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# Newsom Signs Housing and Homelessness Funding Package as Part of \$100 Billion California Comeback Plan

\$12 billion investment over two years to tackle homelessness, the largest in state history, focuses on behavioral health housing and solutions to tent encampments

SEBASTOPOL — At a Homekey site in Sebastopol, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the largest funding and reform package for housing and homelessness in California history as part of the \$100 billion California Comeback Plan. The package includes \$10.3 billion for affordable housing and \$12 billion over two years towards tackling the homelessness crisis head-on — helping tens of thousands of people off the streets while also demanding greater accountability and more urgency from local governments.

The new homelessness funding includes \$5.8 billion to add 42,000 new housing units through Homekey — a national model for homeless housing. \$3 billion of this investment is dedicated to housing for people with the most acute behavioral and physical health needs. Governor Newsom's investment is the biggest expansion in decades in terms of clinically enhanced behavioral health housing in California.

"I don't think homelessness can be solved — I know homelessness can be solved," said Governor Newsom. "We are



Governor Newsom signs housing and homelessness package at Homekey site in Sebastopol

going all-in with innovative solutions that we know work — with a focus on creating housing to support people with severe mental health challenges, and with more money than ever to move people out of encampments and into safer situations. With record investments tied to strong accountability and efficiency mea-

asures, California will continue to build on the groundbreaking success of Homekey, changing the lives of tens of thousands of Californians for the better and supporting communities across the state."

AB 140, also includes \$2 billion in aid to counties, large cities and Continuums of Care through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant program (HHAP). To qualify, recipients must follow strict accountability measures and submit a local homelessness action plan that includes quantifiable, data-driven goals that jurisdictions must commit to meeting.

### \$10.3 Billion Affordable Housing Package

• \$850 million incentivizing

infill development and smart growth

• \$800 million to preserve the state's affordable housing stock

• \$100 million promoting affordable homeownership

• Additional funding to scale up the state's efforts to create more Accessory Dwelling Units, build more housing on state-owned excess land and invest in farmworker housing

### \$12 Billion Over Two Years to Confront Homelessness Crisis

• \$5.8 billion for Homekey over two years, creating more than 42,000 new homeless housing units

• \$2.75 billion for the Department of Housing and Community Development

• \$3 billion for the Health and Human Services Agency to create clinically enriched behavioral health housing and funding for the renovation and acquisition of Board and Care Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly.

• \$2 billion in HHAP grants over two years with strong, new accountability requirements for local governments

• \$1.75 billion to unlock up to 7,200 units of housing in the pipeline for extremely low-income families and people exiting homelessness

• \$150 million to stabilize participants in Project Roomkey hotels

• \$50.6 million for encampment resolution efforts

• \$45 million for services and housing for homeless veterans

In addition to these investments addressing homelessness and housing affordability, the California Comeback Plan includes \$1.1 billion to clean up the streets of California by partnering with local governments to pick up trash and beautify downtowns, freeways and neighborhoods across California. The program is expected to generate up to 11,000 jobs over three years.

Governor Newsom's California Comeback Plan seizes this once-in-a-lifetime moment to address long-standing challenges by taking on threats to our state's future and ensuring every California family — regardless of their race or zip code — can thrive.

# Senator Susan Rubio Secures \$3 Million for Historic Covina Center for the Performing Arts

SACRAMENTO - Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) announced that the 2021-22 state budget includes \$3 million to help the historic Covina Center for the Performing Arts continue its mission after a devastating year.

"The pandemic has devastated the Covina Center for the Performing Arts, a historic arts space, so I'm delighted that I was able to secure \$3 million in critical funding to preserve its cultural impact," Senator Rubio said. "The performing arts are often an important vehicle for the voiceless to educate and enlighten the wider community, and the Center's mission to being a positive, active influence to the next generation of artists in the City of Covina and San Gabriel Valley is an important contribution that needs to continue."

"The City of Covina would like to thank Senator Rubio for her continued efforts to preserve



The Covina Center for the Performing Arts, formerly known as the Covina Valley Playhouse, at 104 North Citrus Avenue in downtown Covina, is owned and operated by a private party.

first opened its doors in 1920 and has become a cultural hub for the City and now the San Gabriel Valley," said Mayor pro Tem Patricia Cortez. "I'm especially grateful because this funding will relieve stress on our general fund and allow us to expand our city's programs and services that enhance the quality of life for our residents. We look forward to building off the significant work completed by the venue's current owners and serving as stewards for the performing arts community."

"When I called Senator Rubio about this project, she didn't hesitate to work on the funding to maintain an iconic building that

# LACoFD Hosts Virtual 2021 Valor Awards Ceremony

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Since 1923, the LA County Fire Department has provided crucial life and fire protection services to the residents of Los Angeles County. The Fire Department's rich history of service and impeccable leadership deserves commendation and appreciation, as does the exceptional courage and heroism it demonstrates through its actions each and every day.

After postponing last year's Valor Awards, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) will host this year's ceremony virtually on Thursday, July 22 to recognize extraordinary members of the Department and Good Samaritans for their exceptional heroism and exemplary

service.

Generously presented by the LA County Fire Foundation and its many sponsors, this year's 2021 Valor Awards show will celebrate honorees in the following categories: Special Recognition, Exemplary Service Award, Letter of Commendation, Certificate of Merit, Unit Citation, Certificate of Valor, and, finally, the Medal of Valor.

As the highest honor of all, a Medal of Valor will be bestowed upon four individuals who were involved in three different life-saving incidents:

CLIFF SAVE: In 2019, Fire Fighters Jennifer Teer and Katherine Whitby used every ounce of skill and courage to save someone's life as they clung onto

the edge of a cliff.

SWIFTWATER RESCUE: In 2019, Fire Fighter Henry Diaz exemplified bravery and true professionalism to ensure no one got left behind during a dangerous operation.

TRAPPED COUPLE: In 2020, Fire Fighter Jeffrey Darnay raced into a burning home to find and rescue an elderly couple who had been trapped inside.

This year, ABC7 News Anchor Marc Brown will serve as the master of ceremonies, sharing extraordinary stories of bravery, selflessness, and dedication to service.

The virtual ceremony can be viewed online at [www.SupportLACountyFire.org/Valor](http://www.SupportLACountyFire.org/Valor).

# COVID-19 Hospitalizations Rate Increases in L.A. County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is reporting a significant increase in the number of people hospitalized each day for COVID-19 illness. There are 528 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized; last Monday, there were 372 people hospitalized and on June 15, there were 218 people hospitalized. Unfortunately, because cases increased 700% since June 15, we are now beginning to see corresponding increases in hospitalizations.

Test positivity increased 10-fold from the 0.4% on June 15, to Monday's test positivity rate of 4.1%.

Due to the significant increased circulation of the more infectious Delta variant, the intermingling of unmasked individuals where vaccination status is unknown, and the risks to the almost 4 million people in L.A. County who have not been or are not eligible to be vaccinated, including 1.3 million children under 12 years of age, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order was modified to require masking for everyone while indoors, regardless of vaccination status to prevent increased COVID-19 spread.

Masking for everyone while indoors, regardless of vaccination status, went in to effect on Saturday at 11:59 p.m. in all indoor public places, venues, gatherings, and businesses (including offices, retail, restaurants, gyms, theaters, family entertainment

centers, meetings, and state and local government offices serving the public). Standard exceptions apply for children under the age of two, for those with certain medical conditions or disabilities that prevent masking, and for those whose job doesn't permit masking.

