An event such as this is not just a reminder of what can happen when hatred goes unchecked, but also allows the community to come together and to remember that each person that was killed was someone who lived and whose life was cut short. While our readers and those who listen may not know the people they are reading the names of, by listen as the names are read aloud... they are remembered."

The entire event will be streamed live on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jewishsgpv). Volunteers are still needed to read names during 30-minute blocks, especially between 1:00am - 5:30am. People can sign up by visiting the Jewish Federation's website (www.jewishsgpv.org) or by calling 626.445.0810.

For more information about this event, please contact the Jewish Federation at 626.445.0810 or by sending an email to federation@jewishsgpv.org.

Virtual Presentations

ARCADIA - The Recreation and Community Services Department, Senior Services Division is offering two free informative virtual presentations in January. On January 19 at 12pm, Dr. Jay Inuma from Arcadia Methodist Hospital will discuss the function of sleep; sleep apnea, insomnia solutions, as well as sleep and mental illness. On January 26 at 10am, California Telephone Access will provide you with information on making it easier to hear, dial and make calls. There are cellphone amplifiers to make

your cell phone louder. No landline, no problem!

If you are interested in learning about these programs but do not have a computer there is a dial-in option. All individuals must pre-register by calling Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 at least one day prior to the presentation. We will be requesting you to provide an email address if you have one. For more information, please call the Senior Services Office at 626.574.5130.

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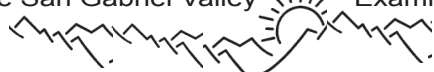
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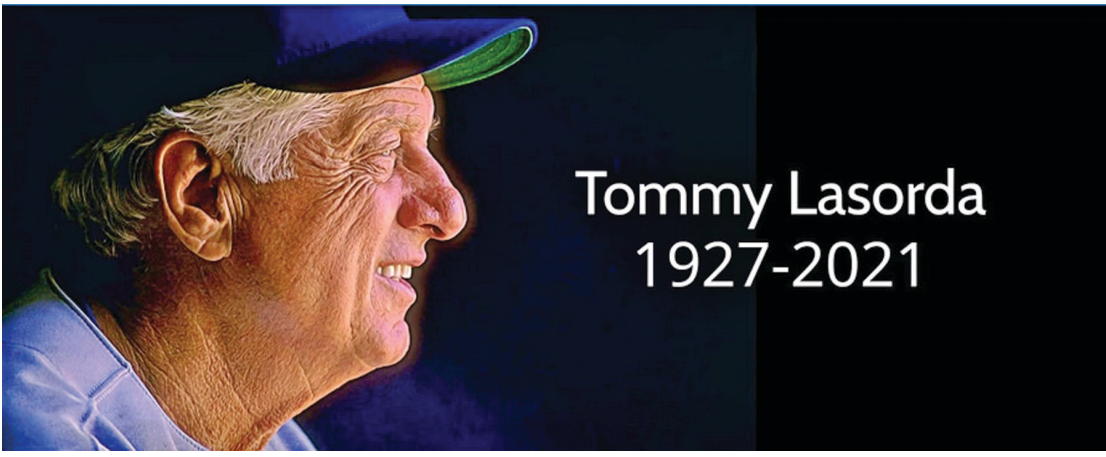
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Dodgers Mourn Passing Of Tommy Lasorda



LOS ANGELES – Hall of Fame Dodgers’ manager Tommy Lasorda, who spent seven decades in the Dodger organization and became one of the most memorable personalities in baseball history, passed away Thursday night the team announced. He was 93.

Lasorda suffered a sudden cardiopulmonary arrest at his home at 10:09 p.m. He was transported to the hospital with resuscitation in progress. He was pronounced dead at 10:57 p.m.

Regarded by many as baseball’s most popular ambassador, Lasorda spent 71 seasons in the Dodger organization with Dodger Blue running through his veins. He spent the last 14 as special advisor to the chairman.

