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# Homebuilder Receives Approval From City To Build 132 Townhomes At Historic Covina Bowl Site

City Council Praises Trumark's Planning, Partnership and Preservation of Iconic 1956 "Googie" Style Structure in 5-0 Vote

COVINA – Trumark Homes, a national award-winning California homebuilder, announced it has received unanimous support from the Covina City Council for a new residential community at the site of the former historic bowling alley, Covina Bowl in Covina, Calif. Located at 1060 W. San Bernardino Rd, the site will be home to 132 townhomes that will reflect mid-century architectural elements of the former bowling alley to pay tribute to the national historic structure. Starting from the low \$400,000s, the units will range from one to four bedrooms, two to three-and-a-half bathrooms and 745 to 1,825 square feet.

"The love and care local residents have for this building was thoughtfully considered in every phase of the planning process and enabled us to inspire a vision that pays homage to the history of the site in our plans," said Eric Nelson, vice president of community development for Trumark Homes. "Our community outreach, presentations at city council meetings, collaboration with historic groups and involvement with adjacent neighborhoods over the span of two-and-a-half years led to the broad support we received from local residents and preservation groups. We look forward to uniting the commu-



Renderings of the community provided by Trumark Homes

nity through this project and bringing together history and new construction under one roof."

In developing a full preservation plan, which includes restoring the iconic Covina Bowl sign back to its original design, Trumark retained a historian, partnered with the Los Angeles Conservancy and consulted with local residents to ensure the Googie glamour of the 1950s building was reflected in its site plans. In partnership with the city,

Trumark also will be preserving the building as a community amenity and restoring its original architecture. A lawn bowling area—to be designed in concert with the local historical society—will be symbolically placed at the exact location where the former bowling alley stood. Materials from the original building also will be incorporated to create interpretive signage that nods the site's history.

"Trumark Homes is doing a great job reviving the memory of Covina Bowl," said Councilmember Walter Allen, III. "The former bowling alley has such iconic significance to our city. The way Trumark went about preserving it is just very commendable. I congratulate Trumark and our staff for their exemplary partnership and their collaboration to create a beautiful project

that preserves the memory of Covina Bowl."

Mayor Pro Tem Jorge Marquez added, "I really appreciate the time Trumark took to reach out to our residents and talk to the historical society. The efforts they're taking to preserve our city's history assured the Council that they had our community's best interests in mind and made us confident in our unanimous decision to approve the project."

Completed in 1956, the Covina Bowl has become an integral piece of San Gabriel Valley's history and has remained valued by preservationists for decades. The former bowling alley is nationally recognized as a historic structure not only for its unique architecture, but also because it was designed by Powers, Daly, and DeRosa, a renowned

mid-century architectural firm known for their mastery of form and innovative design. Covina Bowl was one of the first bowling alleys ever to incorporate a cocktail lounge and sophisticated decor, elevating the recreational activity to a more refined experience that was completely unique in the postwar era.

The Covina Bowl community is one of the Trumark's five new residential neighborhoods in Southern California. Earlier this year, Trumark broke ground on its 119-home San Bernardino community, Rancho Palma. Lewis + Mason in Anaheim, West Village & West Village Flats in Brea and Edencrest in Escondido all have homes available for sale and are currently open for socially distant model home tours by appointment only.

## Baby Saved 13 years Ago Visits Glendora Police Department To Say Thank You

GLENDORA - Thirteen years ago, on March 12, 2008, Glendora Police dispatch received a 9-1-1 call of a baby who was not breathing. Corporal Josh Price and Officer Greg Oberon responded and found two-day-old baby Joshua not breathing. A neighbor, Renee Noonan Payne, who happened to be a nurse, was performing CPR on him.

The decision was made at that time to transport baby Joshua to the hospital in the back seat of a police car while CPR was continued. Joshua ended up spending the next three weeks in the Intensive Care Unit before he was sent home.

The Glendora Police Dept is happy to say that Joshua just celebrated his 13th birthday two



Joshua's parents, Patricia and Jose with Joshua in-between them and Corporal Josh Price.

days ago, and his parents, Patricia and Jose, brought him in to the police station to say thank you.

Joshua brought some cupcakes and said that he wants to be a police officer someday.

## Azusa Police Answers Speeding Complaints with Enforcement

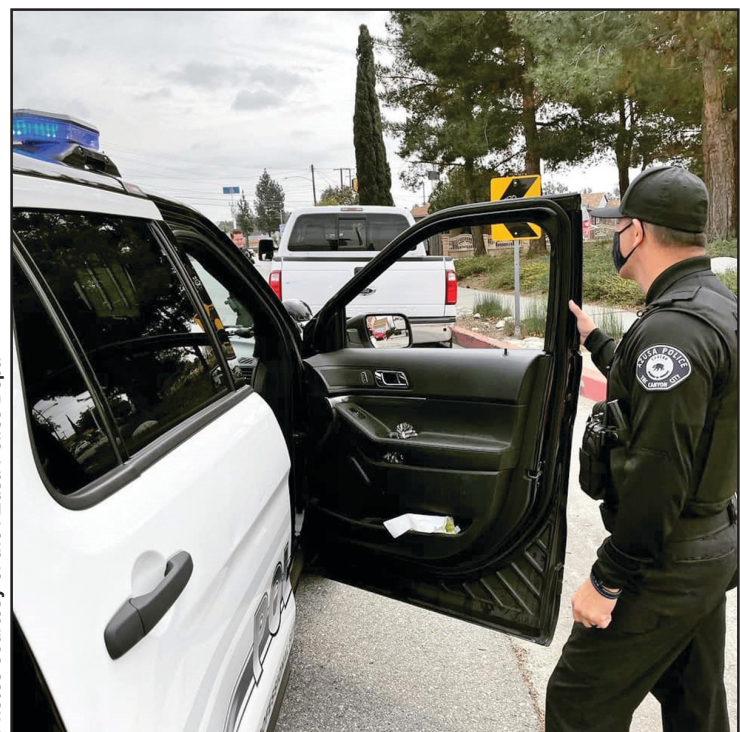
By George Ogden

AZUSA - The Azusa Police Department had received numerous complaints of speeding vehicles and motorcycles in the city, specifically racing to and from the canyon. The community's safety is their priority. Their Traffic Division put together a collaborative street racing enforcement operation with officers from the Irwindale Police Department and California Highway Patrol.

This operation was made possible with "Grant Funding" by the Office of Traffic Safety.

As a result of the enforcement operation, 107 traffic stops were conducted for numerous vehicle code violations including speed violations and equipment violations. A total of 97 citations were issued and 2 vehicles were impounded.

The Azusa Police Department Traffic Division continues to work diligently in addressing



Azusa Police doing a traffic stop on a pickup truck.

traffic violations within the city of Azusa. More traffic operations to come with funding from a grant by the Office of Traffic

Safety & NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

## During COVID-19, Los Angeles County EMS Urges the Community to Use Sidewalk Hands-Only CPR to Save Lives



LA County EMS Hands-Only CPR 2020 training video. This short video outlines the steps needed to perform Hands-Only CPR.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) along with its partners is raising awareness on the importance of knowing Hands-Only CPR – a lifesaving technique to aid someone experiencing cardiac arrest – during the COVID-19 pandemic. CPR is typically administered using mouth-to-mouth or mouth-to-nose for rescue breathing, which carries increased risk due to the ongoing transmission of the COVID-19 virus in the community. In order to best protect both parties during CPR, using Hands-Only can still be effective in saving a life.

This approach using Hands-

Only can be performed by anyone anywhere with minimal levels of expertise. The new video from EMS released provides background information about sudden cardiac arrest and teaches how to use Hands-Only CPR to save lives.

"Seventy five percent of all cardiac arrests happen at home so the life you save with this skill could be your child, spouse, parent, or friend," said Dipesh Patel, MD, Medical Director of the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Program.

Hands Only CPR can triple the chances of survival for a person experiencing cardiac arrest be-

fore emergency responders arrive. The frequent chest compressions keep oxygen flowing through the body to keep the heart, brain and other vital organs alive. Many sing along to popular songs like "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees while giving compressions to help keep the correct chest rate needed for effective CPR.

To learn more, visit [dhs.lacounty.gov/emergency-medical-services-agency](http://dhs.lacounty.gov/emergency-medical-services-agency)

To learn Hands-Only CPR, visit [youtu.be/jHaicno95sk](http://youtu.be/jHaicno95sk) and watch the instructional video and share it with the important people in your life.

# California Launches COVID-19 Rent Relief Program

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The State has announced the launch of a CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program, intended to help income-eligible households pay rent and utilities, both for arrears and future payment. Supported by the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief provides financial assistance to income-qualified tenants experiencing housing instability and provides rent reimbursement to landlords for unpaid rent accrued between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is rooted in community, and grounded in its commitment to keep individuals and families housed. California's network of trusted community based partners is dedicated to providing assistance to tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19, and is committed to serving people where they live, providing equitable access to program resources and easing the burden on Californians.

The decision by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to Opt-In to the statewide program will offer a singular, uniform framework to be deployed throughout California and avoid unnecessary confusion about competing programs among residents. The Board is confident in the State's selection of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to serve as the lead agency in the County, tasked with bringing together ground-level partnerships with local communities to assist in

the implementation of the program.

LISC, who is grounded in the community, has the capacity and experience to serve and ensure that the State's efforts are focused on a commitment to equity, while being culturally relevant, and reaching the residents most impacted by the economic hardship created by the pandemic. LISC will establish and manage the program's expansive Local Partner Network with community-level partners to ensure that all regional geographies and target communities and tribes throughout California have access to the program.

