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# Citrus College Celebrated as 'Top Producer' of International Scholars

**GLENDORA** - The U.S. Department of State recently recognized Citrus College as a national leader in study abroad education.

In late October, the department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), in collaboration with the Institute of International Education, released a list of higher education institutions that have generated the greatest number of Gilman scholars from 2001-2021. Citrus College was one of 20 colleges in the United States to be named a "20-year Gilman Top Producer" in the associate degree-granting institution category.

Launched in 2001 and administered by the ECA, the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program is designed to make international education more accessible and inclusive for American students. It provides scholarship funds to outstanding undergraduates who might not otherwise participate in study abroad opportunities because of their financial constraints. Since the program's inception, 19 Citrus College students have received a coveted Gilman award.

"It is an incredible honor for Citrus College to be celebrated as a top-producing institution. Although the State Department shares top producer lists every



Photo courtesy Citrus College.

A cohort of students from Citrus College and other local colleges spent a semester in Seville, Spain, in spring 2020 as part of the college's award-winning study abroad program.

year, this specific recognition is especially significant because it spans the two decades that the Gilman scholarship program has been in existence," said Greg Schulz, Ed.D., superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Understanding that there is great value in experiencing other countries and cultures, Citrus College strives to offer a vibrant and comprehensive study abroad program.

It is rewarding to know that so many of our students have been able to take advantage of these opportunities with the help of Gilman scholarships."

According to the ECA, the organization's 20th anniversary data reflects all Gilman Scholarship recipients who have participated in study abroad programs from fall 2001 through summer 2020. Award recipient data was filtered by institution size and

type, using information from 2019 that was provided by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. Colleges and universities in 27 states, plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, are represented on the lists.

This isn't the first time that Citrus College has been included on an ECA top producer list. In fact, the college was recognized as a greatest growth institution in

2019 in four categories: associate degree granting institutions, STEM students, most unique destinations and racial and ethnic minority students.

"Studying abroad can be an enlightening and maturing experience. As students live in and learn to understand different cultures, they are challenged to examine themselves and their viewpoints," said John Morris, coordinator of the Citrus College Study Abroad program. "The Gilman program recognizes Citrus College's success in helping students with limited financial resources win awards that lead to important study abroad experiences. I hope this recognition will lead to more support and awareness of those opportunities that are available to Citrus College students."

Citrus College students interested in participating in next summer's program in Kyoto, Japan, or next fall's semester in London, England, are encouraged to complete a Gilman scholarship application. The deadline is March 1, 2022, and the college's study abroad program is hosting a scholarship essay composition workshop on Zoom on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m. Workshop registration and additional information is available online at [www.citruscollege.edu/studyabroad](http://www.citruscollege.edu/studyabroad).

## An Evening of Gratitude and Love: Honoring Claudia and Alan Heller



The author (left) presenting the Hellers a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council.

By Joan Schmidt

**DUARTE** - Recently the Duarte Historical Society and Museum honored Claudia and Alan Heller for THIRTY years of volunteer service. Claudia, volunteer docent and President; Alan, extraordinary photographer who made many significant contributions to the organization. (His photographs are seen in Claudia's Duarte Chronicles and Curiosities of the Desert. A while back, I wrote about their joint effort, Life on Route 66: Personal Accounts along the Mother Road to California. In 2010, the Hellers began their own saga to Chicago along "America's Highway" and collected its stories and what it meant to the people who live along it.

The Hellers' tribute was perfect. Arriving at the Aztec Hotel, MC Steve Baker, Liz Reilly and Ruby Shiroma welcomed us. Mark Cater provided great music, in a beautiful outdoor setting. Placemats, a sketch of Claudia and Alan relaxing outside their camper adorned tables. (Thanks, Holiday, their daughter) The unique "road sign" centerpieces used all Route 66 spots explored and visited on their trip. (Thank you, Yolanda Bowers and Chuck Tipple.)

The tributes were abundant: I presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council mentioning also the Museum, (County worker with an eagle and snakes), great authors (Larry Walls, Struggles, Hurdles of a Black Man Growing up in a Land of Milk and Honey): Kristy Lopez

for Senator Portantino: "I'm honored to be here, you inspire people to do more"; Dick Singer, from News Group spoke of her great talent as an author and presented framed copy of an article; former Mayor Liz Reilly, now President of the Historical Society and Museum, called Claudia her Mentor, thanked Alan and Claudia, the "Heart and Soul of Community", John Fasana, past Mayor, spoke of a Public Safety Newsletter Claudia did, and Alan's involvement in sports; Past Mayor Bob Davey flew Alan in a plane to take photos; Julie Davey had read Claudia's articles and NEVER found a grammar error. Many attended: Monrovia Council Member Larry Spicer, Past Duarte Mayor, and Claudia's dear friend, Lois Gaston, authors Larry Walls and Marisella Adams and husband Jim, former Mayor Jim and Kathy Kirchner, Lydia Caldwell and Martha Hernandez from the Rotary Club; Steve and Sharman Werner and Levan "Y" and many more!

Thank you to Jenner and Erin Heller, Mary Barrow, Jordan and JT Blancett, Sierra Graham, Cathy Long, Joseph Mc Vey, Tokuo Nakamoto, Nahuel Patino, Samantha Kelly, MoonHappyChildCrafts, Willy(Aztec Hotel), Diane France (Buckboard BBQ) and Heller Tribute Sponsors: Route 66er, Duarte Rotary Club and Jim and Kathy Kirchner. A Wonderful tribute and a great evening seeing many dear old friends!



Claudia Heller with her daughter Holiday.

## Walnut Valley USD Recognizes Star Students and Parents



Trustees honor Collegewood Elementary fifth grader Audrey Lam with the Super Star Student Award

**WALNUT** - In keeping with tradition, the Walnut Valley USD Board of Trustees recognized exemplary students and parents during the October 20 meeting.

Collegewood Elementary fifth grader Audrey Lam was celebrated for grit and resilience with the Super Star Student Award. In August 2020, as students prepared to begin virtual learning, Audrey began her fight against leukemia. She juggled treatment, recovery, and healing with school work. "Audrey's unbelievable drive and love of learning shone through each day with a lovely smile and the determination to do her best," described teacher Joey Navarro. "She will forever be an inspiration to me," he said. "Audrey showed the entire Collegewood community what it meant to be a cancer thriver, not just a survivor!" shared Interim Principal Jeannette Schaller.