Lasorda’s wish to see another Dodgers World Championship was fulfilled last October, when he traveled to Arlington, Texas to witness the Dodgers 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 6

of the World Series. “My family, my partners and I were blessed to have spent a lot of time with Tommy,” said Mark Walter, Dodgers owner and Chairman. “He was a great ambassador for the team and baseball, a mentor to players and coaches, he always had time for an autograph and a story for his many fans and he was a good friend. He will be dearly missed.”

“In a franchise that has celebrated such great legends of the game, no one who wore the uniform embodied the Dodger spirit as much as Tommy Lasorda,” Dodger president and CEO Stan Kasten said. “A tireless spokesman for baseball, his dedication to the sport and the team he loved was unmatched. He was a champion who at critical moments seemingly willed his teams to victory. The Dodgers and their fans will miss him terribly. Tommy is quite simply irreplaceable and unforgettable.”

“There are two things about

Tommy I will always remember,” former Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully said. “The first is his boundless enthusiasm. Tommy would get up in the morning full of beans and maintain that as long as he was with anybody else.

“The other was his determination. He was a fellow with limited ability and he pushed himself to be a very good Triple-A pitcher. He never quite had that something extra that makes a major leaguer, but it wasn’t because he didn’t try. Those are some of the things: his competitive spirit, his determination, and above all, this boundless energy and self-belief. His heart was bigger than his talent and there were no foul lines for his enthusiasm.”

Thomas Charles Lasorda was born Sept. 22, 1927 in Norristown, PA.

Lasorda is survived by his wife of 70 years, Jo, who he married on April 14, 1950, their daughter, Laura, and granddaughter Emily Tess.

Remembering Two Great Ladies: Sandra Hutchens and Sarah Flores

By Joan Schmidt

Recently, the News announced the passing of former Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens at age 66. Hutchens was Orange County’s first female Sheriff and was appointed in 2008 after the resignation of Sheriff Mike Carona; she won the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Election in both 2010 and 2014. After taking the reins as Orange County Sheriff during a turbulent time in their history, she proved to be a stabilizing force at the Department and remained proud of her work developing the Sheriff’s Interfaith Advisory Council, “It really brought the faith communities together-and the Orange County GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership), which is a success.”

What annoyed me was very few news reports mentioned that Hutchens was with Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, 30+ years! Her career began in 1976 when she graduated from LASD Training Academy. Assignments included Sybil Brand Institute, Lynwood Station and Metro Bureau. After promotion to Sergeant in 1986, she worked at Sybil Brand, Temple Station, Field I Operations and Office of the Undersheriff. 1994 brought a promotion to Lieutenant and work again at Sybil Brand, and Norwalk Station as Watch Commander and Operations Lieutenant. After July 1999’s promotion to Captain, Hutchens became Norwalk Station’s Commander. In 2001, she promoted to Commander and was assigned to Field Operations Region 3. Hutchens retired in 2008 as a LASD Division Chief.

Hutchens never changed- always the same friendly, modest lady. I saw her prior to the Swearing-in of John Scott as Los Angeles County Interim Sheriff after Lee Baca resigned. Scott was Hutchens’ Undersheriff in Orange County and she quipped, “He’s just on loan to LASD.”

After learning of Hutchens’ untimely passing, I learned of Sarah Flores death. Sarah died on December 3, from complications of COVID. Sarah was a dear lady, who was Supervisor Mike



Sandra Hutchens with the author



Sarah Flores and Mike Anotonovich

Anonovich’ Senior Deputy for many years. Mike was very saddened by her death. He shared these memories of Sarah, who was a year ahead of him at John Marshall High School. “Sarah was extremely close to Monsignor Felix Deomartrich at St. Anthony’s Croatian Catholic Church who was her mentor. Sarah would have been a superb Supervisor because of her experience and knowledge. She had values, backbone, and the integrity to represent her district. She served as my Senior Deputy for the San Gabriel Valley and never stopped fighting to restore the San Gabriel’s Cross on the County Seal. She was engaged in the Fifth District’s Town Councils and a superb mentor to my high school and college interns.”