"The pandemic has exposed and deepened social and economic inequalities in the County, with the burden of the crisis affecting low-income and communities of color," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District. "Too many County residents have lost their jobs, are continuing to experience food insecurity, and facing housing instability and homelessness. The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program will help close the equity gap and meet the needs of both tenants and landlords. This program was developed with community at the core and will serve as a safety net for our most vulnerable."

The Board of Supervisors supports the efforts being brought forward by the State. To that end, the Los Angeles County Development Authority County (LACDA) has been working closely with the State and its partners to

make sure the program will effectively enroll those households most impacted by COVID-19 and whose housing stability has been jeopardized by the pandemic. By partnering with established organizations in hardest hit communities, and continually working together to make the application process seamless, the State will provide person-centered and culturally relevant guidance to Californians most in need of rent relief.

The LACDA will remain actively engaged with the State throughout the rent relief deployment process to provide guidance and technical assistance given the agency's extensive experience deploying multiple rent relief programs within the past year.

Emilio Salas, Executive Director of the LACDA, said, "The State's program will further bolster the County's own rent relief programs and address the adverse condition from which many lower income households have suffered due to the pandemic. This additional funding is an effort to help close the equity gap and will provide housing stability for some of our most vulnerable households, especially those in higher need areas."

Resources and application information are available at HousingIsKey.com. A COVID-19 Rent Relief call center is available to get help answering eligibility questions, for application assistance, and to provide information on local assistance. The call center may be reached by calling (833) 430-2122.

# S&P Upgrades Rating For Azusa Electric Bonds As Outlook Remains Stable

*City's Newest Rating Action Reflects the Utility's Strengthening Financial Profile*

**AZUSA** - The City is pleased to announce that Standard & Poor's Global Ratings has raised its rating on Azusa's electric system revenue bonds from 'A+' to 'AA-'. At the same time, S&P Global Ratings raised its long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) on the California Resource Efficiency Finance Authority's (FARECA) series 2003 certificates of participation, issued on behalf of Azusa, from 'A+' to 'AA-'. The outlook is stable.

"The rating action reflects the utility's strengthening financial profile, as demonstrated by its improving fixed-cost coverage levels. Coverage has improved following the roll-off of Southern California Public Power Agency (SCPPA) debt, for which Azusa was obligated to pay a fixed annual amount." States the S&P report. The electrical system serves about 17,000 customers, and its service area encompasses the City's nine-square-mile incorporated area.

S&P's view of the Electric System's enterprise risk profile that led to the upgrade includes:

- Strong service area economic fundamentals, reflecting

a stable and diverse customer base with strong income levels, coupled with the service territory's general resiliency in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and recessionary pressures;

- Extremely strong industry risk relative to other industries and sectors;

- Very strong market position, with average electric system rates below those of the state; and

- Strong operational management assessment, reflecting the system's robust financial management practices and policies and diverse power supply portfolio, tempered by its exposure to California's stringent regulatory environment.

"We are pleased to see that our discipline in all of the City's financial policies is being reflected in an improvement to our credit rating," said Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager. "This new rating should further enhance the City's financial flexibility and health."

The stable outlook further reflects S&P's expectation of the system's continued robust financial metrics, lack of additional debt issuance, and elec-

tric rates that will likely remain highly competitive for the region. From an environmental perspective, the electric system is currently compliant with California's renewable portfolio standard (RPS) through 2024. With regard to social factors, health and safety precautions that health officials enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as subsequent economic problems, have had limited impact on electricity demand and delinquencies. With regard to governance, the electric system has rate-setting autonomy and robust planning.

"We are fortunate to be able to provide our Community with reliable, sustainable, and low-cost power and have that reflected in an upgrade to our credit rating," said Administrative Services Director, Talika M. Johnson.

For additional information and a full copy of the credit analysis, please visit the 'Finance' page on the City's website <https://www.ci.azusa.ca.us/1710/Credit-Ratings> or contact the City's Finance Department at 626-812-5203.

# County Sets Deadline To Apply For Small Business Loan Program

*Small Business Stabilization Loan to Accept Applications Through April 16, 2021, or Until \$20 Million in Funding Requests is Received, Whichever Occurs First*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has announced that the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program will accept applications through April 16, 2021, or until \$20 million in funding requests is received, whichever occurs first.

Launched on January 28, 2021, the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program provides eligible businesses with a competitive interest rate for loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$3 million. Businesses interested in applying for the Program

must have been in operation for at least two years and seeking working capital, equipment purchases, real estate acquisition, or refinancing of existing loans at higher interest rates. As of March 2021, the LACDA has received over \$14 million in funding requests.

The Program pairs the loan with technical assistance from partners that offer complementary online webinars, one-on-one financial consultations, application assistance, and an evaluation of a business' readiness to submit an LACDA loan

application. The final "How to apply for an LACDA loan" webinar, a pre-requisite for submitting a Small Business Stabilization Loan application, will be held on March 25, 2021, in English and Spanish.

To register for a webinar, or obtain more information on the requirements to apply for the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program, please visit [BizStabilization.lacda.org](http://BizStabilization.lacda.org), or call (626) 586-1550. All media may contact Elisa Vasquez, LACDA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.



**#STEMSFORFJV**

Freddie, a loving father and husband, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. In order to cure him of this blood cancer, his doctors have recommended a blood stem cell transplant. His doctors are searching the Be the Match Registry for an unrelated donor to save his life. Please give us 10 minutes of your time and see if you could be a match for Freddie or any patient searching. A simple cheek swab is all it takes!

**DATE:** Saturday, March 20, 2021  
**TIME:** 10:00am-1:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Grace Episcopal Church  
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 Glendora, CA 91741  
**MORE INFO:** Joel Holley  
 jholley@coh.org

Donors must be between 18-44 years old, in general good health and willing to donate to any patient

TEXT STEMSFORFJV to 61474 or [join.bethematch.org/stemsforfjv](http://join.bethematch.org/stemsforfjv) to join

# DUI Checkpoint Yields Unlicensed Drivers and Firearms

**BALDWIN PARK** - On March 13th, from 7:30pm until midnight, with the assistance of Public Works, the Baldwin Park Police DUI Checkpoint was established at Ramona Boulevard and Durbin Street. The following are the results: 915 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, 10 drivers were cited for being unlicensed, 3 drivers were cited for driving with a suspended license and their vehicles were stored, and 2 drivers arrested for being in possession of a firearm, without incident.

A total of 3 firearms were



One of the firearms found during the checkpoint. recovered and vehicles of those drivers were also stored. One driver was arrested for being

under the influence of drugs (Meth). All total, only 6 vehicles were towed and stored.

Photo courtesy of the Baldwin Park Police Dept.

**COVID-19 VACCINE**

**COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR THOSE WITH HIGH-RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR DISABILITIES**

■ People ages 16-64 can be eligible if they are deemed to be at the very highest risk to get very sick from COVID-19

- Cancer, current with weakened immune system
- Chronic kidney disease, stage 4 or above
- Chronic pulmonary disease, oxygen dependent
- Down syndrome
- Solid organ transplant, leading to a weakened immune system
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (but not hypertension)
- Severe obesity (Body Mass Index ≥ 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%

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**COVID-19 VACCINE**

People ages 16-64 can be eligible if, as a result of a developmental or other significant, high-risk disability, one or more of the following criteria applies:

- A COVID-19 infection is likely to result in severe life-threatening illness or death; OR
- Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual's ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival; OR
- Providing adequate and timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual's disability.

These three criteria include people with a range of physical and behavioral disabilities.

Examples include: all enrolled consumers of Regional Centers, Independent Living Centers, In Home Supportive Services, Community Based Adult Services/Adult Day Health Centers, Medi-Cal HIV/AIDS Waiver, Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver.

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**COVID-19 VACCINE**

How do you verify that you have a high-risk medical condition or disability when you go to your appointment?

During registration, persons in this eligibility group will be asked to state that they have a high-risk medical condition or disability. They will not be asked to disclose the specific condition. They can provide documentation either with a letter from a provider or an agency providing services or, if not available, they or their caretaker will be asked to sign an attestation.

For more information visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com)

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## Napolitano Votes to Pass American Rescue Plan, Securing Coronavirus Relief Funds for San Gabriel Valley Families and Businesses

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) voted to pass H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act, securing urgently-needed COVID-19 relief funding for San Gabriel Valley families and small businesses.

"My constituents, like millions of Americans, have been devastated by the Coronavirus pandemic, which has caused economic catastrophe and worsened an existing mental health crisis," Napolitano said. "They cannot and should not have to wait any longer for relief, which is why I proudly voted to pass President Biden's American Rescue Plan and deliver long-overdue funding to San Gabriel Valley families and small businesses."

"From providing another round of direct cash payments,

boosting rental assistance, and extending unemployment insurance, to bolstering small businesses of all sizes, delivering money to schools, and strengthening life-saving mental health services, our legislation addresses the many priorities requested in over 1,000 constituent letters my office has received since the start of the pandemic," Napolitano added. "I am also proud the bill provides an estimated \$136 million for cities in my district to help finally pay our local heroes—our health care workers, police, fire, transportation, EMS, teachers, and other essential workers—who have fought every day of this pandemic to keep us safe and could lose their jobs."

"The robust funding, resources, and lifelines included in the American Rescue Plan will help defeat this deadly virus, safely reopen schools, deliver vaccines to all, put money in families' pockets, and get people back to work," Napolitano concluded. "As we look toward other measures to help our nation recover, create jobs, and move beyond the pandemic, I will continue to focus on meeting the needs of all my constituents."