Parent volunteer Katie Daher was recognized with the Partner in Education Award. Katie is currently serving as Community Club president for the second consecutive year. She is quick to

welcome new families and has built authentic relationships with parents and staff. Ms. Daher handled the challenges of virtual learning with grace and found ways to keep kids connected by gathering resources for the Candy Cane Lane and fifth-grade drive-through promotion. She played a pivotal role in bringing student-centered activities including the Imagination Machine, where student writing would be performed. "Ms. Daher works to bring joy to kids and never seeks recognition. It is our honor to celebrate her hard work and name her our Partner in Education," Schaller said.

Ron Hockwalt Academies (RHA) honored senior John Shin with the Super Star Student Award. "John is a mature individual who strives to see life through various lenses as he challenges himself to understand others' points of view," shared Director of Pupil Personnel and RHA Principal Dr. Ron Thibodeaux. John also has the heart to serve others. Last year, he assembled winter supply bags for a local homeless shelter. He

also put together the furniture for the RHA Hope Center and worked with staff to create a space for students to reconnect, reimagine and restore their lives. Recently, John stepped up to support the virtual independent studies students as a peer mentor and tutor. "John is an asset and makes a difference at RHA!" Dr. Thibodeaux said.

Parent Johnny Adargaz received the Partner in Education Award for his contributions to the Perseverance Pond where RHA students have an opportunity to reconnect with nature.

Mr. Adargaz's son Angel is a current RHA student who has taken a keen interest in the Pond. Seeing his son's passion, Mr. Adargaz donated water lilies, water hyacinth, plants and Koi fish. "Through his generous donation, RHA's Perseverance Pond has become a place where students find calmness, enjoy each other's company, process through their own personal life decisions, and celebrate when they persevere as each finds HOPE." Dr. Thibodeaux added.



# 9th Annual City of Duarte Unity March



**DUARTE** - The 9th Annual City of Duarte Unity March, themed "Love is the Only River", is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, beginning at 8:30 AM. This youth driven event, presented by the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council, strives to promote peace, unity, and strength within our community. Everyone is invited to participate in what promises to be an exciting event.

The march will begin on the steps of Duarte City Hall (1600 Huntington Drive) and will conclude at the Duarte Teen Center (1400 Buena Vista Street). At the end of the march, participants will have a chance to enjoy music, food, performances, and a speech by this year's keynote speaker, Rhonda Luna. Luna is an inspiration to the community, serving as a selfless school counselor, driven youth advocate, and also a former World Featherweight Champion Boxer!

Free t-shirts will be provided to the first 150 marchers and face masks will also be given to the first 100 participants. Masks and social distancing are recommended.

This event is hosted by the City of Duarte and is co-sponsored by the Duarte Public Safety Office. For more information, please call the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

# Day of the Dead Comes Alive with New Forever Stamps



## Day of the Dead Forever Stamps

The U.S. Postal Service commemorates the Day of the Dead, an increasingly popular holiday in the United States, with the release of four new Forever stamps.

Day of the Dead celebrations can be traced back more than 3,000 years throughout pre-Columbian Latin America. The Catholic missionaries who arrived with the Spanish colonizers starting in the late 1500s introduced All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2) to the Americas, and the Indigenous peoples infused these holy days with their own rituals around commemorating and connecting

with deceased ancestors. Instead of grieving the dead, the lives of the deceased were celebrated and their memories honored.

Today, Día de los Muertos, as it is known in Spanish, has become a beloved tradition, particularly in U.S. cities with large Mexican and Central American immigrant communities.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans from all walks of life have come to appreciate and enjoy Day of the Dead. At the center of it all is the ofrenda, or offering, honoring not only departed family members but also

heroes and celebrities. Often assembled by artists, ofrendas feature colorful textiles and cut tissue paper; marigolds and other flowers; candles; photographs; and mementos, as well as the iconic decorated candy or papier-mâché skulls. The Day of the Dead, with all its exuberant color, life-affirming joy and appeal for the whole family, is fast becoming a popular American holiday.

Luis Fitch designed and illustrated the Day of the Dead stamps and Antonio Alcalá was the art director.

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## Covina Invites Residents To Participate In The District Formation Process

**COVINA**—The City of Covina (“City”) currently elects its City Councilmembers through an “at-large” election system in which each Councilmember can reside anywhere in the City and is elected by the voters of the entire City to provide citywide representation. On September 7, 2021, the City received a letter challenging the City’s current election method and asserting that the City’s at-large election system violates the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) and demanding that the City change its at-large voting system to a district-based election system. A district-based election system is generally one in which a city is divided into separate districts, with each district’s voters electing a representative from that district, who must also be a resident of the district.

While the City believes its current election system is consistent with the law and does not violate state or federal voting rights, the cost of litigation to defend the at-large system, coupled with the track record of oth-

er public agencies that have fought similar challenges, poses a significant financial and legal risk to the City. Due to these risks, on October 21, 2021, the Covina City Council adopted Resolution CC 2021-117, declaring its intent to transition to district-based elections beginning in the upcoming June 2022 election cycle.

The City of Covina is not unique in this situation. Agencies throughout the State have received similar demand letters prompting a shift from at-large to district-based elections. Locally, the cities of West Covina, San Dimas, Glendora and Duarte have engaged in similar processes and statewide, it has been reported that over three hundred (300) public agencies have made this transition.

The City of Covina is beginning the district formation process to create voting districts to elect City Councilmembers. The City has kicked off the district formation process with a new dedicated district formation website: MapCovina.org. The new website includes background information on the move to district elections, the schedule of upcoming meetings, and frequently asked questions.

Beginning in 2022, voters will vote for one City Councilmember who lives in their district instead of voting for all City Councilmembers in current “at-large” citywide elections. Covina’s districting process will determine representation on the City Council for Covina community members moving forward.

The switch to district-based elections is a process that many cities in California are undergoing to meet the standards of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) of 2001. The CVRA gave more robust legal backing to minority groups in California who have expressed that “at-large” elections have diluted their voting rights.

Covina invites residents to participate in the district formation process to ensure district lines respect neighborhoods, history, and geographical elements. The City Council hosted its first

of five Public Hearings on November 2, 2021. The first Public Hearing provided background information on the districting process and inform community members on how they can get involved.