Back in 1992, when LASD

deputies were being shot at, two community meetings were held at Maxwell School. Temple Station Commander Bob Mirabella came and also Sarah Flores representing Supervisor Antonovich. Sarah encouraged Maurice Wyre from Pamela Park to speak of Acton’s Town Council-how and why it formed. Sarah also pushed for our first Special Assignment Deputy to the MAD area. There is not enough space to recall all Sarah and Supervisor Antonovich did for our area-but here are a few highlights: formation of the Town Council, participation in Habitat for Humanity project in Duarte, annual March Against Drugs and Gangs, and just being available to answer any questions/concerns any time of day. Sarah, we will never forget you and all your support and assistance.

Missing West Covina Man's Remains Found in Arizona Desert

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA / ARIZONA - Authorities have stated that the body of Shane Michael Rollman, 31, has been found in an Arizona wash last week. He was last seen Sept. 12, in West Covina and reported missing to West Covina police.

Police stated that neither his ATM card nor credit card had been used in Arizona. Police were able to get GPS on his car and were able to trace the car to a rest area in Arizona. They didn't know why Rollman would be in Arizona.

The Department of Public Safety in Yavapai County was contacted, which found Rollman’s BMW Sept. 23, 2020 at the McGuireville rest area on I-17 near Rimrock, Arizona, north of Phoenix and south of Flagstaff, officials said. Authorities searched for Rollman but didn’t find any sign of him.

A Press Release from the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office stated that on Jan. 1st, a hiker discovered human remains in a small wash near Dry Beaver Creek. Deputies recovered the remains on Jan. 2 and



Shane Michael Rollman

turned the body over to the Yavapai County Medical Examiner’s Office. The body was found a little more than 2.5 miles from where Rollman’s vehicle was found. The Medical Examiner’s Office has not

determined the cause of death. The investigation into his death is continuing.

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USFS Extends Developed Campground Closures on Twelve National Forests

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has decided to extend the developed campground closure on 12 National Forests in California to provide consistent COVID-19 mitigation response in accordance with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s Stay-at-Home Orders. These Regional Orders will be in effect through January 29, 2021.

The closed campgrounds on National Forests are in California’s Greater Sacramento, Southern, and San Joaquin zones, including Angeles NF, Cleveland NF, Eldorado NF, Inyo NF, Los Padres NF, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Plumas NF, San Bernardino NF, Sequoia NF, Sierra NF, Stanislaus NF, and the Tahoe NF. Day use of National Forests will remain open for the health and welfare of Californians. We urge



all visitors to follow CDC guidelines to recreate responsibly and check with your local National Forests before visiting.

“This order extension will protect visitors and our employees by reducing exposure to COVID-19 and mitigating the further burden on limited healthcare facilities,” said Randy Moore, Regional Forester of the USDA Forest Service’s Pacific Southwest Region.

Regional Orders 21-1, 21-2, and 21-3 are linked within. The Pacific Southwest Region’s

eighteen National Forests align with the state of California’s zones as follows:

Southern – San Bernardino, Los Padres, Cleveland, Angeles, Inyo National Forests Northern – Mendocino, Modoc, Six Rivers, Shasta-Trinity, Klamath, Lassen National Forests San Joaquin - Stanislaus, Sierra, Sequoia National Forests Greater Sacramento - Eldorado, Tahoe, Plumas National Forests, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU).