The American Rescue Plan is strongly supported by a large majority of the American people – including 60 percent of Republicans – bipartisan state and local leaders, national education groups, trade unions and advocacy organizations, and hundreds of businesses and chambers of commerce. Economists agree that the American Rescue Plan's targeted, evidence-based action is needed – both for struggling families and for the American economy. The legislation's provisions will generate \$1.25 for every \$1 of spending, will cut child poverty in half and will lift nearly 12 million people out of poverty.

H.R. 1319 passed the House by a vote of 220 to 211.

## Grades 7-12, Indoor Dining, Movie Theaters, and Other Sectors Reopens with Safety Measures in Place

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The State announced 2 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to people in the most under-resourced communities across the state which now allows L.A. County to move to the less restrictive red tier.

The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order has been updated to closely align with the State's re-opening framework and reflect the changes allowed in the red tier. Additional safety modifications are required or recommended for certain sectors. The changes went into effect on Monday, March 15.

The modifications to the Health Officer Order include the following:

1. Museum, Zoos and Aquariums can open indoors at 25% capacity.
2. Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga and Dance Studios can open indoors at 10% capacity with masking requirement for all indoor activities.
3. Movie Theatres can open indoors at 25% capacity with reserved seating only where each group is seated with at least 6 feet of distance in all directions between any other groups.
4. Retail and Personal Care Services can increase capacity to 50% with masking required at all times and for all services.
5. Restaurants can open indoors at 25% max capacity under the following conditions: 8 feet distancing between tables; one household per table with a limit of 6 people; the HVAC system is in good working order and has been evaluated, and to the maximum extent possible ventilation has been increased. Public Health strongly recommends that all restaurant employees interacting with customers indoors are provided with additional masking protection (above the currently required face shield over face masks); this can be fit tested N95 masks, KN95 masks, or double masks and a face shield. In addition, Public Health strongly recommends that all

employees working indoors are informed about and offered opportunities to be vaccinated. Outdoor dining can accommodate up to six people per table from 3 different households.

6. Indoor Shopping Malls can increase capacity to 50% with common areas remaining closed; food courts can open at 25% capacity adhering to the restaurant guidance for indoor dining.

7. Institutes of Higher Education can re-open all permitted activities with required safety modifications except for residential housing which remains under current restrictions for the Spring semester.

8. Schools are permitted to re-open for in-person instruction for students in grades 7-12 adhering to all state and county directives.

9. Private gatherings can occur indoors with up to 3 separate households, with masking and distancing required at all times. People who are fully vaccinated can gather in small numbers indoors with other people who are fully vaccinated without required masking and distancing.

Businesses must implement all the requirements in the sector specific Public Health protocols. It is critical that directives and infection protocols are followed to minimize COVID-19 spread as much as possible. The comprehensive protocols for all sectors that reopen will be posted online later today.

To date, nearly 2,742,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered across the county. Of those vaccinated, 899,527 people have received second doses. Next week, Public Health is expecting to receive 260,000 doses of vaccine, approximately 60,000 less than we received this week. The vaccine supply next week once again falls far short of the more than 600,000 doses that our provider network is currently capable of delivering. Public Health will not receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine next week, or

the following week. Public Health expects to begin receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine again at the end of the month.

The County continues to expand mobile vaccination services to better meet the needs of those in underserved communities. This coming week, County mobile teams will go out to 79 senior housing and senior services locations to provide vaccinations, approximately double the number of sites reached this week.

Custodians and janitors, public transit workers, and airport ground crew workers are all now eligible to be vaccinated. Emergency service workers including social workers who handle cases of violence, abuse or neglect and foster parents providing emergency housing for young people, are also eligible to be vaccinated.

In addition to the residents and workers already eligible for COVID-19 vaccine, next week, on Monday, March 15, vaccine eligibility will open up to residents between the ages 16 through 64 who have underlying health conditions or disabilities that put them at the highest risk of becoming very sick from COVID-19. Providers and healthcare facilities are working to use their health record systems to identify patients who have these conditions and reach out to them so they can be vaccinated.

While the County is pleased to get started in vaccinating these high-risk groups, vaccine remains in very limited supply. For information about vaccine appointments in L.A. County and when your turn is coming up, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, and much more, visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) (English) and [www.VacunateLosAngeles.com](http://www.VacunateLosAngeles.com) (Spanish). Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

## County Of Los Angeles Kicks Off Safety Element Update For Unincorporated Communities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is launching an update to the Safety Element to protect communities from risks posed by wildfire, extreme heat, drought, flood and other climate hazards. Community members are invited to join

an introductory webinar on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 pm to learn more about the project and provide feedback to help inform strategies that support community safety in the event of climate disasters.

The Safety Element is part of the Los Angeles County General Plan, a long-range planning document that guides development in the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County. The Safety Element is one of several documents which helps the County plan ways to reduce risks from and respond to natural hazards and climate change.

Greater advance preparation is needed as climate-induced wildfires, heat waves, flooding, and

severe weather affect communities across the state. All cities and counties are now required by California state law to address climate adaptation and resiliency in their safety elements.

This one-hour presentation will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 pm and pre-registration is encouraged: [bit.ly/3t8wfiA](https://bit.ly/3t8wfiA). If language translation is desired, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Community members are encouraged to ask friends and neighbors to attend. To learn more about the Safety Element Update, visit [planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/safety-element-update](http://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/safety-element-update).



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## Additional COVID-19 CVS Pharmacy Vaccination Sites Open in West Covina

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina is pleased to announce the continued partnership with CVS Health Corporation has led to additional CVS vaccination sites in West Covina. Of the five CVS Pharmacy's in West Covina, four locations will be distributing vaccines.

The following is the list of CVS Pharmacy vaccination sites in West Covina:

- Currently operational:
  - 702 N. Azusa Avenue is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine
  - 2831 E. Eastland Center Drive is offering the Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine
- Upcoming sites:
  - 3670 S. Nogales Street
    - \*Will offer the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
    - \*Open Appointments on Friday (3/12), start distributing vaccines Saturday (3/13)
  - 727 S. Glendora Avenue is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine
    - \*Will offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine
    - \*Open Appointments on Saturday (3/13), start distributing vaccines Sunday (3/14)

Currently, CVS is providing vaccines to people 65 and older, teachers (K-12), daycare and preschool workers and staff, health care workers, EMS, long-term care residents and staff, food and agriculture workers. To find the nearest vaccination site, through CVS, and to make an appointment, visit [cvs.com](http://cvs.com).

Please note that the City is not involved with scheduling appointments. For appointments at other vaccination sites, visit the County's website at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

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# EIPCa Is A Forceful Election Advocate

Election Integrity Project California (EIPCa) is a non-partisan, non-profit corporation, run by volunteers for over 10 years, monitoring our elections and documenting irregularities including massive numbers of ineligible voters and reaching out to the Secretary of State and county registrars to clean up their voter rolls. They've trained over 13,000 non-partisan volunteer observers and are looking for more volunteers as we go into the potential Recall Gavin Newsom election.



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

Primary law Group has filed a First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief on behalf of EIPCa and several Congressional candidates who support the belief, as does Joshua Kroot, plaintiff's lead attorney, "Fair, honest and transparent elections are the basis for our Constitutional Republic [and] without these elements, citizens lose faith in the process and stop voting, and then government no longer reflects the will of the people." This isn't the first time EIPCa has sought legal counsel and sued over elections in California.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-AD6) has tackled all the activities of the recall target, Gov. Gavin Newsom, and is one of the first in line to challenge the credibility and honesty of California's election system. It is not only Gov. Newsom he rails against, but Attorney General Xavier Becerra with six lawsuits against him for writing fraudulent ballot descriptions of the propositions. Dan Walters, CalMatters said, "Becerra's bad ballot writing habits are the same as ballot box stuffing or denying voters the right to vote."

Kiley sites Becerra's use of the ballot title Prop 19, Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions, and Revenue for Wildfire Agencies and Counties Amendment, that never mentions there is a

huge tax increase going along with this measure approved in November is a prime example of Becerra's partisanship. Recently, is Prop 47, Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, co-authored by L.A. D.A. George Gascon also facing a recall. What is safe and scholarly about allowing people to steal from store owners and not be prosecuted as long as it less than \$950 worth of merchandise?

This week's agenda before the Senate Elections & Constitutional Amendment Committee:

- SB 35 - Makes it a felony, with 2-4 years imprisonment, to set up an unofficial ballot box for the purpose of collecting ballots (a type of harvesting utilized by churches and other Conservative groups in 2020).

This raises the question: Is a church ballot drop box more or less secure than an official one in the middle of a parking lot, day and night, with no oversight on that drop box? EIPCa supports chain of custody of a ballot, and, if a ballot is not a family member or close, designated friend and delivered to the poll, could jeopardize the integrity, or even delivery, of the ballot.

- SB 503 - Becker-Destroys any legitimate signature verification. This bill presumes if a ballot is mailed in by XYZ, that's who submitted the ballot and no

signature verification is required. At the moment, this bill does not require any signature verification and, in fact, no signature at all and no identification verification included with the ballot like driver's license number or other ID.

Jim Nielsen (R-Roseville) opposed SB 503 because he believes in signature verification to secure ballot integrity and he supports those who are opposing this bill. Those who supported this bill, include once recalled Josh Newman (D-SD 29) and used the reason "under penalty of perjury" suggesting those who submitted a ballot fraudulently would suffer a penalty much like those who submit false information to acquire a driver's license.