Beyond the first Public Hearing, community members are encouraged to participate throughout the entire districting process:

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 7:30 PM - Public Hearing #2 - CVRA overview; mapping process

\*Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - Final deadline to submit maps for consideration for Public Hearing #3

Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 7:30 PM - Public Hearing #3 - Map presentation, discussion of election sequence

\*Tuesday, December 23, 2021 - Final deadline to submit maps for consideration for Public Hearing #4

Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 7:30 PM - Public Hearing #4 - Map presentation; introduction/first reading of ordinance to adopt district map/election sequence

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:30 PM - Public Hearing #5 - Second reading of Ordinance to adopt district map/election sequence

Once maps are submitted, the City’s consultants will review each map for compliance. All draft maps submitted by the deadlines will be posted on the districting website seven days prior to the Public Hearing. The City Council will receive all maps submitted by the public.

Instead of residents being limited to saying they support or oppose a City-prepared ordinance or resolution, they can draw a map for City Council to consider for adoption. Once mapping tools become available, residents can draw the borders of their neighborhood, a proposed Council district or sketch an entire citywide map.

To sign up for updates and information about the districting process and future public meetings, please MapCovina.org or email [districting@covinaca.gov](mailto:districting@covinaca.gov).

## Public Health Assists Skilled Nursing Facilities with Boosters

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) continues to work with skilled nursing facilities to ensure their eligible residents and staff receive COVID boosters.

The majority of skilled nursing facilities have established relationships with long term care pharmacies who will be supporting the provisions of booster doses to eligible residents. Beginning this week, skilled nursing facilities will be surveyed weekly to collect information on implementation of strategies to ensure eligible residents can receive booster doses. Public Health is working to address any barriers in requesting, receiving and administering boosters, and deploying mobile vaccine teams to assist any skilled nursing facility requiring help.

For the week ending October 17, 56 people tested positive for COVID-19 at skilled nursing facilities: 44 new cases were among skilled nursing fa-

cility residents, and 12 new cases were among skilled nursing facility staff. Fifty-five percent of new cases the week ending October 17 at skilled nursing facilities are among staff and residents that are fully vaccinated.

Skilled nursing facilities report that 95% of staff and 88% of residents are fully vaccinated. Skilled nursing facilities are subject to strict infection control precautions and are also required to verify the vaccine status of all workers and conduct routine testing of staff and residents. All staff at skilled nursing facilities are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19; those with an approved medical or religious exemption need to be tested once or twice weekly.

Boosters are available for eligible individuals for all three FDA-approved vaccines; Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. Residents who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may get a booster at least two months after the single dose. Residents who received the second of a two-dose Pfizer or

Moderna series at least 6 months ago are also eligible for a booster dose if they are:

- 65 years and older OR
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings OR
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions OR
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings

All eligible individuals are allowed to choose a different brand from their original vaccine as a booster. Residents can make an appointment for their booster by using [MyTurn.CA.gov](http://MyTurn.CA.gov) or the County website at [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) and for more information about booster shots. Additionally, many pharmacies and clinics countywide may be accepting appointments through their own systems.

Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

## L.A. County Continues COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Outreach to People Experiencing Homelessness

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) continues to work closely with partner organizations to reach out to people experiencing homelessness and offer COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

Approximately 119 vaccination events took place from October 9 to October 22 through various partners including Housing for Health, faith-based organizations, and mobile vaccination teams. These events took place at various venues including food banks, shelters, public libraries, clinics, and encampments.

There are 1,261 providers administering vaccinations to people experiencing homelessness; together, they have administered over 61,804 doses of COVID-19 vaccine across Los Angeles County; 30,909 people experiencing homelessness are fully vaccinated.

In parallel with the decline in overall COVID-19 transmission in L.A. County, cases among people experiencing homelessness have declined from 158 cases reported the week ending September 19 to 86 new cases reported this past week.

Of the 86 new cases reported among people experiencing homelessness this past week, 67 are cas-

es from previous weeks that have been newly identified as being associated with people experiencing homelessness and are now included in the case totals. Tragically, two people experiencing homelessness passed away from COVID-19 this past week. To date, 9,452 people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County have tested positive for COVID-19 and 248 people who were experiencing homelessness have passed away from COVID-19. Of these people who passed away, 118 were sheltered, 79 were unsheltered, and for 51 people who passed away, their shelter status was unknown.

## COVID-19 Cases Among Healthcare Workers Decline

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Cases among healthcare workers declined from 257 cases reported the week ending October 2, to 166 new cases reported the week ending October 23. Of the 166 new cases among healthcare workers reported across the county; 78 cases were reported among vaccinated healthcare workers and 88 among unvaccinated workers.

Since the pandemic began, 46,376 healthcare workers

and first responders have tested positive for COVID-19. To date, 300 healthcare workers have tragically passed away from COVID-19; most deaths occurring between July 2020 and February 2021 with staff at skilled nursing facilities and hospitals accounting for most deaths. Since October 2, seven healthcare workers have passed away from COVID-19.

Healthcare workers are required to be fully vaccinated

against COVID-19; those with an approved medical or religious exemption need to be tested once or twice weekly. Most hospitals and healthcare providers are reporting relatively high rates of vaccination among their employees. Last week’s report from skilled nursing facilities indicated that 95% of staff are fully vaccinated. The State is working with the licensing divisions to assess overall compliance.

## Motorcyclist Killed in Crash in Azusa

**By George Ogden**

**AZUSA** - On Wednesday, October 27th just before 7:00 p.m., Azusa police received calls of a traffic collision in the 900 block of West Sierra Madre, just before Vernon Avenue. When officers arrived, they had found that a motorcycle traveling east struck a number of parked cars. The

unidentified rider was ejected from the bike and was laying in the street.

Paramedics arrived on scene and originally attempted to do lifesaving procedures on the man, however was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators are looking into whether or not drugs and/or alcohol may be a factor. They are

also looking at crash scene to see if excessive speed contributed to the accident.

Azusa police are hoping someone may have seen what happened or may have some information about the accident that they could let the police know about. You can contact the Azusa Police Department by calling 626-812-3200.



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# Obama and Trump Versus Newsom and The Fish

2016 Sacramento Bee reported: Former President Obama, signed a \$12 billion bill ... "It authorizes vital water projects across the country to restore watersheds, improve waterways, flood control, and improve drinking water infrastructure." Obama stated. The bill was WINN, Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. Provisions allowed water to be pumped through the Delta area for farmers and was continued by former President Trump when he took office.



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

Obama's law reshaped how federally controlled water in the Central Valley would be handled to prevent rationing and dead crops during droughts to sustain the largest economy in California and the U.S. Obama, said the pumps should be managed "to maximize water supplies for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project," and it requires agencies to push the limits on how much water can be sent south. Environmental groups challenged as threatening endangered fish.