Public Health is working closely with worksites and businesses so that they have the tools needed to ensure that their employees and customers are adhering to the indoor masking requirement. Public Health inspectors continue to visit sites regularly to address questions and concern, ensure compliance with Cal/OSHA standards and the Health Officer Order, and also respond to complaints of non-compliance. Public Health utilizes education and information sharing as the primary step in gaining compliance. When compliance is not achieved at worksites and businesses, enforcement may include issuance of a notice of violation or a citation.

Violations of safety requirements and dangerous conditions can be reported anonymously to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

Public Health has confirmed 1,233 new cases of COVID-19. Of the two new deaths reported Monday, one person that passed away was over the age of 80 and one person who passed was between the ages of 65 and 79. The number of cases and deaths like-

ly reflect reporting delays over the weekend. To date, Public Health identified 1,269,090 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,585 deaths. Testing results are available for more than 7,182,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive.

"To everyone who have lost someone to COVID-19, our hearts and our deepest condolences go out to you," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "L.A. County continues to see alarming trends of increased community spread. The spread of the more infectious Delta variant through intermingling of unmasked individuals where vaccination status is unknown has caused a rapid spread of COVID-19 that is resulting in a significant increase in cases and hospitalizations. By wearing masks indoors at public places and worksites, we can get back to slowing the spread of the virus. Many businesses and worksites are doing their part by posting signs and asking employees and customers to mask up while indoors. Please do your part and cooperate. If you are not yet vaccinated, please know that we need you to take extra precautions. Since vaccines remain the most powerful tool for reducing spread, now is the time to get your vaccine. We need to bring down transmission rates so that when schools open next month, there is much less risk."

# CHP Cadet Class Graduates . . . Finally!

**SACRAMENTO**—The long-awaited graduation of California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cadet Training Class I-20 took place on Friday, July 16 at the CHP Academy. The CHP's 119 newest officers (18 women and 101 men) received their badges following a swearing-in ceremony 75 weeks after their training began.

Traditionally, cadet training at the CHP Academy takes place over 29 weeks. However, a little more than a month after arriving at the academy on February 10, 2020, safety precautions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic led to the closure of the live-in training facility in West Sacramento. While away from the academy, cadets were assigned to CHP Area offices throughout the state to observe a wide variety of activities and tasks uniformed officers routinely perform, enhancing the knowledge they had gained in the classroom. Cadets also participated in online learning for the first time.

"To say these cadets have been well-trained would be an understatement," CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray said. "Today's graduates persevered through



**CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray swore in 119 new CHP officers during graduation at the CHP Academy July 16.**

challenging circumstances over a lengthy period of time, demonstrating their commitment to serving the people of California."



Photos courtesy of the CHP.

**More than a year after arriving at the CHP Academy for training, the 119 members of Cadet Training Class I-20 were sworn in July 16 as officers. Photo courtesy of the California Highway Patrol.**

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism and ethics, and cultural diversity. Cadets also receive instruction on mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques. The training also covers vehicle patrol, accident investigation, first aid, and the apprehension of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management, and knowledge of various codes including the California Vehicle Code, Penal Code, and Health and Safety Code.

Upon graduation, these uniquely trained cadets will be reporting for duty to CHP Area offices throughout the state.

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## City of Arcadia Seeking Volunteers For Charter Review Committee

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia is seeking volunteers for an ad-hoc Charter Review Committee. A city's Charter is a document that defines the organization, its powers, functions, and essential procedures. Arcadia's Charter was last reviewed and updated in 1998.

The Charter Review Committee will likely meet twice a month for a term of no more than 6 months with the purpose of reviewing and updating the City's Charter for 21st century governance standards, and will review

a wide range of topics including but not limited to: municipal elections, hiring practices, revenue enhancements, design immunity, and other legal protections.

To serve on the Charter Review Committee, applicants must be 18 years or older, a registered voter, and a resident of the City of Arcadia. Anyone with an interest in serving may obtain an application for appointment by visiting the City's website at [ArcadiaCA.gov/service](http://ArcadiaCA.gov/service). Applications must be mailed to the City Clerk's Office on or before the

close of business on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Interviews with the City Council are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, with appointments being made on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 574-5455 or email Deputy City Clerk Rachele Arellano at [rarellano@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:rarellano@ArcadiaCA.gov) if you have any questions about the Charter Review Committee or the application process.



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# Delta Variant and Unmasked Intermingling Cause COVID-19 Cases to Increase Four-Fold Since 4th of July

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Nearly two weeks after the Fourth of July holiday and one month after the June 15 reopening, transmission of COVID-19 in L.A. County has rapidly increased to very concerning levels. This is due to the presence of the more infectious Delta variant and the intermingling of unmasked individuals where vaccination status is unknown.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirmed 1,827 new cases of COVID-19; a four-fold increase from the 457 cases seen on July 4 and an eight-fold increase from the 210 cases seen on June 15.

July 17's daily test positivity rate is 3.7%. On July 4, test positivity was near 1.5% and June 15, test positivity was near 0.5%.

There are 462 people with

COVID-19 currently hospitalized. On July 4, there were 278 hospitalizations, and on June 15, there were 218.

Because of the alarming increase of COVID-19 infection and the very real health risks to the almost 4 million people in L.A. County who have not been or are not eligible to be vaccinated, including 1.3 million children under 12 years of age, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order was modified to require masking for everyone while indoors, regardless of vaccination status to prevent increased COVID-19 spread.

Effective Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 11:59 PM, masks will be required in all indoor public places, venues, gatherings, and businesses (including offices, retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, and state and local government offices serving the public). Some exceptions will apply, similar to the exceptions in masking requirements that were in place prior to the June 15 reopening. This includes exceptions for children under the age of two, for those with certain medical conditions or disabilities that prevent masking, and for those whose job doesn't permit masking. Details are available in the revised Health Officer Order.

To date, Public Health identified 1,266,227 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,579 deaths. Of the eleven new deaths reported today, two people that passed away were over the age of 80, two people who passed were between the ages of 65 and 79, five people who passed were between the ages of 50 and 64, one person who passed was between the ages of 30 and 49, and one person who passed was between the ages of 18 and 29. Testing results are available for nearly 7,170,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive.

"To everyone grieving the loss of a loved one, we send you our deepest condolences and wish you healing," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Thankfully, we have over 5 million fully vaccinated residents who are well protected from severe illness and death due to COVID-19. Given the increased intermingling among unmasked people where vaccination status is unknown, the millions of people still unvaccinated, and the increased circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant, we are seeing a rapid increase in COVID-19 infection. The level of COVID-19 transmission we are currently experiencing is now leading to significant increases in serious illness and hospitalizations, and requires us to take immediate action to prevent erosion of our recovery efforts. And while vaccinations are by far the most powerful tool we have, we are nowhere near herd immunity. While we continue efforts to increase vaccination coverage and build confidence in the vaccines, the simplest and most effective public health measure to add back is to require that everyone wear a mask in all indoor public places and businesses. For those of us already vaccinated, we have been required for the last couple of months to continue to wear masks in many other public places including on all public transit, at all healthcare settings, schools and day care facilities. This was done in recognition that the vaccines, while extraordinarily effective, are not perfect and that we continue to have an obligation to reduce risk as much as possible. Please help us get back to slowing the spread by wearing your mask indoors. And for those eligible and not yet vaccinated, please consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible as our full recovery is in jeopardy until more people are vaccinated."