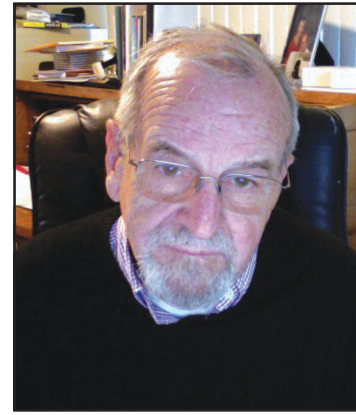
Neilson said those who had been caught submitting a ballot fraudulently was miniscule, if at all, simply because no one does the verification or follow up required to verify the fraud. He requested numbers on those fraudulent ballots and those prosecuted. SB 503 passed 4-1, Neilson objecting and EIPCa phoning in to oppose the bill.

- SB 504- would hold county registrar's harmless for not amending the voter rolls when they fail to remove a criminal's name from the voter rolls because they don't receive the information from Department of Corrections. To fix that, this bill requires direct communication, on a weekly basis, between the Department of Corrections and the Secretary of State documenting those incarcerated to be removed and those released and eligible to vote.

Jim Nielson (R-Roseville) requested the author of this bill to amend it to reflect the difference between on parole and discharged from parole. Discharged from parole would indicate the person had fully paid his/her debt to society and should be eligible to once again vote.

# The Death Penalty

Several weeks ago I offered a column about my friend and colleague Bill Breeden, who had recently served as the minister for a man who was about to be executed, --"murdered" Bill called it. Bill had agreed to be in the death chamber with him when he died. Since that column was published I have gotten a score of replies by e-mail, by phone and on the street. Reviewing the responses, here is what I found.



Charles H. Bayer

Most of the responders focused on Bill, and honored his faith and how he lived it. Only two referred to Corey Johnson, the man who was executed. Both said that they had no sympathy for him, and one expressed disgust, stating that Johnson had brutally murdered several people. The conclusion was this: he deserved what he finally got!

But there is another aspect to Bill's belief and action; evidence of his radical commitment. His faith called him not only to give himself to an individual but also to the wider context that had allowed Corey Johnson's execution. For Bill, the voice of Jesus was clear. While we are called to offer food to those who are hungry, we must also ask why they are hungry. Beyond that, we are called to overturn the societal structures that perpetuate hunger.

Even as Bill was with Corey Johnson and saw him executed, he has ministered to many others on death row. Now in his later years he has also been dedicated to the abolition of capital punishment.

Increasing numbers of Americans are taking a fresh both at

both the morality and the efficacy of the death penalty. One of the consistent arguments in favor of capital punishment holds that it is a deterrent, a warning that violent crime will not go unpunished. Does it really deter serious crime? The overwhelming conclusion by those who have studied the matter and reported on their findings holds that the death penalty has no deterrent effect. In fact US states without the death penalty continue to have significantly lower murder rates than those that retain capital punishment.

It is also supported as simple justice echoing "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," a quotation taken from the Code of Hammurabi, a Babylonian king, and echoed in the Old Testament. This position holds that punishment must fit the crime. But Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount responded, "You have heard it said, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you that if someone strikes you on the right cheek turn to him the other also... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with

good." Gandhi commented that, "an eye for an eye will make the whole world blind."

Others hold that the death penalty is necessary to bring comfort to families of those who have been murdered. However, interviews with members of these families fail to affirm that execution diminishes their grief. Beyond these arguments, what do they say about the American people? Is vengeance an appropriate response even to very serious crime?

Few nations have removed it from their list of available punishments. The following 14 nations still employ the death penalty, but in recent years its use has dramatically diminished: Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, the United States.

There are reasons to eliminate capital punishment.

There are increasing numbers of cases in which the already executed are later found to be innocent.

The death penalty eliminates any possibility of rehabilitation.

Even if it is only used in the most grievous cases, the barbaric way it is carried out says something about the darker nature of the American people.

An increasing number of US states have now rejected its use. Efforts by citizens groups, and dedicated individuals such as Bill Breeden, will hopefully bring an end to this barbaric practice.

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# We Are The Masters Of Our Own Destruction!

**My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel**

When I started thinking about this article my initial thought was; 'in the name of progress, the Federal Government is stealing our freedoms'. After much thought I came to this realization; "Yes" the government is taking our freedoms but not without our help. We have abetted the government's efforts through the ballot box. By repeatedly electing people who want to control our every thought and action we have given them our permission. We continue to elect people who only promote their own agenda's, not yours. We, the voters, are helping in the destruction of this once great nation!

Did we have help? Who helped? Initially, the school system, from pre-school to grad-school, has indoctrinated our children with progressive socialism. Once indoctrinated, these same children grew up to become the leaders of society. They control every part of our society, from education to the MSM and social media. They control board rooms across the nation and many others around the globe. Worst of all they control most of the governments of the western world. They are the 'woke' generation. Do not believe the lies of these tyrannical sociopaths, when they make bold statements about wanting to help the people. What they really want is to subjugate you to their dominance. Lincoln said 'what is taught in

schools today becomes law in twenty years'.

The world has come a long way from the America of my birth. That is an undisputable fact. When I was just a child, brave patriots were dying on the battlefields of WWII. The KKK was still terrorizing much of the Southern America. Segregation in the military was the law. Jim Crow laws were condoned by the Supreme Court. Then came years of progress where racial discrimination was outlawed and equality was the goal of all civilized people. We strived to create a nation based on the concept espoused by Dr. Martian Luther King, where people were judged on character not the color of their skin.

How things have changed! Today we are told that your character and deeds do not matter. What matters is the color of your skin or where your ancestors came from. We have progressed to a point where racial segregation has a new face. White shaming and racial division is preached in schools, in the board rooms of companies and government agencies, across the nation. Everyone, except white people, are a victim of some sort of oppression, just ask the MSM and they will affirm that mantra. White babies are born as racists - really? This is progress?

Let us address the newest face of government tyranny. The new tyranny is; voter fraud. In the name of voter safety due to COVID, last year, lawsuits were initiated, by Democrats in several states. The ploy was, 'it is unsafe for voters to go to the polls and vote in person', so we must allow voters to remain at home. Left leaning courts were only too happy to oblige and abet the effort to legitimize illegal voting practices. The Constitution is only

too clear on this issue. In two places the Constitution stipulates that the legislatures of the states are the only body that can make laws regarding how voting is to be conducted. Evidence definitively shows that vote tampering was rampant in this past election. Several state legislatures have launched investigations into this issue. Voter integrity has been destroyed by one party rule in California.

In the future, will how we vote even matter? Joseph Stalin is reported to have said "Those who vote decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything". This is as true today as it was in Stalin's time. The point is; until there is true election integrity, how people vote may not have any effect on the outcome of future elections. Controlling the vote has been a tool used to overthrow governments throughout history. The other tools are: control of education, control of the media; control of the nation's military; creating fear and hatred within the population and creating laws preventing the population from defending itself from government tyranny through gun control. See the pattern here?

In summary; this nation is at crossroads in history. Will we continue down the road to Socialism being paved by 'Big Brother' tyranny? Tyranny, bring created by many state and federal government agencies, aided by the courts, the media and in board rooms? We empower tyrants when we mindlessly cast our vote for them because of word 'incumbent', or a political affiliation, appears next their names. We support their enablers when we subscribe to their media platforms or buy their products.

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

# The Overlooked Threat of AI

**By Aaron Zhang**

In the world of newly emerging Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, it can often be difficult to keep up with why and where it is important. The prominent discussions about the sphere of autonomy often revolve around civilian-use, including technology like cars or robotic intelligence. Other notable debates may encompass human rights discussions or conversation around the viability of AI as a whole. However, one relatively under-covered topic that is huge-ly connected to AI is the use of its technology in military operations. These integrations, known as autonomous weapons, are some of the most versatile military munitions seen to date.

Already, great powers in the international scheme like China, Russia, South Korea, and more are investing heavily in autonomous weapons. Just as with nuclear weapons almost a century ago, a new arms race is being launched around these weapons. Importantly, China's lead in civilian AI allows the country to retain that same sort of lead in the military aspect of it. Never before seen weapons like the

Blowfish A2 drone allow China to conduct covert military operations, which present new challenges to military strategy globally. Not only can these autonomous weapons be extremely hard to detect, but they can also be used for defense, as countries have demonstrated by implementing AI in detection of attacks, such as launch-on-warning systems or satellites. The overall versatility of AI leads it to be some of the most breakthrough technology the world has seen since the A-Bomb. This is important because it can turn the tide of military alliances and undermine whatever conventional advantages countries may have. For example, America's massive lead in conventional military spending may be strategically overcome by autonomous weapons alone, which also means that traditional projections of military power may be eschewed.

The real problem with autonomous weapons, however, is not their versatility or even their power; it is how undervalued the weapons are in both the press and governmental policy. When the weapons are not seen in the news, they do not appear in popular cul-

ture. When they do not appear in popular culture, there is no awareness being raised about how dangerous and important these weapons can be. In essence, the lack of coverage regarding the rise of autonomous weapons is the same reason they are so significant. This same underestimation translates to governments too, especially the United States government. While other countries massively invest, the U.S. is spending only 2 billion dollars annually on AI technology, which is not nearly enough to compete with AI leaders like China. If they want to gain a lead, experts say that closer to 25 billion needs to be spent. On a broader level, regulations around these weapons are ambiguous and not at all being enforced. Because the technology is so new, even the definitions for what autonomous weapons include are unclear. Considering all these factors, autonomous weapons pose a looming threat that if unaddressed, and could have detrimental implications to global stability.