March 2020, President Trump visited Bakersfield to sign an agreement providing more Northern California water to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley. No specific information was available regarding the document, but the memo provided provisions consistent with those in the WINN Act Obama signed. Gov. Newsom said he planned to sue Trump to block the plan increasing water deliveries to the San Joaquin Valley to protect fish species close to extinction. Sued Trump he did for following through with Obama's law, but never sued Obama. Goes to show how politically partisan California water is and how destructive.

Obama's law, continued by Trump, allows water contractors to lay permanent claim to the federal Bureau of Reclamation water, known as the Central Valley Project (CVP) if they repay the federal government for their

share of the CVP costs. CVP is a federally built network of dams, tunnels and canals taking Northern California water to farms and Southern California cities. Westlands Water District, largest in the U.S., provides water to three farming counties and in 2019 sought to make their 2-year renewable contracts permanent.

For Westlands' contract to be permanent, it must be validated by court action. In October, Fresno County Superior Court Judge Tharpe refused to take that step for Westlands based on arguments by tribal councils and environmentalists. Westlands' contract would provide permanent access to 1.15 million acre-feet of water for farms, housing and cities, and not all of that guaranteed in drought years like now. Since 1988, Westlands has only received its full allocation from CVP six times, according to Westlands. Another hearing is scheduled December 2nd.

Congressman David Valadao, House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, Congresspersons Ken Calvert, Mike Garcia, Darrell Issa, Young Kim, Doug LaMalfa, Tom McClintock, Devin Nunes, and Michelle Steel sent letters to President Biden and Gov. Newsom requesting federal and state emergency declarations related to the drought and recent storms in California to maximize pumping of stormwater and unregulated flows in the Delta. "While we cannot make it rain, we must take

advantage of the opportunities to store water when it does. The ground is still saturated from this week's storms and any additional rain will flow through the Delta into the ocean unless it can be diverted," Valadao wrote. Rain is forecast this week.

Per Obama era law, supported by Trump, Republican leadership is requesting "waiving all impediments limiting operations of the Delta pumps" and get the water starved Central Valley the water it needs.

All Newsom has given the Central Valley farming communities is a lawsuit blocking efforts to give the area more water while posturing over the declining salmon populations the biologists have debunked reporting the largest number of adult salmon returning to spawn in 15 years.

As part of the 2021-22 budget, Newsom has just handed Californians a \$15 billion climate change package by signing 24 bills focused on climate, clean energy and drought and wildfire preparedness. \$5.2 billion is designated for long-term water resilience and funding for emergency drought relief projects. Newsom's press release says this package will "secure and expand water supplies" but does not specifically commit to current under-funded Prop 1 water infrastructure approved by voters in 2014. Instead, details in the package will be Senate, Assembly, and Governor consensus approved.

December 2018, President Trump, Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Feinstein supported a 7-year extension of the 2016 WINN Act providing millions of federal dollars for California water projects. WINN never passed even with Republicans Calvert and Valadao attempting modifications giving Democrats more oversight. Feinstein and McCarthy managed to pass a \$29 billion disaster bill providing some relief for the Central Valley.

Shade's Perspective: Time for a California Water Audit ASAP!

# COP26 Spoiler Alert: More Blah, Blah, Blah Likely

World leaders and activists are gathering this week in Glasgow, Scotland to work on a global agreement for addressing climate change. This follows a dire August 9 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which, as I discussed in a previous column, confirms what many of us are witnessing firsthand: human-induced climate change is already impacting every part of the world and contributing to more heat, drought, and fire. Nevertheless, this week's conference in Glasgow is already shaping up to be emblematic of widespread governmental failures to deliver tangible results.

The 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) commenced on October 31 and spans twelve days. This year's meeting is particularly significant as the first five-year review cycle following the 2015 Paris Agreement, signed by nearly 200 countries. The COP26 participants are thus tasked with finding a path to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, which they had committed to under the Paris Agreement. Meeting this commitment will require more ambitious pledges from countries like China and the United States to reach "net zero" carbon emissions by 2030 as well as guaranteeing billions in climate financing for developing countries.

Thus far, pledges by participating countries fall far short of those goals and would still allow Earth's average surface temperature to rise 2.7 degrees Celsius this century, which the UN and scientists have warned will not be enough to reverse global warming. The developed countries most responsible for climate change have also not delivered on their financing promises made in 2009 of \$100 billion in aid per year by 2020 to help developing countries reduce carbon emissions and adapt to the devastat-



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ing effects of climate change.

The U.S. has so far failed to meet its own commitments as well. President Biden is still struggling to implement his promised "Build Back Better" agenda, which proposes to cut U.S. emissions in half over this decade, before zeroing them out by 2050. One senator, Democrat Joe Manchin from West Virginia, currently stands in the way of passing Biden's climate legislation and notoriously has deep ties to the same fossil fuel industry responsible for this crisis.

Without passage of this significant climate legislation, President Biden arrives in Glasgow in a weaker negotiating position with other major carbon emitters like China, India, and Russia, thus making it more difficult to drastically cut emissions. Nevertheless, Biden vowed in his November 1 address to the summit that the U.S. would prove its climate commitment by the "power of our example."

While sharply-dressed politicians deliver speeches in Glasgow, the rest of us continue to experience climate change every day in our communities. Since arriving in the Sacramento region last year, I have personally witnessed the unprecedented low water levels at nearby Folsom Lake, akin to a desert-like post-apocalyptic scene ripped straight from "Mad Max," and choked while breathing toxic smoke hov-

ering in the air from the Caldor Fire in Lake Tahoe. Outside the pomp and circumstance of global conferences, people across the world grapple with where to live to withstand these worsening aspects of climate change, which has already prompted mass migration. According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, last year weather-related disasters globally uprooted 30 million people from their homes. Wildfires, alone, have displaced over one million Americans.

As a further sign of the times, news articles now advise future homeowners on where best to live to fend off rising sea levels and frequent fires. One family I know has already left the Washington D.C.-area and moved to Minnesota, reasoning that its northern inland location makes it less vulnerable to hurricanes and flooding, and its summers not projected to get as hot as states out West. In California, the ominous warning signs of severe drought and prolonged fire season are already here. Even if the state fulfills its commitment to a 40 percent reduction in emissions by 2030, which alone is not enough to mitigate global warming, it still raises the bigger question of whether our state is the most reasonable place to confront climate change's deleterious effects.

Outside the summit's halls, youth climate activists from all over the world have converged on Glasgow's streets, holding banners declaring, "We are watching you." It's yet another reminder that the time for meaningful action on climate change can no longer wait. As Swedish activist Greta Thunberg best put it, "No more blah, blah, blah."