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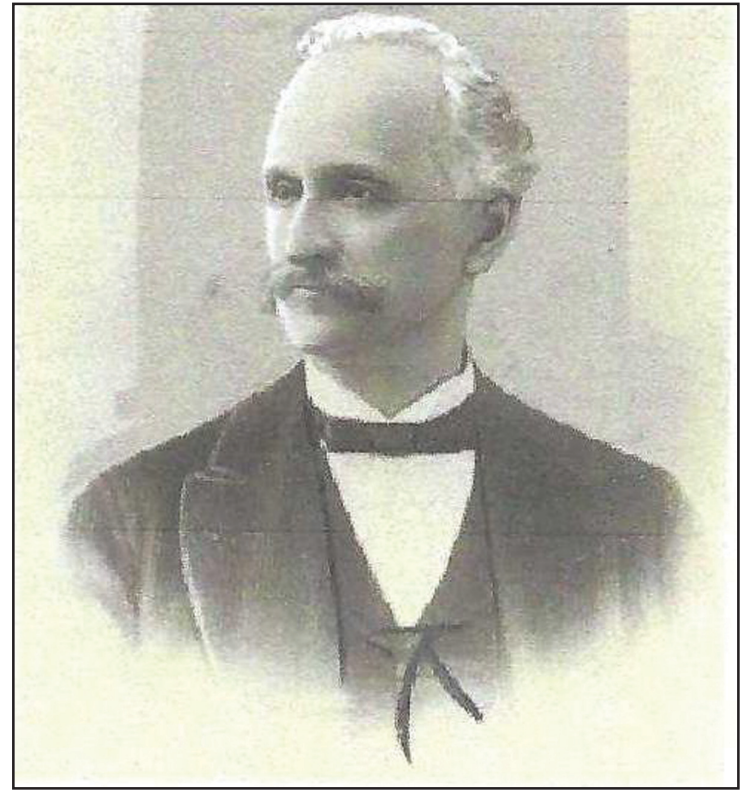
West Covina in the 1800's



William Workman – circa 1860



John Rowland – circa 1860



E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin - circa 1870

Pre – 1800
The earliest recorded history of West Covina dates to 1771 when the Franciscan monks from Spain established their mission in San Gabriel. They claimed West Covina as part of the Spanish state. At that time West Covina was the domain of a large contingent of Native American Indians later called Gabriellanos. They were very peaceful and not nomadic. They lived primarily in the area around today's Eastland Shopping Center. This area was near Walnut Creek and high enough in altitude to avoid the spring run-off floods. The Native Americans fished and harvested berries and seeds from

the lush valley vegetation. They were known to be excellent basket makers. The monks introduced the natives to Christianity and taught them agricultural and building skills.

Mexican Independence & Land Grants

In 1810 Mexico claimed independence from Spain and claimed title to California. Mexican governors began to offer land grants to persons who could develop the land, employ natives, and protect it from invaders and thieves. In 1842 John Rowland and William Workman came from Taos, New Mexico and applied for a land grant from the Mexican Governor, Juan Bautista

Alvarado. For \$1000 in gold, the new reigning Mexican Governor, Don Pio Pico, in 1845 granted title of 49,000 acres to Rowland and Workman. They brought families, workers, and equipment from Taos. Upon arriving they were stunned to find that the land was covered with Sagebrush, Cactus, Walnut trees, and giant Sunflowers.

The land grant covered what is now La Puente, Industry, West Covina, Baldwin Park, Covina, and Azusa. West Covina was the biggest land mass. Workman and Rowland planted some wheat and leased some of their land to new settlers who started moving to the

area. Since West Covina flooded almost every year, cattle ranching was the major use of West Covina land in the latter half of the 1800's.

West Covina's First Business and Settlers – 1865

In 1865, the first known settler to West Covina, Adolf Goldsmith, established a home and stagecoach stop at what is now the intersection of Vincent

and San Bernardino Road. The stop doubled as a Grange Hall for meetings of the few farmers who had settled here. Other than Goldsmith, no names of settlers are known except that some unnamed cattle ranchers and wheat growers had settled in West Covina in the 1800's. To the east in what is now Covina Hills, grape vineyards were grown. The name "Covina" is the derivative of "cove of vines".

Lucky Baldwin Acquires West Covina – 1876

In 1876 E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin acquired all of West Covina through a series of

mortgage foreclosures. He made his fortune in the legendary Comstock silver mine. He was apparently somewhat disappointed in West Covina since it was too arid and dry during most of the year and flooded in the spring. Few ranchers or farmers wanted to settle in West Covina. In about 1903, however, Max and Robert Dancer succeeded in digging a water well at about the corner of Merced and Orange. This made it possible to irrigate crops, so West Covina became a hot real estate bargain. Baldwin plotted and quickly began to sell off West Covina for about \$175 an acre. Famous names like Hurst and Maxson began to flock to West Covina. A water well and irrigation ushered in a new West Covina at the turn of the century.

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