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# Role Of Central Bank As Money Supply Explodes

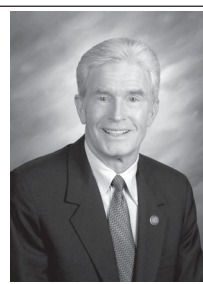
Ed Yardeni (a Wall Street economist) pointed out last week that the USA's money supply has exploded and "M2 Is Off the Charts"! M1 (money in circulation) is up \$2,943 billion (+74%) and M2 (M1 plus savings deposits in banks) is up \$4,069 billion (+26%) just in the last year! Where did all this domestic liquidity come from?

For starters the Fed purchased \$3 trillion in Treasury securities and mortgage-backed securities during the past 12 months, which in turn has dramatically boosted M2. Essentially, when this much money is readily available it tends to get spent, especially if uncertainty can be reduced and the economic outlook seems brighter. Clearly, the Fed and the U.S. Treasury are working together to provide "whatever it takes" to fuel this ongoing economic recovery.

Eventually all this additional cash sloshing around (within M2) will likely continue to stimulate and eventually accelerate inflation. The Fed has purposely been trying to get headline inflation up to its target rate of 2%; however, productivity enhancements have continued to keep inflation below the Fed's target. As a result, the Fed has its challenges. Everyone will be watching to see if M2 continues to rise as a result of this seemingly endless quantitative easing combined with the Biden Administration's recently passed stimulus programs.

Central banks also serve a countercyclical role. When the economy overheats The Fed tries to calm it down. When or if our economy becomes depressed, they try to prop it up, as they continue doing at the moment (and have been doing since China's

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



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Covid-19 first impacted America last year). We have been experiencing very aggressive intervention in the economy and financial markets by the "modern monetary theory" (MMT) practicing duo of the Federal Reserve and the US Treasury. This explains why stocks are at all-time highs and average hourly earnings went up last year during a bad recession. Generous government benefits, including PPP loans, as well as generous employers fueled by ongoing corporate profitability have provided more available cash for stock buyers than was needed for essentials.

Jointly, the Fed and the U.S. Treasury Department have the biggest control over the money supply. The Fed via balance sheet operations creates excess reserves and supports asset prices (excess reserves are part of the monetary base, but not part of M2). Via loan guarantees the U.S. Treasury Department affects the flow of credit in the U.S. economy and pushes up broad measures of the money supply.

What has been going on here is very similar to the deficit spending that happened during World War II. Between 1940 and 1945 deficit spending surged, yet inflation was still somewhat under control as the economy was

not operating in normal fashion (as many soldiers were away fighting in the war). However, inflation reached 19.6% in 1947 as the economy began to normalize after the war and all that extra money was floating around. Similarly, I think there will be a notable pickup in inflation after the COVID pandemic is more under control (maybe sooner than expected).

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said recently that the Fed will continue to be especially accommodative in order to bolster U.S. economic growth. Interestingly Chairman Powell also implied that U.S. unemployment might be higher than the 6.3% level that the Labor Department reported for January. He went on to explain that "Published unemployment rates during Covid have dramatically understated the deterioration in the labor market" and "we have been concerned about its longer-term effects".

Powell added that "extended periods of unemployment can inflict persistent damage on lives and livelihoods while also eroding the productive capacity of the economy. And, we know from the previous recession that it can take many years to reverse the damage." Translated from "Fed-speak" we might conclude that the Fed may never raise key short-term interest rates during the Biden administration! But, when inflation does substantially pick up, don't count on that.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*This week, my husband lost his job and our health insurance. We can't afford Cobra. What do we do now?*

Part of the most recent Covid-relief package includes the government paying 100-percent of Cobra payments from April 1 to September 30. Check with your previous employer for more information. Do not procrastinate!

*Is the vaccination going to eliminate Covid like some vaccines have in the past? Will our economy return to "normal"?*

Vaccine. My understanding is that Covid-19 will be more like the seasonal flu, just not "seasonal." Some get their annual flu shot, others don't. Some get the flu, others don't. Either way, thousands of Americans die every year from the seasonal flu. CDC and WHO appear to think it's likely the coronavirus will be very similar. With coronavirus, some will get the vaccine on schedule, yet some of those will get sick with a variation of coronavirus. Others will not get the vaccination; some of those will get sick, others won't. We learn to adjust to the presence of AIDs, Zika and West Nile viruses, etc.

Economy. Whenever there's a Big Event (terrorist attacks, massive fires, strong earthquakes, pandemics, etc.), changes follow. We adjust to heightened security, scheduled power outages, reinforced bridges and buildings, quarantines, wearing masks, and social distancing. We have become more aware of the Global economy as we've become more knowledgeable about the effect of this pandemic, as well as



**Julia Yoder**

changes in trade agreements. Our economy is always changing. Currently, interest rates and inflation are low. We can learn from relatively recent history (mid- to late-1970's), about rampant inflation and very high interest rates. (<https://www.marketplace.org/2018/09/05/5-things-70s-inflation/>) Get out of debt, and save for the future.

*When the pandemic started, I spent my emergency savings to stock up on some things so I would not have to go shopping as often. We've used up most of that. Should we re-stock or just go back to shopping several times each week?*

This experience has made us all more aware of how quickly store shelves empty! We also learned what items are more necessary than others. Some have learned to grow a food garden, cook more meals, and make their own bread. Living in California, you should maintain a 3-4-week (or longer) emergency stockpile as part of your Earthquake preparedness. CDC and FEMA have online guidelines. Prepare for the

worst, and hope for the best. Being better prepared should give you and your family more peace of mind.

*When does one have to pay taxes on the different kinds of investments?*

On savings, checking, CDs, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, and treasuries, you pay taxes NOW (annually). Pay taxes LATER (when you make withdrawals) on an IRA, a 401k, a 403b, other pension plans, variable and fixed annuities, and savings bonds. Pay taxes NEVER\* on Roth IRAs, Municipal bonds, and life insurance cash value accounts. (\*You already paid taxes on the money before investing in these.)

*Are there safe places to put my money other than CD's?*

Consider putting some of your money into products (fixed-indexed annuities and fixed-indexed life insurance policies), which could offer you a potentially higher rate of return, defer taxes, be every bit as safe, offer some great additional benefits you could take advantage of later in life, and fulfill some aspects of retirement and estate planning.

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# Grit & Leadership in Today's World

**By Michael Allowos**  
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Is leadership supposed to be easy? Should it be difficult? Or should it be somewhere in the middle? Sounds like a bedtime story that we all may be familiar with. Leadership should be leading to a defined goal or outcome and preferable by consensus which takes a whole lot more skills. Can ego's get in the way? Absolutely; can past failures or pain be challenging for a leader? Sure thing; can these issues be overcome? Absolutely!

A close friend of mine gave me a book just recently called "GRIT" and the subject matter appropriately ties in with this "leadership" newsletter. A quick definition of Grit is: To have grit means you have courage and show the strength of your character. ... When understanding character education and how character is built, one of the key words that should be used is grit. A person with true grit has passion and perseverance. Goals are set and followed through.

Setting appropriate goals is a whole other newsletter involving ethics, team building, and various other topics that we won't get into on this letter.

We can call leadership as a process of leading, an act of leading by one or more entities. Leadership can also be defined as the ability or the capacity to change human behavior that can achieve a target assigned by leader. You can refer leadership as an extraordinary quality a man or a woman may possess. A person having leadership qualities may give direction or guidance to some other person. This is called "actual" exercise of leadership. Very few countries have been able to give excellent or even satisfactory leadership, but this is subjective.

Leadership can have informal and formal aspects. Formal aspect can be seen in most business and political leadership while informal aspect can be seen in most friendships. Leadership, which is an abstract term usually, means entities that do the job of leading possess some leadership

skills. Leadership qualities have the ability to inspire and influence many associates. Leadership process can be developed through a process of training, self-study, education and experience.

Leaders accomplish their tasks by applying leadership attributes such as values, ethics, knowledge, skills and beliefs. If you are a supervisor, managers then you have the authority to achieve certain tasks. This does not mean that you are the leader. You are just a boss. Leadership makes the associates want to accomplish high goals and not bossing people around.

Some personality attributes may lead the person into leadership roles naturally.

A hostile situation or an important event in a person's life may bring some extraordinary qualities in that ordinary person and the person may rise to that occasion. You can also learn leadership skills and choose to become a great leader. That is, you can transform yourself to become a leader. The foundation of good leadership is having an honorable character and giving selfless service to your country or organization. Self-serving leaders may not be that effective as their associates only obey them. They don't follow the leader. A good leadership motivates and provides direction to its employees or those needing to fulfill a certain task.

An effective leadership builds confidence and trust among its associates. Employee satisfaction is a vital key to effective leadership. Leadership should be able to effectively communicate with the employees and others. Effective communication is a key to winning confidence and trust. In short, your leadership should be trustworthy. Manipulation and scheming others with half truths and straight out lies will only lead to a failed leadership and pain that will last a lifetime.

In order to develop leadership qualities:

- You should seek self-improvement.
- You should strength your attributes.
- You should take responsibility

as well as seek responsibility.

- Find ways for your organization to achieve new heights.
- Develop your decision-making and problem-solving skills.

If things go wrong in your company do not blame your employees. Instead, take some corrective action and look for the next challenge.

- Make correct and timely decisions.
- Try to know your employees and take care of them.
- Make sure that tasks are well understood and accomplished.
- Try to develop a team spirit among your associates and employees. By doing this your employees will work to their full capabilities.

Be technically proficient in your job and you should possess a good familiarity with the employee's tasks.

Though the years I have seen good and effective leaders and others not so much. The ones that excelled in their leadership roles were educated in their subject matter, had the respect of those who they lead, were humble and above all had Grit!