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# The Truth About Ivermectin!

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

Fact: This is not a "horse deworming" drug as CNN and other MSM commentators would have you believe. Ivermectin was created to treat parasite infections in humans. This drug has an unexpected feature in that it has been shown to be highly effective in reducing the impacts of viral infections.

One America News Network presented an article titled "The Story of Ivermectin". Their article was a redistribution of a video from the Rumble platform originally created by a person who identified by the pseudonym of "Almost Grounded".

The OANN lead up to the video is as follows: "Despite doctor testimonials, clinical trials and international studies showing the efficacy of Ivermectin, mainstream media continues to suppress information regarding the drug as a treatment for COVID-19."

A quick summary of the assertions of this video are: If Ivermectin had been widely distributed in 2020 the COVID - 19 Pandemic could have been stopped in its tracks.

In this video the author presents discussions on numerous studies and clinical trials that show, indisputably that Ivermectin is highly effective in the preventing a person from contracting COVID - 19. Further, if a person who - like myself - contracts COVID - 19 the drug, administered as a remedy, is highly effective.

A little history on Ivermectin: In 1970 a Doctor and biochemist from Japan - pronounced as Dr. Omura - invented a drug called Ivermectin to com-

bat the 'round worm parasite'. This parasite is a common problem in humans - mostly children. Further study showed that it was also highly effective in combating a disease known as 'river blindness.' This disease was quite common in Africa and in Central America. Since the introduction of Ivermectin river blindness has been all but irradiated in the Americas and greatly reduced in Africa. In 2015 Dr. Omura was given the Nobel Prize for Medicine for his invention. In 2018 the World Health Organization listed Ivermectin as an essential drug.

The video presents a statement by the manufacturer (Merck Pharmaceuticals): 'Studies found that this drug has been proven to be highly effective against parasitic infections and has also proven to have very few side-effects.'

In one incident where Ivermectin was widely distributed was in a 'state' in India - an area that has a population of 230 million people - the death rate in January of 2021 was about ten (10) people per day. At this same time the death rate in the US was averaging 3000 deaths per day.

In the state of Chiapas Mexico, where 'river blindness' was common Ivermectin is widely distributed as a preventative measure for that disease. In a study that looked at the death rate from COVID - 19 it was found; in Chiapas the death rate from COVID - 19 was more than less than half that of the surrounding states where the drug is not widely used.

In Argentina, a three month blind study, was conducted using 1195 health care workers. In this study 778 healthy people were

given Ivermectin on a weekly basis - not one of these people got COVID -19. Or the remaining 407 workers who were not given the drug 58% contracted the disease.

These studies, along with numerous others, show conclusively that Ivermectin is highly effective in the prevention and cure of COVID - 19.

A Doctor by the name of Pierre Kory, a Pulmonary Specialist practicing in the ER, at Mount Sani Beth Israel Hospital in New York formed a group to study the COVID -19 pandemic. Dr. Kory was called to testify before a Senate Hearing conducted by Senator Ron Johnson. At this hearing Dr. Kory emphatically states: "Mountains of data have emerged from around the world showing the miraculous effectivity of Ivermectin in treating COVID. Ivermectin basically obliterates the transmission if this virus. If you take it you will not get sick".

Why is the distribution of Ivermectin which has proven to be so effective been banned in so many areas of this country? The answer simply is 'money'. The big pharmaceutical companies spread money around DC like it is water. Our government is paying the 'big pharma' companies billions of dollars for an unproven drug which has shown minimal effectivity and has numerous side effects. The MSM is also complicit in this cover-up.

I urge all who have not seen this video to go to the OANN.com website and watch the video for yourself. There are many more compelling arguments for Ivermectin presented in the video.

Fauci lied; people died.

# It Was A Banner Year For California Democrat Politicians In Sacramento. For The Everyday California Citizen, Not So Much...

**By Joe Gardner**

Their governor, Gavin Newsom survived a recall special election. Democrats introduced 2,106 bills out of the 2,776 bills introduced in the 2020-2021 California Legislative Session. Some of their "feel good" legislative bills were passed. For example, democrats banned gas-driven garden equipment. Taxpayers will now provide health insurance for the undocumented. Democrat legislators mandated major retailers have gender-neutral toy aisles in their stores. An ethnic studies course is required to graduate high school. A bill was passed to change single family housing zones to more high-density housing. On top of it all, the governor and members of the Legislature got a 4.2% pay raise.

Were any of the tough issues addressed by members of the Legislature during this Legislative Session?

- California is afflicted by:
- Rising crime
  - Homelessness, driven by drug addiction and mental illness
  - Major businesses are fleeing the state
  - Population numbers that have dropped so much that California lost a Congressional Seat
  - A significant drought, with wells drying up and ground water storage evaporating.
  - Thousands of small businesses permanently shuttering their doors due to government imposed COVID lockdowns and shortages of employees
- With all these depressing conditions in the great state of Cali-

fornia, you would expect leadership from a governor or action by legislators to address these major problems facing our state.

Many know major reforms are needed to the criminal justice system. We must rescue the drug-addicted and mentally ill enduring homelessness. They desperately need access to rehabilitation and treatment through the courts. A governor could steer an effort to provide those resources. The Legislature could fund those resources.

The non-violent mentally ill who can't care for themselves would benefit from court-mandated conservatorships through reforms to the Lanterman-Petris Short Act. The Legislature has the power to craft those reforms.

Tens of thousands homeless could benefit from a "Shelter First" policy driven by a state governor and Capitol politicians instead of expensive "housing-first" projects costing hundreds of thousands per each living unit. The governor can declare homelessness a state-wide emergency and mobilize resources to rapidly move endangered people into shelter and care.

A governor could be a driving force in solving the state's critical drought by ordering discussion about desalination systems

and demand unspent, voter-approved funds be spent for water storage projects.

While other states attract California businesses to open in their states, a governor and legislators continue to find ways to siphon more money from cash-strapped job creators. Democrat politicians could cut red tape and onerous regulations that drove businesses out of state. The governor could declare that we would welcome businesses back again.

We must acknowledge the grave imbalance that exists in Sacramento. Lobbyists and special interest run the show. Woke, progressive democrats pass legislation with no regard for the impact of their actions. Voters cannot be on the sidelines. They must take notice. Californians must find, support and vote in those who would have the guts to work diligently on the business vital to protecting and enhancing the lives of all California citizens.

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# More Inflation Followed By Economic Slowing?