# Supervisors to Reconsider Current Ban on Commercial Cannabis in Unincorporated LA County

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to support a proposal by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to reconsider the current ban on commercial cannabis production and distribution in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

"It has been three long years since we decided to keep the cannabis ban in place in the unincorporated area and a lot has changed," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who authored the motion today. "We've seen how legalization has played out in cities in our own county and we have seen states across the country move in the direction of legalizing, taxing, and regulating cannabis. It may be time for us to join them."

"With more local jurisdictions moving towards the legalization of recreational and commercial cannabis, LA County can use this moment to evaluate best practices and develop a framework for cannabis regulation and enforcement in unincorporated areas of the County," shared Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair, Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, who co-

authored today's motion. "The County can leverage pre-existing recommendations like the report provided by the Office of Cannabis Management in 2017 and look to other regions that have instituted cannabis regulations to drive an equitable plan that will provide a framework for the distribution, retail, manufacturing, enforcement, and regulation of cannabis."

Shortly after the passage of Proposition 64, the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act," the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors enacted a ban on the commercial production and distribution of cannabis in unincorporated areas of the county. The ban was intended to be temporary until the County could develop and establish proper regulations. The Board established the Office of Cannabis Management which convened a Working Group on Cannabis Regulation to develop recommendations for the Board to consider. After conducting extensive community outreach and eight public convenings, the Working Group presented a report to the Board of Supervisors with 64 recommendations.

However, in June 2018, the Board of Supervisors chose to accept the report but not take any action to remove the cannabis ban. At the time, Supervisor Hahn said the intention was not to rush the issue and felt there were too many unanswered questions and uncertainties.

In the three years since then, much has changed and evolved in the area of cannabis legalization. Multiple additional states have legalized recreational cannabis and the county's two largest cities, Los Angeles and Long Beach, are now allowing commercial cannabis.

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support a motion authored by Supervisor Hahn and coauthored by Supervisor Hilda Solis that directs the Office of Cannabis Management and other relevant county departments to revisit the regulation recommendations report and report back to the board with updated recommendations for cannabis retail, manufacturing, distribution, growth, testing, regulation, and enforcement in Los Angeles County in 120 days.

# Barger's Motion To Enhance Enforcement Of Water Theft And Illegal Cannabis Grows Approved By Board Of Supervisors

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - During the Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and co-authored by Supervisor Shelia Kuehl to curb the significant negative impacts of illegal large-scale cannabis grows which includes water theft, trespass, use of dangerous pesticides and chemicals, and littered debris.

"While the national and local media reports on this issue, have focused on the Antelope Valley and surrounding desert communities, illegal marijuana grows will impact the entire County of Los Angeles," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "As the State enters another potential drought emergency, we need to ensure that this new activity does not further exacerbate water scarcity. In addition, I am very concerned that illegal growers are using unregulated chemicals to process marijuana and selling these products to both legal and illegal dispensaries throughout the LA basin endangering cannabis users, contributing to contamination and pollution, and threatening water quality and safety."

The motion asks the Chief Executive Office (Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch) to coordinate with relevant County departments to support or pursue legislation at the State level that will: provide standing to County Counsel to civilly prosecute and enjoin water theft; provide additional enforcement authority for water theft and/or misuse in declared drought emergencies; authorize County Counsel to civilly prosecute and enjoin water pollution from cannabis cultivation; address potential loopholes or exploitation by illegal cannabis growers and pursue increasing local government controls over illegal cannabis and unregistered hemp crops; and authorize an alternative means of service of process for commercial cannabis businesses when their business entity status is form unknown.

The motion also asked County Counsel to work with relevant departments and agencies to report back to the Board in 90 days with a proposed administrative nuisance abatement ordinance for unpermitted cannabis activity including illegal cannabis cultivation and dispensaries; and, asked

Regional Planning to study a future ordinance to regulate hemp and report back to the board in 180 days with recommendations.

"The whack-a-mole problem of illegal cannabis dispensaries and now illegal cannabis grows popping up throughout the County has been exacerbated by the lack of a regulating ordinance," said Supervisor Barger.

As part of this effort, Supervisor Barger allocated \$250,000 to finance the Sheriff's Department's continued targeted enforcement and patrols of the areas impacted by the massive illegal grows and water theft in the Antelope Valley and has asked the CEO to report back on potential funding sources for the County to sustain eradication of this serious environmental and quality of life nuisance.

"Finally, when examining the true impact of illegal grows outside of environmental impacts, public safety and consumer health, we cannot overlook the fact that the cartels and growers are engaging in human trafficking and coercion to provide the manual labor in the fields," Supervisor Barger continued.

# Candidate Filing for the November 2 Local and Municipal Elections

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced the candidate filing period is open for the November 2 Local and Municipal Elections.

All candidates are required to file, and return completed paperwork to our Norwalk Headquarters on or before Friday, Aug 6.

Our offices remain closed due to the COVID-19 public health order. Candidates wanting to file paperwork in person must make an appointment prior to visiting the Norwalk Headquarters.

Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-815-2666, option 4.

Alternatively, candidates may have their paperwork issued to

them by email or US mail (if requested early enough).

All candidates interested in running for office are encouraged to review the November 2, 2021 Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide. The handbook and resource guide includes a variety of details and critical deadlines to be eligible for this election.

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## Glendora's Letter Goes to Gascon

As of July 13, 2021, 22 of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County served by the L.A. County District Attorney's Office have issued "no confidence" resolutions and Monrovia and West Covina wrote letters to express their concerns with L.A. County District Attorney George Gascon and his special directives. Glendora City Council met on July 13th to discuss their concerns regarding Gascon and, on a 5-0 vote, followed up that discussion with a letter mailed off to him on July 14th.

George Gascon was elected L.A. County D.A. November 3rd with 54% of the County wide vote, but in the report from Glendora City Manager, Adam Raymond, Glendora voters supported Jackie Lacey 62.18% over 37.8% for Gascon.

Glendora Council, after a lengthy late-night discussion, came up with a long-term solution beginning with a letter to Gascon, signed by Democrat Mayor Karen Davis, conferring to Gascon the same message other cities have shared adding, "... Your office has the extraordinary responsibility to execute the laws enacted by voters and the Legislature, to help prevent and to prosecute crime, and protect the general public against the criminals that exist in our community." Charges from those who have suffered at the hands of criminals indicate distress over the overwhelming support Gascon has shown criminals rather than support for the victims of crimes including murder.

The Glendora letter communicated, "One of the major concerns of our community is that criminals may now believe they can commit certain crimes with impunity with the implementation of your [Gascon] special directives." There are ten of those special directives but the three causing most concern:



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

- Elimination of cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious and non-violent felonies after voters approved retention of the cash bail system;

- Declining to prosecute and dismissing several misdemeanors under Special Directive 20-07 - trespassing disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substances, public intoxication and resisting arrest

- Elimination of several enhancements including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements including use of a gun in the commission of a crime and violations of bail.

Staff report indicates as of June 20th, 161 cases were rejected by the district attorney's office and 84% were narcotics cases or related to narcotics. Other cases involved the homeless population under Special Directive 20.07.