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**THE CAR GURU**  
**WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW**  
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# Women and Car's Early Years

Women played a role in the history of the car. Here are a few facts that are interesting to know!

**1903** - Mary Anderson was granted a patent for the windshield wiper in 1903. The first windshield wiper was a swinging arm with a rubber blade that could be operated manually from inside the car. She first tried to sell her idea to a Canadian firm in 1905 but they decided it was "not of such commercial use as would warrant the undertaking of its sale." Hmmm...big mistake! Wipers became standard in cars by 1916.

**1909** - Alice Huyler Ramsey, at age 22, drove cross country (3,800 miles) from New York to San Francisco. It took 59 days! Keep in mind that most of those miles were on unpaved roads and she didn't have maps (those things we used before GPS!). Alice had

to change 11 tires, repair a broken brake pedal, and clean spark plugs! She became the first woman inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame.

**1913** - Can't imagine a car without turn signals or brake lights? Isn't it annoying to drive behind someone without them? Silent film star, Florence Lawrence certainly felt they were necessary. She invented an "auto signaling arm" which was activated by pressing a button. It would raise or lower an arm that had a sign, showing which way the driver was turning. When the driver wanted to stop, a "stop sign" would pop up.

**1915** - Wilma K. Russey became the first female New York City taxi driver...on New Year's Day! She dressed very elegantly as a taxi driver and was also an

expert (and stylish) auto mechanic.

**1943** - Helene Rother became the first female automotive designer. She was hired by General Motors to create stylish and glamorous interior designs for cars. Helene was the first woman to address the Society of Automotive Engineers and was awarded the Jackson Medal for excellence of design.

The next time you use your wiper blades, turn signals or brake lights...think of these innovative women!

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Lawler House

By Joe Castillo

### Preserving California...

With the growing population explosion, old homes are being torn down and replaced with larger homes to house more people with smaller yard space. This change effects our neighborhoods, adds stress to our city's infrastructure, increases traffic and creates more congestion through our entire region. The six-county area of Southern California is the most populated area in the United States, and the population continues to grow and grow. But sometimes the preservationists win the battle and in Suisan City in Northern California one such battle was fought.

In 1857, a ranch house was built near the Suisan Prairie with an architectural style design of Italianate with its tall columns similar to Mount Vernon, home of President George Washington. The original owner is unknown but records indicate it was occupied from 1857 until 1869 when the Swan Family acquired it, and it stayed with the family until 1919 when it was purchased by the Vest Family. The Vest Family held it until 1932 and sold it

to the Field Family who lived in it less than a year when they sold it to the Brownell Family. In 1947, John Lawler bought the house and started to remodel it and eventually in 1976 it was sold to the Ken Hoffman Company. The sale included the ranch house and 2,000 acres of Solano Valley land. But the Hoffman Company could not maintain the house and sought to develop the land leaving little option for the house. It was offered to Suisan City to move it and the offer included \$70,000 to help with any repairs. But the City balked leaving the Hoffman Company few options in its development plans.

The Lawler House was scheduled for demolition but before that could happen vandals set upon the house and took what they could. Souvenir hunters, antique gatherers, and so-called collectors took whatever they could from the 100-plus year house. If the wrecking ball wasn't going to destroy the house, then people would finish it off. But a group of preservations known as Preserve All Suisan Treasures (PAST) took a stand to protect the

house and members Mary Higham, Jean Marcuzzo and Debbie Woodruff all volunteered to stay at the house to keep vandals away until the City would reconsider a deal. Finally, in 1979, the Hoffman Company and Suisan City reached an agreement and plans were moved to relocate the house to the former civic plaza of the city. Bob Klemmedson, Clarence Richards and a host of volunteers and equipment lifted the house, moved it down Highway 12, placed it on a barge and moved in over the water to its present site in the heart of Suisan City. It was a monumental effort to preserve a house which had gone through so much in its long history. Now 164 years old, its only 7 years younger than the State of California and it still stands proudly as a tribute to the past and the future of our state....

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## Things to Think About!



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

sneak out of our houses to go to parties. Well now, when we're old, we sneak out of parties to go home."

Many of us know or have met identical twins. Gotta wonder, if an identical twin got plastic surgery, would it be hard for the other twin not to feel a little insulted?

We use tables to keep food off the floor, tablecloths to keep food off the table, placemats to keep food off the tablecloth, and plates to keep food off the placemats. Yet, we still get it all over the front of us.

Think about this one... Technically, almost every mirror you buy at a store is in used condition. Next time you go to a store to get a mirror, toss that out there that it is actually a used mirror and you would like to get a dis-hallowed because it is in "used" condition.

Whenever you buy and eat half a chicken, do you realize you're secretly sharing a meal with a stranger? Who the hell is this mystery person???

It's crazy that something like a Walmart gift card is printed on plastic, but my social security card is printed on the flimsiest piece of paper I've ever handled.

The object of golf is to play the least amount of golf. Did you ever think about that?

Did you know that the word "wrong" is spelled wrong in the dictionary?

George Orwell predicted that cameras would be watching us in our homes, but he didn't predict that we would buy and install them ourselves.

Smart phones are probably responsible for reducing graffiti in public restrooms.

By law, our cars have to be road worthy, but the roads don't have to be car worthy.

The fact that our body knows the difference between a gas and a solid and which is safe to expel at any given time is greatly under-appreciated. However, I am getting to the age that I am really not trusting that it will actually be a fart. Let's find out. Remember the term, "Go ahead and make my day!?" Well, go ahead and pull my finger.

A thumb is a digit, but not technically a finger. So, if the thumb is not a finger, then there is no middle finger, is there?

If you think about it. When you clean out a vacuum cleaner, you become a vacuum cleaner.

So much to think about and if we do think about it... then...

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

## Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. A customer at a fast food place in Glendora bought a couple of meals for a "homeless man" - the man responded that he decided to stay in "The Pride of the Foothills" because people in town bought him stuff, including a tent.

2. "Meghan wears the pants, Harry the kilt!" -- MOVIE COMING SOON - in IMAX.

(But, psst, keep this to yourself -- they seek privacy and yearn for publicity hounds to stay away.)

3. Roadway construction from Glendora to Duarte, k-rail barriers on both sides of the Foothill Freeway - SUPER dangerous for cars "squeezed" between the impenetrable rails and the trains of thundering "truculent" tractor-trailers (too much alliteration?).

4. Considering the electorate majority that voted for Governors Newsom and Cuomo is intact in

their states, they have ample chances to survive - but both probably ought to stop designing their "President 2024" campaign buttons.

5. President Biden's mental faculties seem substandard, for anyone, but for the president of the United States of America his frailty could be disastrous for the nation... Regardless of its political leanings, the influential national press needs to assure the nation by vigorously investigating the president's overall health.

6. News writers at major newspapers and electronic news reporters apparently do not know the difference between objective news reporting, and writing persuasive essays -- many of them report news stories trying to convince readers, rather than informing them.

7. There is a Corona Virus problem as well as a humanitari-

an illegal immigration crisis at America's southern border in Texas and Arizona -- created by the president's declaration of an "open borders" policy, but most people are unaware or don't care.

8. So, the word "so" is now apparently the most so overly used word in the country, whether in the so called press, among the so and so T.V. "talking heads", or among the ones ever so chic.

9. Close-up photos remind us that "father time" or "mother time" waits for no one, even if we close our eyes and whistle in the dark.

10. For decades, it seems one of the primary aims of teachers and professors of U. S. high school and college "social science" classes is to convince students they are all victims of an oppressive America - and they've accomplished their task, superbly.

## FPH Announces Scholarships for Students Majoring in a Health Field

GLENDORA - Emanate Health Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary in Glendora is happy to announce its 2022 scholarship program available to high school graduates and college students who are majoring in a health career field. All applicants must be United States citizens and California residents. Students must fully complete the entire 2022 application form in

order to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

The application link for 2022 scholarships is at <http://www.emanatehealth.org/fphauxiliary>.

Completed and signed scholarship applications must be received on or before the end of the business day on April 30, 2021. They may be mailed directly or

delivered to Emanate Health Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Committee at 250 S. Grand Ave., Glendora, CA 91741. There will also be drop off box in the Reception/Lobby area of the hospital entrance. If you have further questions regarding the application please email the Volunteer office at [tramirez@emanatehealth.org](mailto:tramirez@emanatehealth.org).