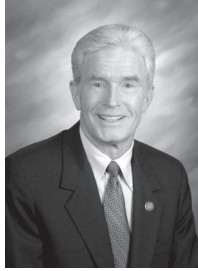
Last week's release of the Fed's Beige Book revealed slower growth in most of the twelve Fed districts. The WSJ described our condition as a slowdown in response to rising inflation, but that's not quite accurate. Yes, inflation is increasingly widespread, and yes, consumer surveys show inflation is the #1 complaint. However, the cause of spending slowdowns is the same as that for inflation - Widespread Shortages.

Every sector in every district reported difficulty sourcing goods and needed materials, as well as needed workers! That includes retail, construction, manufacturing, and real estate. Texas oil and gas production is accelerating, but the industry is stymied by delays in equipment deliveries. California's Silicon Valley is struggling with a labor shortage. In New England there are fewer tourists now that summer is over, but hotels and restaurants still remain understaffed. In the Midwest employers are upset that coastal companies are recruiting in their states, offering higher pay than local companies can afford. But why not? When many people are going to work from home, they can work anywhere.

Economic growth slowed through the third quarter primarily because there are widespread shortages of labor and products in all twelve districts. Retail, manufacturing, construction, and energy are all suffering from bottlenecks and price pressures are widespread. Adding insult to injury The American Trucking Associations (ATA) is meeting with White House officials at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for discussions on President Biden's business killing vaccine mandates.

One proposed mandate could require all businesses with 100 or more employees to ensure

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



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they are vaccinated against COVID or tested weekly for the virus. If finalized and enforced this vaccine mandate is estimated to cover at least two-thirds of private sector workers. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration apparently completed its final rule, and this vaccine mandate is expected to take effect soon after an ongoing final federal government review.

The ATA is already warning that many drivers will likely quit rather than get vaccinated, further significantly disrupting the supply chain at a time when the industry is already short 80K drivers. ATA estimates that 37% of large fleet drivers could be lost through retirements, resignations and/or workers switching to smaller companies not covered by any vaccine mandates.

According to data analysis firm KFF, 30% of unvaccinated workers said they would leave their jobs rather than comply with a job or testing mandate. Another 56% said they would likely accept being tested weekly, while only 12% said they would get the shot. These industry concerns come after a record 4.3 Million workers quit their jobs in August, the highest employment losses in 20 years.

Interestingly, former President Donald Trump is finally launching his own media network. The new business, called Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG), will include a social media platform called TRUTH

Social, as well as a subscription video-on-demand service (TMTG+) that features "non-woke" entertainment programming, news and podcasts. Trump wrote that the new company "aspires to create a media powerhouse to rival the liberal media consortium, as well as to fight back against the 'Big Tech' companies of Silicon Valley (who have used their unilateral power to silence opposing voices in America)."

"I created TRUTH Social and TMTG to stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech," Trump wrote in a press release. "We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American President has been silenced. This is unacceptable". While TRUTH Social intends to be America's "big tent" social media company that encourages free speech, we could be witnessing a further polarization of the corporate landscape.

Once upon a time politics was not married to various segments of the business world as it is today. Competing services may continue to sprout up as the country appears more divided than ever. According to a survey from The Hill, 30% of respondents said they'd use a "Trump-backed social media platform," though 54% said they wouldn't, and 16% would consider it. TRUTH Social is set for launch next month, with a full rollout in the first quarter of 2022. While NEWS-MAX and many other commentators have tried to share conservative points of view, Trump's opinions will provide added perspectives on numerous current USA challenges.

Let's go Brandon!!  
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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*Is the news just sensationalizing their headlines, or are we really headed for hyper-inflation, a huge drop in the stock market, and food shortages?*

I don't have a crystal ball to help tell the future, and I don't have any "insider" information. Maya Angelou modified the old saying to: "Hoping for the best, prepared for the worst, and unsurprised by anything in between." Simply put, be prepared, yet be optimistic. It's better to be prepared for the worst and it doesn't get that bad, than to be unprepared and the worst does happen. Review your budget, reduce expenses, pay off debt, and increase savings.

**I have a lump sum of money from a CD. Is there an investment that is safe, and that will give me lifetime income right away?**

An immediate annuity would give you exactly what you are looking for - safety and immediate income. The insurance company gives you choices for payout: for a fixed period of time, for the rest of your lifetime, or for the rest of your and your spouse's life, and more.

**What is this secret, tax-free method of investing that I've read "Washington insiders" (Senators, Congressmen, etc.), and the very wealthy, are using to save for retirement? Can I get it?**

You've seen the hype, along with the solicitation to pay for a newsletter subscription in order to receive the 'free' report about a much better retirement account than a 401(k) or IRA. Here's the scoop, and you're getting it for



**Julia Yoder**

free! This "secret" method is not really a secret. It's a 702(j), or 7702 (IRS code that regulates life insurance contracts). These life insurance policies are not like the old whole-life or universal life insurance policies. These are permanent life insurance policies which offer much more than the death benefit. The cash value component of these policies can be equity-indexed (similar to many of today's annuities), with company-backed guarantees to protect your funds. These policies have much more transparency, allowing you to choose between several equity indices, and several crediting methods. Basically, you pay for insurance, plus you fund the policy with additional funds. If used as part of your retirement plan, you could later 'borrow' from that cash value component during your retirement years. Loans are not taxed. Typically, death benefits from a life insurance policy are not taxed. Ultimately, paying off the loans you've taken from the policy would be paid off from the death benefit. A real win-win. Qualifying for one of these policies is like getting any other life

insurance coverage.

*We have really good credit, a good amount of savings, and we rent an apartment. I want to buy a small home or condo, but my husband doesn't think we can afford to make this change. Do you think we could afford to buy?*

Try to take the emotions out of this big decision. Discuss this difference of opinion with as many facts as possible. A good start would be to use an online mortgage calculator. Keep in mind that the expenses of homeownership are not limited to the mortgage, insurance, and property taxes. Maintenance and repairs must also be budgeted. Condo complexes charge a monthly Association Fee which can increase. On the other hand, while you rent you are paying your landlord's mortgage, and building his equity in the property. Your financial affordability facts become obvious when you apply for a mortgage. To find a local mortgage broker (able to shop for the best loan for you, who is not limited to loans offered by a bank or credit union), go to: Findamortgagebroker.com

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# State Farm Teams Up With Local Fire Departments And Schools To Prevent Home Fires

**GLENDORA** - The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and State Farm Agent Kyle Cline teamed up with Cullen Elementary School in Glendora this year, to support Fire Prevention Week, an annual public awareness campaign promoting home fire safety.