Glendora has been criticized for not passing a "no confidence" resolution on Gascon, but Mayor Pro Tem Gary Boyer said, "We are running a marathon and not a sprint ... and we have until October 27th to secure 579,000 signatures, and December 8th to certify those signatures so the recall can be put on the ballot. The election would be held 60 to 80 days after certification which would be February or early March. Any action we take in July is not going to be remembered at a February election."

Two things to consider as actions by all city councils evolve, and first, is the pending court action by the Association of Deputy District Attorneys for Los Angeles County versus George Gascon, et al. The ADDA received back a 46-page decision ruling portions of the Special Directive 20-08 preventing district attorneys pleading or proving prior "strikes" is unlawful. The court, as I read it, ruled against Gascon's special directives on eliminating enhancements and choices to prosecute or not and to dismiss cases was again unlawful based on existing statutes. Gascon has appealed those rulings.

Measure J, created by L.A. County Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda Solis, opposed by Kathryn Barger, and approved by the voters on November 3rd is action creating a mandatory 10% of L.A. County's locally generated unrestricted funds to be appropriated to support the Alternatives to Incarceration Programs in lieu of criminal prosecution. Coalition of County Unions versus County Supervisors went to court and the Superior Court judge blocked Measure J from taking effect. The question -- Is it legal for a voter-approved initiative to strip elected officials of their fundamental roles of making law/deciding on a budget.

Boyer, with concurrence of Council, suggested a combination of options from letter-writing to a "no confidence" resolution will keep the issues on the table and evident to Gascon. "We will still need to be able to work with the D.A. ... but we need to keep pressure on the D.A. to let him know we are not comfortable with a lot of decisions that are being made."

Between court cases and the recall effort, with continual letter-writing, these issues may be resolved quickly and permanently.

## Are You Ready for This, Mask Up Again?

They want us to Mask Up again. REALLY??? With the recalls in place and the voting coming up, some people feel this is nothing more than a political punishment to those that are supporting the recalls. Who really knows?

Now, we heard last week that they were going to require masking up again. What I don't understand is if they knew this last week, then why did they wait a week to demand this. Doesn't make sense to me. So, the entire week before the mandate everything must have been okay. If not, they would have called for an immediate masking of the people. So, what



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

made last week safe and last week "not" safe?

Obviously the CDC needs to check themselves on this one. If there is a real issue and they let it slide for a week or ten days and people get sick, this is on them for waiting. This tells me that it really is not a

big issue.

Again, I will always say, be safe and if you feel you have to mask up, then do it.

All these people got these shots to fight this Covid Flu and now we have to do this all over again. My arm is still sore from the shot two months ago.

I can't help but wonder what else our elected "rulers" have up their sleeves to do more damage to the people. I still can't get over the fact that the people are supposed to tell those elected officials what to do and what "we" want, but instead, they simply just rule us.

*"That's just the way it is!"*

## Non-Stop Gun Violence in the US Drags Public into Abyss

by Steve Chiang

According to CBS news, at least 82 people have been shot during the Independent Day weekend in Chicago, among them 14 were fatally. Ironically, merely hours before the shootings started on Friday, a six-hour long special Chicago City Council hearing was held to address the city's crime problems with Chicago Police Supt. David Brown.

July 4th holiday weekend violence has a notorious history in Chicago area. Last year during the same time, nearly 80 people were shot, 15 fatally. In 2019, at least 68 people were shot and 5 killed over the Independence Day weekend.

Even before the holiday weekend, shootings in Chicago this year are up 15% over last year, according to police department statistics released in June. Concerns over the gun violence has risen to a new height. Chicago based civil right activist Rev Jesse Jackson stated: "We urge people to put down their guns, stop the violence. Of course, when they

see violence - [an] attempt to overthrow our government and they're treated with kid gloves, it decreases the message: If you pick up a gun and shoot somebody, you're not walking away," Jackson said. "We deserve a better America."

Chicago is not alone in the surge of summer gun crime across the whole country. In the month of June, there were two gun shooting crimes took place in the tourist-jammed Time Square, injured at least 4 people including a 4-year-old girl and a tourist.

"We've had another shooting in Times Square, which is absolutely unacceptable and we will not tolerate," New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio said during a briefing session after the second shooting in Time Square. Shooting incidents in New York City are up 42.7% in the first half of the year compared to 2020, according to NYPD crime statistics.

However, the debates and condemnments after each gun violent illustrate only the vicious cycle of the gun violence in the country. Every case typically sparks a short-lived and fruitless debate about the need for stricter gun control. Everyone knows of it and so many people hate it, but it has existed and will last at least in the foreseeable future. Attitude and resolution expression by politicians is just another repetition as a show to let the voters know "I care." However not a real solution to stop it from the root has ever been proposed, let alone implementation.

There have been more than 300 mass shootings across the US in 2021 so far, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Each mass shooting has at least four people shot, not including the shooter. The same database counted more than 600 such shootings in 2020, compared with 417 in 2019.

Under one of President Joe Biden's Twitter post condemning mass shooting, thousands of people replied, and comments said "I think the President should keep the US flag over the White House at half-staff continuously until Congress passes both House gun purchase background check bills, then raise it back to full staff the day he signs both bills. Sends a very visible message." Another commented, "Today while this tragedy occurred, the GOP eliminated some existing gun control laws. They don't care about the people who've died. They've made money deals with the gun lobbyists to block sensible gun control - against the prevailing will of the people. We must change this."

Well, half-staff is far from being a visible message, there is too much to do if the Biden administration really wants to overwhelm the gun control policy in the US; for vested

economic interests, the GOP won't give in. They have the bigger say on the issue.

Then, let's ask a question "is there any possibility for the US to have a feasible gun control policy?"

Legally speaking, nowhere in the world is gun control more controversial than in the United States, where gun possession is constitutionally protected but where murders committed with guns are extremely common. Since it's protected by the constitution, the majority of the US society have been used to it in the past more than 200 years. It is not hard to imagine the difficulties of challenging an item in the constitution, although the social context and background nowadays differed so much from 200 years ago.

Politically speaking, politicians of both major parties, fearful of retaliation from the National Rifle Association (NRA) - the No.1 sponsor of the presidential election, solemnly offer their "thoughts and prayers" while refusing to enact reasonable and constitutional measures now favored by a majority of Americans, such as expanded background checks for gun purchases and the reinstatement of a federal ban on assault weapons, which Congress allowed to lapse in 2004, the britannica.com pointed out.

Thus the "much said but little done" gun control slogan repetition by politicians of both parties in the US is well understood, which is also the case with the US main media outlets. They are also reporting, on many occasions, emotionally enough, to dig out stories beneath stories of the mass shooting victims and their families. But all the news is short-lived. Day by day, nothing changed and only the families are suffering from the pain.

It's morally incorrect to say "maybe because there are not enough deaths." To realize the process of quantitative change to qualitative change in the gun control policy, should there be more shootings and more deaths? If the answer is yes, then how many is the criterion? Just as Biden said in his twitter "Every life taken by a bullet pierces the soul of our nation," how many more pierces are waiting for the US soul? Not only the elite groups and grassroots general public in the US should reflect and meditate their governance and political system, but also the global thinkers and observers should advise on possibilities before more tragedies occur.

Right now, the only way for people in the US to fall victim to the shooting crimes seems to be praying to the God to bless them good luck every day.

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## We Need To Know The Cause Of Death

by Jane M. Orient, M.D.