## Monrovia Unified Approves Hybrid Model, Reopening of K-5 Campuses

MONROVIA - Monrovia Unified School District's Board of Education approved the District's Elementary Hybrid Instructional Model during a special board meeting on March 12. The elementary hybrid model will split

students into three cohorts. Cohort A will attend school Monday and Tuesday, while Cohort B will attend on Thursday and Friday. Cohort C will consist of students who choose to remain in distance learning. Wednesday will

be a full distance learning day for all students, allowing time for the deep cleaning of campuses. Monrovia will stagger the return to in-person instruction by grade level, between Thursday, March 25 and Thursday, April 1

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- ACROSS**
- Great divide
  - World's oldest national broadcaster
  - Pasturelands
  - Chinese fruit
  - #9 Across, sing.
  - Clemency
  - One in advertising
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
  - Characteristic of birds
  - \*Ongoing job in the garden
  - \*Without synthetic fertilizers
  - 2nd tallest bird
  - Theatrical production
  - Curiosity killed it?
  - Additionally
  - Capital of Poland
  - Passage into a mine
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  - Mid-century modern, e.g.
  - Toothy wheel
  - \*Some are heirlooms
  - Make like a cat
  - Erasable programmable read only memory
  - Stanislavski's rifle, e.g.
  - Unwanted correspondence
  - Motionless
  - Catch-22
  - "Are you sure?" in a text
  - Freight horse cart
  - Opposite of don'ts
  - \*6 or more hours of sunshine
  - \*Radicchio or frisée
  - On foot
  - Negative vote
  - 2020 NFL MVP
  - Morrison's "The \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Hockey great Bobby
  - Respectable and quiet
  - Sports award
  - Affirmative response
  - Infernos

- DOWN**
- Old bathtub foot
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  - Ne plus ultra
  - \*Opposite of #57 Across
  - Minimum, pl.
  - Influencer's journal
  - \*Stinging pollinator
  - Holiday song
  - Bulgarian money
  - Julia Roberts' Academy Award-winning role
  - Popular smoothie berry
  - Update an iPod
  - Inhabitant of Hungary
  - Nothing, pl.
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  - Highly skilled
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- Washington, e.g.
- Grow dim
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- Type of parrot
- "Musical" constellation
- Russian mountain chain
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### March 11, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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# Gold Line Board Welcomes New Member

Glendora Council Member Mendell Thompson is sworn in as board's newest member

MONROVIA - At their March 10th meeting, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) Board of Directors welcomed Glendora Council Member Mendell Thompson to the board. Councilman Thompson was sworn in for a two-year term during the meeting, after being appointed by the City of South Pasadena earlier this month. The City also appointed Ontario Mayor Paul Leon as the alternate member for the next two years, and Dan Evans as a non-voting board member for a four-year term. Councilman Thompson has been representing the City of Glendora on the Foothill Gold Line Joint Powers Authority board since April 2017; bringing nearly five years of experience to his new position on the board of directors.



Glendora Council Member Mendell Thompson

"I am honored and humbled to be serving on this board and will do my best to carry the mantle held so well by my predecessor," stated Council Member Thompson upon his swearing in. "The Foothill Gold Line is a critical project for the Foothill communities and our entire region, and I look forward to being part of the board as the current construction phase continues and as we seek the funding necessary to extend the line to Claremont, Montclair and beyond."

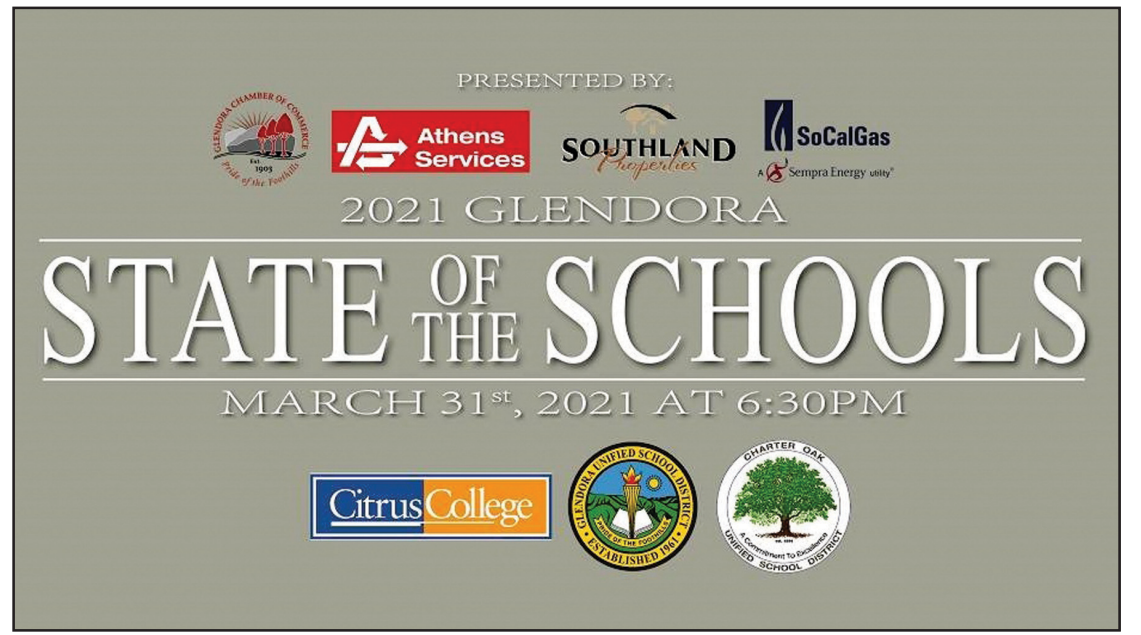
Major construction activities are now underway on the project segment from Glendora to Pomona; which is anticipated to be completed in late 2024, as reported during the same meeting.

If an additional \$450 million in funding is secured by October 2021, the entire project from Glendora to Montclair will be completed altogether as part of the current design-build contract, and would be anticipated to be complete in 2028.

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority board is made up of elected and appointed representatives from throughout the project corridor. The current board is made up of the following individuals: Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval (Chair), La Verne

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Carder (Vice Chair), Claremont Council Member Ed Reece (voting member), Los Angeles City Representative Melchor Ilomin (voting member), Glendora Council Member Mendell Thompson (voting member), Pasadena Council Member Gene Masuda (non-voting member), Ontario Council Member Alan Wapner (non-voting member), and South Pasadena representative Dan Evans (non-voting member). The Governor's appointee is currently vacant.

# The Glendora Chamber Presents The Glendora State of the Schools



**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce along with Athens Services, Southland Properties, and SoCalGas present the 2021 Glendora State of the Schools Zoom Webinar.

Please join the Glendora Chamber on March 31st starting at 6:30 PM.

At this year's Glendora State of the Schools, you will hear from the leaders of Citrus Col-

lege, Glendora Unified, and Charter Oak Unified. Our presenters will update us on current and future openings, issues, successes, and much more. You don't want to miss it, and space is limited.

The Glendora Chamber would also like to thank Foothill Credit Union, Citrus College, America's Christian Credit Union, TelWorx, Marilyn Sparks Agency of Farmers In-

urance, ProForma Quality Printing, SportClips Glendora, Banner Bank, Glendora Tire and Brake, Gary & Linda Clifford, Emanate Health, Leon Laub of Merrill Lynch Bank of America, Azusa Pacific University, Ottosen & Co, and Raising Cane's Glendora for their sponsorship of the event.

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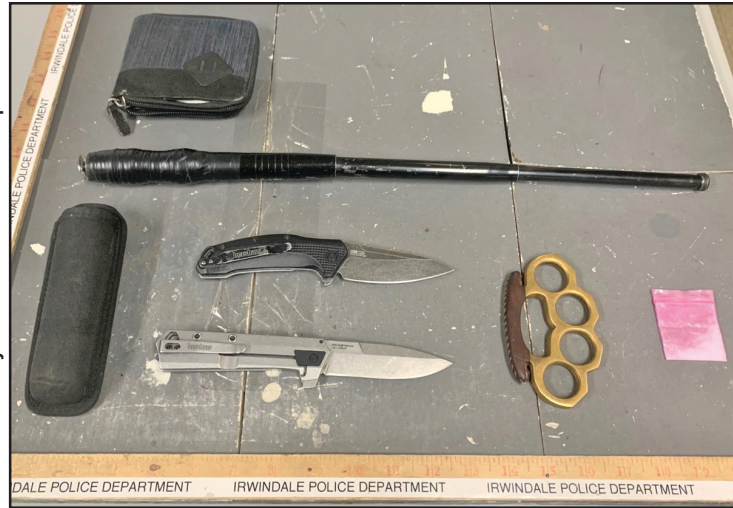
# Traffic Stop Results in Possession of Narcotics and Illegal Weapons Charges



Richard Coppens, a 25-year-old resident of Missouri

**IRWINDALE** - Nice work by Irwindale patrol officer lead to the arrest of a wanted subject for the possession of narcotics and illegal weapons.

A traffic stop for a vehicle code violation resulted in the driver, Richard Coppens, a 25-year-old resident of Missouri, being found in possession of



Methamphetamine, a baton, and brass knuckles were found in possession of the suspect, Richard Coppens.

Methamphetamine, a baton, and brass knuckles.

Coppens was arrested on drug and weapons charges and was booked at the jail. He was also

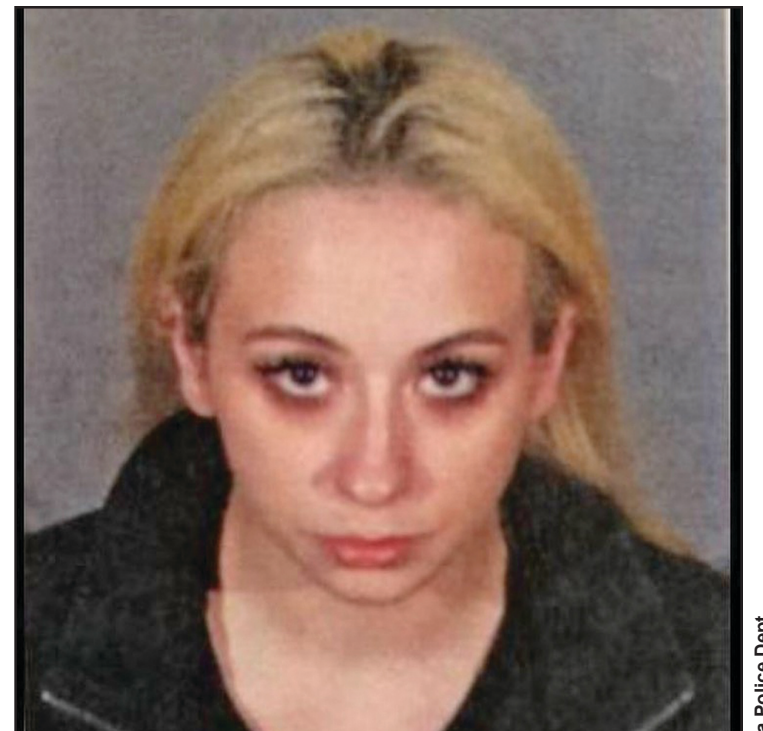
found to have an extraditable warrant for his arrest in the state of Missouri. He remains in custody on his charges.