State Farm Agents are delivering Fire Prevention Week toolkits to more than 2500 fire departments and schools across the country, including Cullen. Each toolkit includes resources for fire prevention and fire safety, including brochures, magnets, posters and more. Schools and Fire Departments will be sharing these resources with the communities they serve this fall in support of the campaign.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™." This year's campaign, October 3-9th, works to educate everyone about

simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

"What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family," said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

"It's important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action!" said Kyle Cline, State Farm agent in Glendora. "Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model

online."

As a reminder, these are the safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" visit [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org).



## Car Talk by THE CAR DOC

**What You "AUTO" Know**

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# Let's Talk Lights

The daylight hours are getting shorter now and we depend on our lights more and more. I have noticed people driving around with one headlight out or a brake light and one can only assume a turn signal (though some people just don't bother to use them for some strange reason!). It is a good idea to test your lights! You can have someone assist you, ask us to check, or check them out yourself by pulling up to a building and shining your lights, or even do it in your garage. Seeing well while driving is very important, and it is also important that others see you!

If your headlights seem yellowed, we can fix that! Just contact us and we'll tell you how we do this (no, it isn't magic!).

When Your Lights Go Dim Your vehicle's alternator keeps the battery charged. The alterna-

tor replaced the generator of the past. If your car fails to start as quickly as it used to (hard or slow cranking) or your lights seem dimmer it could be a sign that your alternator needs to be replaced. If you are used to dashboard lights telling you of a problem and you didn't see the "alt," "bat," or "gen" light come on to alert you, keep in mind that the alternator is responsible for those dashboard lights! If it isn't working then the lights will not illuminate.

When an alternator fails it usually does so in stages so pay attention when things start functioning abnormally. The signs are often subtle such as dimmer lights. You may be using all the bells and whistles at once such as the television, wipers, air conditioning and the navigation sys-

tem and they seem sluggish. When you stop using one or more of the functions the remaining ones work better. The dashboard lights may start flickering.

When you take your vehicle to your car care provider they will:

- Perform a "load test" to check the voltage readings (measure the voltage at the alternator connector and the battery)
- Check the belts to determine if they are old and cracked or slipping
- Listen as an experienced mechanic can tell from a clanging or rattling noise that something is not as it should be

Alternators work long and hard for us but occasionally even the best can fail. The battery will still run many miles on reserve power so this usually saves you from being towed in. As always, if things aren't working as well as they normally do it is best to have it checked out before it becomes a serious problem. This always saves you time and money!

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# Public Health Inspectors Continue to Check Business Compliance

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) inspectors continue to visit businesses across the county every day to ensure compliance with required safety measures, including masking guidelines and vaccination verification, provide technical assistance, and respond to complaints of non-compliance. Between October 16 and 22, Public Health inspectors visited 1,008 restaurants, 78 bars, 226 food markets, 26 breweries, wineries or distilleries, 10 nightclubs, 21 lounges,

21 hotels, 35 gyms and fitness centers, 10 hair salons or barber shops, 52 food manufacturing plants, 33 garment manufacturing plants, 22 personal care businesses, 11 office sites, and 5 large outdoor and indoor venues.

Overall, the inspections revealed that while the majority of businesses were in compliance, there is room for improvement with employee masking at garment manufacturers, office sites, bars, nightclubs and lounges, and customer vaccination verifications at bars. Inspectors noted 73% of garment manufacturers,

73% of office sites, 82% of bars, 80% of nightclubs and 86% of lounges were in compliance with employee masking. Eighty-five percent of bars were in compliance with customer vaccination verifications. Public Health utilizes education as the primary step in gaining compliance, and when compliance is not achieved, enforcement may include issuance of a notice of violation or a citation. Between October 16 and 22, two citations were issued to schools for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders.

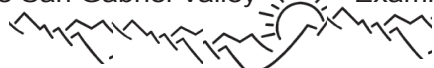
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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## Where Did Halloween Come From?

As we know, we celebrate Halloween each year on October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (Whatever that is). Back then, this is when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



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

returned to earth (must have had some good weed back then).

The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the New Year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred (must have been some party). On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead

bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

By 43 A.D., the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the 400 years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain.

The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of bobbing for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

Did you know? One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.

In my opinion... this trick or treat stuff where kids go out and ask and expect strangers to give them candy is nothing more than parents sending their kids out to get this candy. They are too cheap to get candy themselves and use their kids. Now under the pretense of checking out the kid's candy to make sure it is safe to eat, the take out the good stuff for themselves and tell the kids it is bad. Really?!

*"That's Just the Way It Is!"*

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Sue-Meg State Park

**Getting it Right...** The north Pacific Ocean coast of California just may be the most scenic area in all of the natural geographic locations in the state. Blessed with the oldest and tallest growth of Redwoods in the world, the collection of Redwood State Parks around the City of Eureka is a must-see for anyone wanting to see the best of California. This past February, I had the fortune of stopping and seeing an area I hadn't seen in 40 years. Endless trees, cool foggy weather, breath-taking views and somewhere in all of the wonderful natural resources of forestland, there is probably some little-known point of history.

One of the collection of Redwoods State Parks includes a park by the name of Patrick's Point. It's an unbelievable park site, along the rocky coast, with a series of trails which head down to a large series of rocky beaches, one of which is a beach called Agate Beach, named for the semi-precious stones called agate used to make jewelry and beads. In addition, the beaches are a treasure trove of driftwood, smoothed pieces of fallen redwood trees which fell into the rivers draining to the ocean. The driftwood is carried for miles to reach its final destination of the Pacific, and are washed back onto the beaches with the tide.

Patrick's Point State Park is a 625-acre park and was named Patrick's Point in 1963 when California acquired it to be a state park. In 1851, Patrick Beegan, an Irish settler placed a claim on the land and then established a ranch. During his time on the ranch, he ran into a little trouble with the local Yurok tribe and was accused of killing a young boy. Beegan fled the country but when California was looking to name the state park, it chose the last identified owner, Patrick Beegan, and named the area Patrick's Point. But Beegan had a shadowy past



**Joe Castillo**

and for the past 50 years the beauty of Patrick's Point overshadowed that shadowy past.