In this age of supposed scientific medicine and a pandemic, we are relying on death certificates for statistics on the cause of death, even though they are known to be extremely unreliable.

Thousands of healthy people are dying unexpectedly, but our public health agencies are assuring us that their death was not caused by the COVID job. The toll of post-vaccine deaths has reached nearly 7,000, according to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). It's the best system we've got, even though it misses 90 percent or more of the actual events.

But I have seen a report of just one autopsy. This patient had had one dose of the Pfizer shot and died four weeks later. Although there were no characteristic features of COVID-19, almost all tissues tested positive on PCR for SARS-CoV-2.

A 45-year-old mother just died of heart issues and brain swelling, shortly after getting the COVID shot required before she could begin her job at Johns Hopkins University. There will be tears and flowers, but probably no autopsy-and no pause in the shots demanded for mothers and potential mothers if they want to work at JHU.

My internal medicine training was in the dark ages before CT and MRI, but we were still supposed to make an accurate diagnosis. A patient who died without a medical history was an "ME case." We had to call the medical examiner, who would decide whether an autopsy was indicated. Anything potentially related to the death, such as pill bottles, was evidence. If an injection had

been given, the vial would be recovered if possible. With vaccines, one is supposed to record the lot number, so it would be possible to check a sample for contaminants.

If the patient died in hospital, the medical resident was required to request permission for an autopsy. Survivors might be persuaded by the possibility that their loved one may have had a hereditary condition or an infection that might affect them. In any event, we assured them that their loved one would be treated with respect and that funeral arrangements would not be affected. A chaplain would volunteer to attend.

The most important reason was that the "altar of truth" was the ultimate "quality assurance" mechanism. Hospitals were required to perform autopsies on a certain proportion of decedents in order to maintain their accreditation. A classic study of 100 randomly selected autopsies from each of three years (1960, 1970, and 1980) revealed that major diagnoses had been missed in about 22 percent of cases in all three eras despite the introduction of modern imaging methods.

Unfortunately, autopsy rates have fallen from 25 percent to less than 5 percent over the past four decades. It never was a revenue producer for anyone except malpractice attorneys.

I always attended the autopsy if I could. One of my most important teachers was a patient in whom we had missed a condition that was glaringly obvious when the skull was opened. We might not have been able to save him, but since we hadn't even thought of the diagnosis, he didn't have a

chance.

Tens of thousands of patients died of COVID before a series of 12 autopsies done in Germany showed that most had blood clots and could not have been saved by forcing air into their lungs with a ventilator.

If a person dies after a COVID ID job, I would like to know whether there are spike proteins in the tissues and blood vessels, and whether there was an immunological reaction that was damaging those tissues. If a mother loses a baby, I would like to see a thorough examination of the placenta. Was the baby's oxygen and nutrition cut off because of damaged blood vessels?

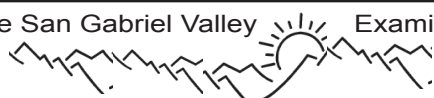
I find it shocking that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Joint Commission that accredits hospitals are not demanding autopsies or testing of vaccine samples. It is not possible to declare a product safe and effective without obtaining direct evidence from potential victims.

Manufacturers are protected against product liability, thanks to Congress. But where is the accountability of the government agencies charged with protecting us, or of the private entities coercing employees or students to take an experimental, potentially dangerous, or even lethal product?

If someone you love dies unexpectedly, call the medical examiner, and demand a forensic autopsy.

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# Just Too Much Cash?

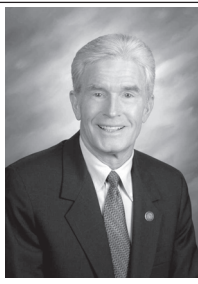
A prolonged drop in U.S. Treasury yields is catching bond and fixed income traders as well as most investors by surprise. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield dropped below 1.3% on July 7th and fell further overnight to 1.25% (despite real concerns about rising inflation and a gradual removal of Fed stimulus). Treasury yields play an important role in the economy, affecting borrowing costs on everything from mortgages to corporate bonds.

While interest rate declines have mystified many traders, the strong demand for yield is putting upward price pressure on equities, corporate bonds, and anything that reflects a potentially more worthwhile yield. However, yield spreads have collapsed. For the first time EVER junk bonds yield less than the current inflation rate. Also, average stock market yields currently are higher than bond yields. It is getting harder and harder to find any significant yield in this market, but that continues to be very positive for the stock market.

Here in the USA our money supply has exploded! Our government continues to come up with new excuses to create and distribute more cash. Our excessively high money supply is continually seeking yield, which puts significant upward price pressure on assets like real estate, bonds as well as equities. Historically the inflation hedge has been real estate and the capital markets, but how excessively expensive will those investments become?

A Wall Street colleague recently stated that his recommendation remains to buy growth

**In A Nutshell**  
What's up in the Economy?



**KEN HERMAN**  
Economic Analyst  
& Former Glendora Mayor

stocks with the best sales and earnings momentum. To me, that seems pretty basic. We are about to enter earnings season with the expectation of seeing some terrific earning announcements which will continue to fuel an already strong stock market.

Europe and Asia previously adopted Modern Monetary Theory which dictates the unlimited printing of currencies. It looks like the US has embraced that same theory! The USA currently has a \$30 Trillion budget deficit, and it is snowballing! The ultimate impact of such an ongoing direction in policy - continually printing more dollars - could easily create zero to negative interest rates (such as seen in European countries).

The USA's creation of money will make our enormous debt extremely hard to pay down. Visualize the problem when interest rates head higher. Interest on the Government debt already exceeds the entire US defense budget. Unfortunately, the current administration's only solution is to print more money! Does anyone believe that inflation will be transitory? Maybe some recent growth has been transitory, but don't bet on that either!

Most analysts had expected 10-year Treasury yields to hit

around 2% by this point in the COVID economic recovery, or at least by the end of 2021. In the first quarter alone, the yield soared to nearly 1.75% as the reflation trade took hold of the markets. But it looks like the move lower is now staying firmly in place. Longer-term yields are also a closely watched economic barometer, with the rates tending to fall on a weakening growth outlook and too much liquidity. It is getting harder and harder to find yield in this market, and stock market yields currently are higher than bond yields.

The release of the July 7th FOMC minutes confirmed messages conveyed by Chair Powell in his June 16th press conference. There was general agreement the conditions for tapering (slowing) QE purchases have not been met, but likely will be. The conversation about when to start, and how to do it - particularly whether to taper MBS at the same pace as Treasuries - will be discussed at future meetings. There was even a discussion about the higher interest rate forecasts by members, thus advocating earlier tightening to emphasize the uncertainty of their forecasts.

So, what can we expect in the immediate future? Anticipate an accommodative Federal Reserve, strong corporate earnings, a strong capital market, and continued low interest rates. And yes, more inflation!

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*Can you help us figure out the real cost of being homeowners vs. continuing to rent?*

When a "homeowner" pays their monthly mortgage loan payment, they are gaining equity by paying off their loan. When you pay rent, you are helping to pay off your landlord's mortgage. Get a basic answer to your question by using an online Rent vs. Own calculator. Keep in mind that homeownership comes with additional maintenance and repair costs. Contact an independent loan originator (FindAMortgageBroker.com) who will also make those calculations for you, explain the mortgage loan process, and shop many different loan programs on your behalf to find the best loan program for you. (Your bank loan originator is limited to the loans offered by that bank. Internet lenders sometimes quote great rates, but the fine print disqualifies most borrowers.)