# Woman Wanted By U.S. Marshals For Drug Smuggling Arrested By Covina Police at the Vanlee Hotel

**COVINA** - On March 9th at approximately 11:00 AM, Crime Impact Team (CIT) Detectives were investigating a subject on probation occupying a room at the Vanlee Hotel. They contacted the sole occupant, Kelly Branham, 29 years old of Chino, who was wanted by the U.S. Marshals for smuggling narcotics across the United States border from Mexico.

CIT Detectives located an unserialized and loaded firearm in her closet. They also located approximately 29 grams of heroin and approximately 10 grams of methamphetamine in the room. Branham was arrested for the felonies and the U.S. Marshals later responded to take custody of her.


Any information regarding this crime, please contact Covina Police Department Detective Lee (626) 384-5661, or Crime Stoppers (800) 222-TIPS (8477). Refer to Covina PD Incident #21-6299. [PR by PIO Sgt Rodriguez 2160]



Kelly Branham, 29 years old of Chino



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# Duarte EGGFEST Drive-Thru Event on April 3



**DUARTE** - Grab your household peep, hop in your carrot mobile, and drive on through Duarte Parks and Recreation's EGGFEST 2021! This egg-tremely safe and fun springtime event will take place April 3, the day before Easter, at the Duarte Civic Center (1600 Huntington Drive).

Vehicles will drive down the bunny trail to find plenty of eggs filled with candy or treats, colorful decorations, and some bunny really special waiting to see them. They may even possibly find a golden egg! The event is free for resi-

dents and \$15 per car for non-residents. Pre-registration\* is required for this event.

Registration for Duarte EGGFEST, in addition to recreation classes, will open on Monday, March 8 at [accessduarte.com](http://accessduarte.com).

For any questions, please contact the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

\*Please note - no registration will be taken the day of the event and the event is subject to cancellation pending weather conditions.

# Azusa Man Killed, Female Injured in Shooting

By George Ogden

**PASADENA** - A man and woman were sitting in a car in the parking lot of a strip mall in the 2500 block of E. Foothill Boulevard just before 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th, when a male suspect walked up to the car and started shooting at the occupants. A 23-year-old Azusa man was killed and a woman companion was injured.

The couple were seated in the car and for unknown reason a man walked up to them and started shooting.

According to reports, the man who did the shooting, ran immediately from the shooting scene and according to witnesses, they saw a vehicle with tinted windows speed away from the scene.

When officers got to the scene, they found both victims still inside the car. The man had been hit by the gunfire numerous times. He was transported to a

hospital, where he died a short time later. His name not was released.

The 19-year-old woman from Duarte was the other victim and had minor injuries, and was treated at the scene and it is unknown if she went to the hospital.

Police were still searching for the suspect, but did not have a detailed description of what he looked like and are seeking information from anyone who may have seen something to come forward and help out.

There has been a streak of violence in Pasadena that lasted through much of 2020 and into this year. According to Mayor Victor Gordo, violent crimes were up by 35%, and in February, shooting victims increased by 50%. In just the first six weeks of 2021, the city saw nine shootings with 12 victims, police said.

## Senator Susan Rubio Presents Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day Proclamation

SACRAMENTO - Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) presented SCR21, a resolution proclaiming March 15 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day as part of National Women's History Month.

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg once said, 'Women's rights are an essential part of the overall human rights agenda, trained on the equal dignity and ability to live in freedom all people should enjoy,' and she spent her life defending those rights," Sen. Rubio said. "As a proud member of the Women's Caucus and Jewish Caucus, I knew recognizing Justice Ginsburg was an obvious choice during a month when we highlight women who were trailblazers and whose shoulders we stand on. She shaped American law for decades in the courts, and before that as a professor and lawyer. She leaves a lasting legacy in this country and is an example for all of us to follow."

"Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been a warrior and role model for everyone, especially women," said Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens), Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus. "Her intelligence and core values have paved the path for civil and equal rights for women. The landmark United States v. Virginia, which she authored, ended gender segregation in public institutions and is widely seen as the precedent for every gender equity victory that followed. In the history of the Supreme Court there have been 115 justices-only five have been women. No Justice has had a greater impact on narrowing the gender gap than the notorious RBG. She's a



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

hero to so many, including myself."

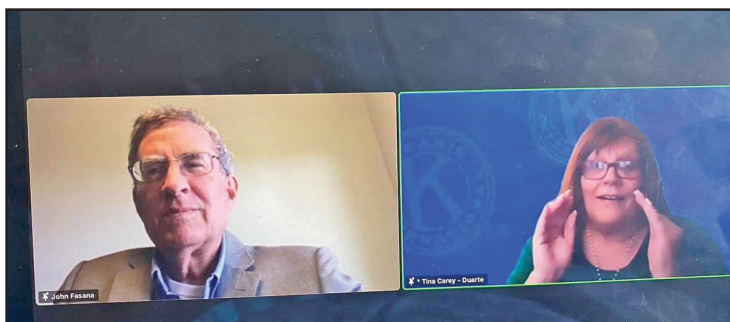
"I'm proud to join Senator Rubio and my colleagues in honoring the incredible legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Encino), Chair of the California Legislative Jewish Caucus. "Justice Ginsburg was a true trailblazer and a tireless advocate for equality who left a deep and lasting impact on our nation. As American Jews, we take enormous pride in her accomplishments and in the ways in which she elevated Jewish values through her extraordinary public service."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the second female justice of

the United State Supreme Court. Born on March 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York, Bader graduated from Harvard Law School, taught at Rutgers University Law School and then at Columbia University, where she became its first female tenured professor. She served as the director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union and was later appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She was named to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1993 by President Bill Clinton. She died September 18, 2020 due to complications from metastatic pancreatic cancer.

## Duarte Kiwanis Recognizes John Fasana's Service with a Distinguished Service Award

DUARTE - The Duarte Kiwanis Club honored retiring Duarte City Council Member, John Fasana, with a Distinguished Service Award. John served as a City of Duarte Council Member for 33 years and served as Mayor six times during that tenure. In December, 2020, John retired leaving a stellar legacy. His leadership on LA County's Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and Foothill Transit Boards of Directors plus other regional achievements reaped massive



benefits of his city, county, the State of California and our nation. John credits Southern California Edison (SCE), his employer for 35 years, for much of his energy efficiency

knowledge. The Duarte Kiwanis invites everyone to join them in honoring John Fasana for the Gold Line, HOV Express Lanes and Toll System as well as the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) projects.

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

## Pratt Wins Six at Santa Anita As Exciting Racing Continues



Benoit photo

Apprentice Alexis Centano got his 1st Stakes win! (Photos courtesy of Benoit Photography)

By Joan Schmidt  
ARCADIA - March 12, was an amazing day for Flavien Pratt; he won SIX of eight races! Wins included Dr. Hoffman, Ippodami's Girl, Missy P, Burnin Turf, Rather Nosy, and Disappearing Act. Santa Anita's record for most wins in one meet is Laffitt Pincay's seven! Other jockeys achieving six are Bill Shoemaker (1962), Pincay ('73 and '81), Sandy Hawley (twice in '76), Darrel McHargue ('78 and '79), Patrick Valenzuela ('88), Martin Pedroza ('92) Corey Nakatani (2000) and Rafael Bejarano ('06) Currently, Pratt is leading jockey: 59 wins, followed by Juan Hernandez' 44. (Congrats to Juan Hernandez, recently achieved 2000 wins!0

March 6 had FIVE exciting stake races! Pratt won "China Doll Stakes" on Going Global (Phil D'Amato, trainer); Mike Smith, "San Felipe Stakes", Life is Good (Bob Baffert); Apprentice Alexis Centano, "San Carlos Stakes", Brickyard Ride (Craig Lewis); Florent Geroux, "Frank E. Kilroe Miles Stakes", Hit the Road (Dan Blacker); Joel Rosario, "Santa Anita Handicap Stakes", Idol, (Richard Baltas).

Brickyard Ride brought Apprentice Alexis Centuro his first Stakes Win... "First I want to thank God and (trainer) Craig Lewis, who has helped me a lot and my agent Erick Arroyo... Brickyard Ride is so special. I won my last two races in a row with him." (Outstanding "win photo" from Benoit)

Los Alamitos has opened evening Quarter Horse Racing to spectators. On March 11, a Santa Anita news update said "Our priority is the health and safety of our horses, commu-



Juan Hernandez got his 2000 win.

nity, fans and staff". It remains closed to the public, but racing can still be viewed on TV and on line. We saw close-up TVG's announcer Christina Blacker's excitement as she watched her husband, trainer Dan Blacker's horse, Hit the Road, provide him with his first "Frank E. Kilroe Miles Stakes" win.

Flavien Pratt's fired agent Derek Lawson after seven years and many wins. (It was announced two weeks prior, but Pratt kept winning many

races and people just wondered about it!) Pratt's new agent is Mike Pegram, who also has Mike Smith's book. That left Drayden Van Dyke without an agent. (They can only have two jockeys' books.) But no worries. Drayden received MANY calls; Gary Stevens is now his agent and Drayden's heading to Keeneland and Churchill Downs. Everyone will miss Drayden, but wish him well.

That's all the racing news for now.

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