*Is there a way for us to set up some sort of an account for our grandson?*

There are several investment accounts you could establish for your grandchild, but one that my clients fall in love with is a cash-value life insurance policy. Starting while your grandson is young, and paying less than \$100 per month into a \$100,000 life insurance policy, the cash-value could be enough to pay for college or enough to put a sizeable down-payment on a house. If he waited even longer to access the cash value, he might have more than a million dollars for his retirement.

*In regard to financial plan-*



Julia Yoder

*ning, what are the important ages, and why?*

At age 59 1/2, as long as certain conditions are met, you can start taking withdrawals from qualified retirement plans and IRAs without incurring a penalty. Since these have been growing tax-deferred, you'll now have to pay ordinary income taxes. At age 62, you could start collecting reduced Social Security benefits. Depending on what year you were born, you could take full Social Security benefits when you reach "full retirement age" (usually ranging from ages 65 to 67). At age 65, you're eligible to enroll in Medicare. (Enroll 3 months before turning 65.) Note: If you do not get Part D (prescription drug plan) when you are first eligible for SS, you will be charged a higher premium for the rest of your life. Besides the usual Medicare plans (PPO), also, look at the different Medicare "Advantage" plans. These are HMO, and usually offer additional benefits like dental, vision, and hearing. At age 72, you're mandated to take Required Minimum Distributions from tax-deferred

retirement accounts. An online calculator can give you an idea of the amount required. It uses the total of your tax-deferred retirement accounts at that time, and a federal government life-expectancy chart.

*What's a simple way to start a budget?*

Start by looking at 3 months' worth of statements. Add up all your expenses and purchases (including ATM cash withdrawals). Divide by 12 any irregular bills (due quarterly, semi-annually, or annually) and add that amount to each of the 3 months. Add in money you anticipate spending for entertainment, vacations, and gifts. Finally, divide your 3-month total by 3 to get the average you are spending each month. Reality check! If you don't earn the amount of money, you are going into debt. If you earn more than that, the extra should be put into paying off credit card debt, and adding to savings for emergencies, retirement, and general savings. If you are making just enough to get by, see where you can reduce your expenses or increase your income.

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## Board Approves Barger Motion In Support Of SB 219 To Waive Property Tax Penalties Resulting From Covid-19 Economic Hardships

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis to support SB 219 (McGuire) which would enable the local auditor or tax collector to cancel any penalties or costs resulting from property tax delinquency arising from the COVID-19 "Safer-at-Home" orders.

"The Safer-at-Home orders impacted every single resident and business throughout Los Angeles County, and it is imperative for the County to partner with the State to support our taxpayers who suffered financially," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "SB 219 is one opportunity to provide much-needed relief and assistance for those negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Support for SB 219 aligns with the County's approach to

ensuring an equitable recovery for all, especially among our hardest hit residents who are still reeling from the economic, social and psychological impacts of the pandemic," shared Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair, Hilda L. Solis. "The economic recovery of our residents is dependent on how well we support them, which is why I authored a motion last year with Supervisor Barger directing the Treasurer and Tax Collector to consider the impact of COVID-19 on delinquent property owners and cancel any late penalty. SB 219 reinforces our authority and empowers counties statewide to provide the same support to their residents who may face economic hardships brought on by COVID-19."

If passed by the State Legislature, SB 219 would codify the County tax collector's ability to cancel tax delinquent penalties when failure to make the pay-

ment is due to a documented financial hardship arising from a shelter-in-place order, and if the principal amount of tax due is paid no later than June 30 of the fiscal year in which the payment first became delinquent. This bill would change the enforcement of late payment penalties to individuals who have been impacted through no fault of their own. SB 219 is supported by the California State Association of Counties, the Urban Counties of California, and the Rural County Representatives of California as a much-needed tool for County tax collectors that can maintain predictability of critical revenue support for local agencies. A copy of their support letter can be found here.

As a result of the board's action, Los Angeles County legislative advocates will actively support SB 219 for passage in Sacramento.

## What is a Cabin Air Filter?

Have you had your favorite repair shop or other service person recommend a cabin air filter and wonder what he or she was talking about? Most vehicles built after 2005 are equipped with a cabin air filter, and it is designed to filter the air you breathe inside the cabin of the vehicle.

Most cabin air filters are designed to filter pollen and dust from the vehicle air conditioning and heating system. Some even have a carbon filter for bacteria and odor. These filters are very similar to the filter you would change every spring and fall in your homes heating and air conditioning system. Everyone that has seen or changed these filters sees the contaminants that are

stuck on these filters when replaced.

Normal driving conditions through dust, caused by the wind and the smog and exhaust of daily driving, will cause some cabin air filters to get very clogged with pollutants and cause your vehicle's ventilation system to run very inefficiently. You might even notice the air flow out the vents to be sluggish and/or have a sour smell. This is an alert that you need a checkup or a new cabin air filter.

This filter will not leave you stuck on the side of the road, but it will add comfort and reduce allergens, which is especially important if you suffer from aller-

gies. To find out if your vehicle is equipped with a cabin air filter check with your owner's manual or talk with our service professional about having your cabin air filter changed.

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## Arcadia Announces Community Forum On Homelessness

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia is hosting a Community Forum on Homelessness on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, located at 188 Campus Drive. The Forum is designed to provide educational and useful information on the topic of homelessness in Arcadia. In addition, the Forum will also be an opportunity for the Arcadia community to share its ideas and concerns regarding this important issue.

In-person attendance is limited to the first 900 registrants; however, the City will also be streaming the meeting live on Zoom. If you wish to participate in the Question & Answer

portion of the Forum, you must attend in-person; however, questions on homelessness can be sent to [homelessness@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:homelessness@ArcadiaCA.gov) in advance of the Forum. The Forum will also be presented in English and Mandarin, both in-person and on Zoom.

To register for the Forum, please go to the website <https://arcadiahomelessnessforum>. In-person seats are limited to two per household. The City is also asking residents attending virtually to register using the link below as well.

Further, a special edition of the Arcadia Community Newsletter on the issue of homelessness will be delivered to resi-




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Arcadia Performing Arts Center  
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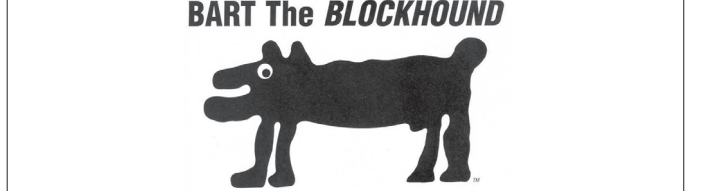
dents later this month. The City is also asking residents to participate in the Homeless Program and Perception Survey to measure community awareness on this topic, as well as to generate ideas on how to address this issue in Arcadia. More information on the newsletter, survey, and forum can be

found on the City's website at [ArcadiaCA.gov/homeless](http://ArcadiaCA.gov/homeless).

If you need assistance registering, or for questions regarding the Community Forum on Homelessness, please contact the Recreation & Community Services Department at (626) 574-5113 or email us at [homelessness@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:homelessness@ArcadiaCA.gov).



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Around the Valley & Senior News

"Time Jockey" - Alhambra Early Pioneers

By Joe Castillo

Drawing... In the 1870's, westward migration was growing at a pace that not many people had expected.

supplies and products to fellow farmers within Alhambra. Among the first settlers in Alhambra was Mattie Wallace, along with her husband and three children.

to go into San Francisco and to get to Los Angeles one had to take a stagecoach or ride horseback. An excursion of potential railroad investors came to Los Angeles seeking an opportunity for investment.

Joe Castillo is a freelance historical writer who has been covering Southern California history for 11 years and has written 5 books on the topic.

How to Protect Your Family from the Delta Variant

Despite significant gains in vaccinations and fighting COVID-19, the rise of the more transmissible Delta variant poses a significant risk for unvaccinated people.

"We are at a critical moment in the COVID-19 pandemic. We have the vaccines and public health measures necessary to protect people and stop the spread of the virus, but the onus is on all of us to get vaccinated in order to protect ourselves and our communities.

According to the AMA, here is what you can do now to decrease the risk to you and your family.

- 1. Talk to your doctor. Speak to your own physician about vaccines. Physicians remain one of the most important sources for information about vaccines.



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the first vaccine available to you. Three vaccines are now available in the United States: those made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Pharmaceuticals.

3. Immunize your child. Now is the time to immunize your child, if they are eligible, so they are fully vaccinated by the start of school.

against diseases such as measles, pertussis and human papilloma virus dropped precipitously during the first few months of the pandemic stay-at-home orders.

"In order for communities to fully move on from COVID-era restrictions and ensure we don't fall back due to spread of COVID variants, everyone must do their part now and get vaccinated. Too much is at stake," says Dr. Harmon. (StatePoint)

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines by visiting getvaccineanswers.org or find a location to get vaccinated near you at vaccines.gov.

LA County Parks' Popular Parks After Dark Is Back At A Park Near You!

Free Movies, Concerts And Activities Under The Stars

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Parks After Dark (PAD) is back in action! The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) is excited to welcome back this award-winning program at 33 parks this summer across LA County and invites you to join us for Friday night movies, activities, art and health workshops, and Saturday night live concerts!

free concerts throughout the summer. Grab some snacks, your favorite picnic blanket and your loved ones as you plan enjoy fun evenings at a park near you, all summer long!

The schedule and lineup varies by park each week. For locations, schedules and more, please visit our website at: parks.lacounty.gov/PAD.

Parks After Dark provides youth and their families expanded opportunities to experience healthy recreation and active lifestyles. Since starting in 2010 at

just three parks, PAD has expanded to 33 parks, enabling thousands of community members to participate and enjoy quality programming outdoors at their local park.

The program is led by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, with strong support from partners, including the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Department of Arts and Culture, Probation Department, Department of Public Social Services, Sheriff's Department and Chief Executive Office.

San Gabriel Flea Market

SAN GABRIEL - The City of San Gabriel in partnership with Vintage Hype will host a new flea market on Saturday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Playhouse parking lot, located at 320

South Mission Drive. The event will feature a variety of merchandise vendors offering vintage products, specialty products, and local goods. There will be live music and

food trucks for you to enjoy from. While vendors are encouraged to offer digital forms of payment, this is a cash event so please plan accordingly! Admission is free!

Pizza Bingo for Republican Women Federated is Back

WEST COVINA - As everything begins to open back up post-pandemic, East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated (ESGVR-WF) has announced a return of their Annual Pizza-Bingo event. This year the event will

be held at the West Covina VFW, 2328 W. Merced Ave, West Covina, on Saturday, July 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$20 includes Red Devil Pizzeria pizza, salad, drinks, dessert and bingo cards.

Please bring a \$5 gift in a brown bag for winner's gift exchange. Everybody wins at this bingo event! Please call Gayle Mason by Thursday, July 29th at (626) 966-1339 for a reservation.

Summer Fest 2021

WEST COVINA - The Historical Society and the Tennant Foundation will sponsor Summer Fest West Covina 2021 on August 14 at Hamilton's Steak

House. The "Citizen of the Year" will be selected from one of these four excellent, dedicated civic volunteers: Carol

Mullner, Drexel Smith, Jefferey Zhu, and Shirley Buchanan (posthumously).

Audrey Lynberg will be posthumously honored with the 2021 Historical Preservation Award. Reservations are \$40.00 per person - business attire. Deadline is August 6th. Checks are payable to The Historical Society of West Covina. Questions can be directed to 626-664-3050 or 626-716-2689. Join the Historical Society to honor dedicated volunteers and visit with friends.

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. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD ACROSS

- 1. \*Baseball's "The Say Hey Kid"
5. TV tube in days of yore
8. Proof of age, pl.
11. Medicinal succulent
12. Toward shelter, nautically
13. White heron
15. Poet \_\_\_\_ Angelou
16. Where a bib is tied
17. Taste like grapes
18. \*First African American to play in MLB
20. Chap or fella
21. Do like Etna
22. Auction set
23. Property defacer
26. Italian vermouth brand
30. 2nd largest bird in world
31. Informal wear
34. "The Man Who \_\_\_\_ Too Much"
35. Relating to Scandinavia
37. Chicken \_\_\_\_ king
38. Nearsited one
39. Bear in the sky
40. The largest Asian antelope
42. \*Dolphin great \_\_\_\_ Marino
43. Reusable painting pattern
45. Stands out
47. Cotillion V.I.P.
48. Deli item
50. Cain's brother
52. \*a.k.a. The Great Bambino
55. Oyster gem
56. Dwarf buffalo
57. Algonquian people
59. Body trunk
60. Hay spot
61. \*"Battle of the Sexes" champion
62. A in FANBOYS
63. Altitude, for short
64. "Comme ci, comme ça"

- DOWN
1. Mom in Scotland
2. Wing-shaped
3. Walk-the-dog toy
4. Bottom of the ocean
5. Fastener
6. Move a plant
7. \*Pele or Bob Feller when they debuted
8. Armenia's neighbor
9. Cabinet div.
10. Dirty dwelling
12. Declares invalid
13. Encourage, two words
14. \*NHL's "The Great One"
19. Very angry
22. Type of English course, for short
23. Where women are from?
24. "To death" in France
25. Florence Nightingale, e.g.
26. Mountain goat terrain
27. Opposite of cathode
28. Himalayan country
29. \*Track and field star of 1936

THEME: LEGENDARY ATHLETES

CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-64.

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- Olympics
32. Frozen rain
33. "\_\_\_\_ at ease"
36. \*He simultaneously played in MLB and NFL
38. Ginger beer in a cocktail, e.g.
40. Pen point
41. Sea in the Mediterranean
44. Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
46. Talks like a chicken
48. Overfamiliar from overuse
49. Terminate, as in mission
50. Same as eon
51. Shakespeare, a.k.a. \_\_\_\_ of Avon
52. "Ali \_\_\_\_ and the 40 Thieves"
53. \*Tinker, Evers and Chance, e.g.
54. Egg-layers
55. Parent volunteer organization
58. Id's partner

July 15, 2021 Puzzle Solution

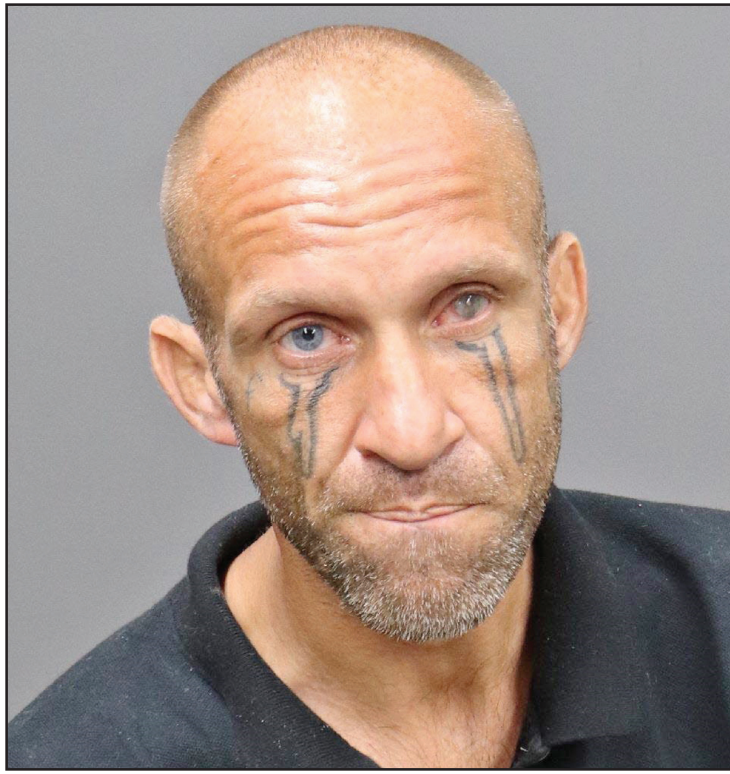
Completed crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

# Beach Trip Cut Short With Arrest

**IRWINDALE** - Jason Scott Ferguson, a 41-year-old resident of Kokomo, Indiana, stole a 2002 Jeep Liberty in Quartzsite, Arizona because he wanted to see the beaches of California.

His trip was interrupted when he stopped for a nap at a gas station in Irwindale Friday night, July 16. An alert Irwindale police officer ran the Jeep's plate and Mr. Ferguson found himself going to jail instead of Malibu.

The vehicle was recovered to be returned to the owner in Arizona. Mr. Ferguson was booked at the jail for possession of a stolen vehicle. He was later released on a citation due to L.A. County's jail booking restrictions.



Jason Scott Ferguson

# Domestic Violence Call Leads to Gun Charges



Photo courtesy of the La Verne Police Dept.

Detectives recovered a handgun with magazines at the scene.

**LA VERNE** - On July 17, 2021, at 3:50 am, a female called 9-1-1 to report she and her ex-boyfriend, with whom she has a child, were involved in an argument outside his apartment in the 2200 block of Blossom Lane in La Verne.

During the argument, the male struck the female victim across the bridge of her nose with the handle portion of a semi-automatic handgun, causing injury to her nose.

Responding officers contacted the male outside his apartment, and upon seeing the officers, the male retreated inside his apartment.

Patrol officers attempted to have the male surrender; however, the male refused to communicate with the police. Due to the male's actions, the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (SWAT) responded to the location.

Crisis negotiators were able

to talk the male back out of the residence. The male eventually surrendered and was taken into custody without incident.

Ricky Vaughns Jr., 29, of La Verne, was arrested for Domestic Violence, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited. Vaughns is currently on probation for domestic violence.

Detectives recovered a handgun at the scene with multiple magazines. The investigation into the matter is ongoing.

The female victim was treated at the scene by the La Verne Fire Department.

# Man Caught on CCTV Slashing Tires of Three Police Units



Suspect jumps out of his car and flattens the tires on all three police units.

By George Ogden

**EL MONTE** - Police are looking for the man who slashed the tires of three El Monte police vehicles on July 10 in broad daylight, while they were handling a call.

With the 3 units out of service, it resulted in delays in police responses to a number of other calls, including a fight between several people and a domestic disturbance that ended in an arrest, according to El Monte police Chief David Reynoso.

The suspect, who wore a black shirt and light-colored jeans,

punctured six tires with a large knife. He hit all 3 police unit who were on scene, two tires on each SUV unit. There was around \$2,000 damage done to the vehicles.

The police stated, "We're asking for the public's assistance to identify the person so it doesn't happen again."

Three officers responded to the 4000 block of Maxson Road in the afternoon of July 10 to make contact with someone suspected of possibly making threatening phone calls. This is when the suspect drove by and noticed

the 3 police units. He made a U-Turn and stopped by the units and got out with a knife and punctured the tires on each unit around 2:30 p.m. The crime was captured by a camera and put out over the media to help capture the suspect.

He drove a red Chevrolet El Camino with chrome type mag wheels with a sticker on the back window that reads, "TESTAMENT" in green lettering.

Police asked that anyone with information about the suspect to call El Monte police at 626-580-2100.

# Monrovia High Speed Crash in Residential Area Kills Driver

By George Ogden

**MONROVIA** - Police and paramedics responded to a single vehicle crash early Sunday morning just before 7 a.m. were a pickup truck going at a very high rate of speed crashed and flipped over landing on its roof. The man died after his truck overturned when it caught fire in a residential Monrovia neighborhood early Sunday, July 18.

According to witnesses, he may have been driving over

100 mph where the posted speed limit is 25 mph.

The crash happened just before 7 a.m., in the 500 block of North Magnolia near Scenic Dr., where the street ends. The Chevrolet pickup which was northbound on Magnolia struck a curb and flipped over, landing upside down in the front yard of a home and then bursting into flames trapping the driver and killing him. The truck was totaled and no homes were damaged and no

body else was injured.

Police have no idea why the man was traveling so fast. They believe he may have attempted to negotiate a right turn when the vehicle struck a curb caving the front wheels in and launching the truck into the air. It is unclear if the truck rolled over one and half times or just ended up on its roof and bursting into flames.

The driver's identity was not released until the next of kin were notified.

# Gun Safe Stolen at Home Burglary

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - Two men stole a 5-foot-tall, 200-pound safe from a home July 1, West Covina Police announced.

The safe containing firearms, ammunition and personal documents, was taken after the suspects broke through a rear sliding door at a home around 8:40 p.m., according to the West Covina Police Department.

The safe is a Heritage model. It has a 14-gun capacity, is dark gray or black, features the factory sticker on the door, a number keypad and a five-spoke handle, according to the West Covina Police Department.

The crime was caught on camera.

Both suspects appeared dressed in light-colored clothing, had hoods over their heads and wore dark gloves. One suspect appeared to wear dark-colored shoes.

The suspects fled in what is believed to be a dark-colored,



Heritage gun safe similar to the one pictured was stolen from the home.

four-door car.

Anyone with information on this burglary is urged to call West Covina Police Detective Loyola at 626-939-8500, or call the West Covina Police watch commander at 626-939-8556.

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## Baldwin Park Mental Health Awareness Event

BALDWIN PARK - A Mental Health Awareness Event will be held on **Saturday, August 7th**, at Baldwin Park City Hall. Festivities will kick-off at 8:30am, with a 1-mile walk, run, bike which will conclude at the BPUSD Performing Arts Center

located at 4640 Maine Ave. There will be a post event celebration featuring a car-show, over 40 information vendors, crafts, and food from 10am-1pm. Interested vendors can email [arojo@baldwinpark.com](mailto:arojo@baldwinpark.com) to register.



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## Monrovia National Night Out

MONROVIA - Join Monrovia Police Department on **Tuesday, August 3rd**, from 6 to 8pm at Library Park (over by the bandshell) for National Night Out!

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police / community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This year's event will feature music, food,



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