Finally, in this year of trying to correct past abuses of indigenous people, the history of Patrick's Point came back to the forefront. After years of protesting the name of the state park, the California Park and Recreation Commission voted 5-0 to rename the park to the name of the local Yurok tribe which occupied the area of Patrick's Point. The tribal name was Sue-Meg which translated means "always done" and refers to the unique rock which sits at the base of the cliffs and was the physical landmark which brought other tribes to fish

the waters of the cold northwest. No matter the visibility of the rock, it was always there serving as a beacon for local tribes to fish the area. For centuries the Yurok tribe used the area as a gathering place for culture and trade with other indigenous tribes. The State of California has taken the position to identify and rectify derogatory names and the renaming of Patrick's Point to Sue-Meg State Park was the first correction to be undertaken and more will be coming in the near future. A wrong has been corrected, and the name of the indigenous people who occupied the land for thousands of years has been added to the list of state parks. But even though Sue-Meg State Park may be the new name, the beauty and wonder of the State Park is the same as it has been for centuries and will continue to be one of the California places to you want to visit....

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## Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed Torres

1. Not too long ago, President Biden had a televised Town Hall Meeting, moderated by Anderson Cooper (from CNN) — what people thought of Biden's performance during the broadcast, can be left for a future discussion... But an extremely important point that has arisen among some, is, that Anderson Cooper has two last names, and no first name... He came from a family that was "pur-ty" gosh darn wealthy — one that could afford to get him a first name; but, no — maybe his folks were just a bit chintzy with first names... *Heartless rich folks?*... Not saying that, but, "you know", Anderson Cooper does deserve a first name — so how about Ambrose for his first name, or *Freddie*, or maybe *Waxahachie?*... Either of the three, *splendid* names for him...

2. In any community, if people are observant, they will notice those, for instance, who have had a stroke or other health issues, and are dealing with the aftermaths — some of these folks, on a regular basis, are out-and-about, walking *downtown*, or gardening or doing whatever it takes, to try to restore their prior abilities... Some will *attack* their recovery therapy with gusto and grit, and smiles on their faces... Others not... It's always a wonder how we all will respond if a personal misfortunate confronts us...

3. A television ad mentions that their pharmaceutical drug helps people control their mental illness, AND, does not cause *weight gain* — yippee yippee & hallelujah!... Many people living on-the-streets, reportedly suffer from mental illness... Hope the drug company in question, is not foolishly directing this sales campaign to the *street people*, or to anyone suffering from mental illness — by trying

to convince them that if they take the drug, not only will their mental health improve, but their *figures* will be "ma-va-lous": trim and taut... Seriously?...

4. American immigration laws are not being enforced by President Biden — and it appears that, many voters do not care... The result of these un-concerned or *unaware* Americans will be, that unless the coming elections change people's views, the influx of illegal immigrants across the southern border, will continue to soar — until common sense among the majority of Democrats and Republicans in America prevails... But, surprisingly, in *this city* over here or that *one over yonder*, significant numbers of Americans seem to be *enthralled* with the leadership of President Biden... Some even seem to suggest that, because they so much believe in his *Open Borders Policy*, they would welcome illegal immigrants to live in their homes, for free... "LIARS, LIARS, your pantalones are on fire"!!...

5. Condoleezza Rice is an accomplished American who happens to be a Black American — some years back, she was Secretary of state and National Security advisor in President George Bush's administration — and while out of government service, she has occupied important positions in academia and business... In spite of that, though, in essence, simply because she is a *conservative* in her politics, some *White* and *Black* people suggest that she must be a "White Supremacist" (in disguise?): that no Black American could truly be a political conservative... These *folks* might even believe that, for all her 66 years of life, *Condi* actually has been a White person in "black face" face paint, and, has finally *come-out* as her true

self — the aforementioned White Supremacist, a soldier ready to do battle.... Wha-a-a-at?!... Seriously?...

6. If at first you don't succeed (the saying *goes*), try, try again... But, nowadays, it seems, too many are too quick to say various other things, including, if at first you don't succeed, quit — no sense in fooling yourself because it's too hard ...

Comments/suggestion: honnod1@yahoo.com

## Nominations for 2021 Senior Citizen of the Year

ARCADIA - Nomination forms are available at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive and the Recreation Department office, 375 Campus Drive for the 2021 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is:

- 55+ years of age or older
- A current resident of Arcadia for a minimum of one year
- Contributed to better the Arcadia Community
- Not previously a recipient of the award

If so, please stop by to pick up a nomination form or log

onto the City's website at [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov) and download the nomination criteria and form. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club Salute to Seniors Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Arcadia Community Center. Nomination forms must be submitted to Gina Hernandez, Recreation Supervisor, by Friday, February 18, 2022 by 5:30pm. For more information, please contact Gina Hernandez at 626.821.4328.

**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: BASKETBALL**

**ACROSS**

- Repeating word on South Pacific map
- Bro's sibling
- Dash-board abbr.
- Fusses
- \*Basketball slam
- Go "Boo!"
- Boisterous play
- Upper hand
- Part of mortise joint
- \*Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)
- "The Famous Five" children's writer Blyton
- \*Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
- "Mares eat \_\_\_\_" or "does eat \_\_\_\_" sing.

**DOWN**

- One who covers in silver, e.g.
- Figure
- Be ill
- Part of "panther"
- Capital of Latvia
- Like helium
- Quilting party
- Analyze
- Dehydrated
- Litter of piglets
- Down Under bird
- a.k.a. armadillo
- Provincial governor in ancient Persia
- Argo propeller
- Subway in Paris
- Conclusion starter
- \*Made basket (2 words)
- Not a soul
- Like animal near extinction
- Greek sandwich
- Bandages
- Arabian bigwig
- Answer to "Shall we?"
- Bar offering
- \*It sends a basketball game to overtime
- Highland tongue
- Vomit
- Sensory input
- It wasn't built in a day
- Characteristic to consider
- Traditional scarf/headaddress
- Brick of precious metal
- Place at an angle
- Indian princess
- Circus trainer's poker
- '80s band " \_\_\_\_ At Work"
- Remove antlers
- Titanic propeller
- \*Shaquille O'Neal and Walt Chamberlain, e.g.
- Halloween option
- Not their
- 1/100th of a rupee
- Wrinkle-prone natural fabric
- Warning
- \_\_\_\_-do-well
- Part of a stair
- Old World lizard
- \*Fast-break \_\_\_\_
- Skier's aid
- Part of H.M.S.
- \*Reward after missed shot
- \*Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
- Away's partner
- Stable worker
- Relieves
- On/off type of switch
- \* \_\_\_\_ Hurricanes
- Creepy
- Work very hard
- Use a whetstone
- Worry without necessity
- Deed hearing
- A in A&E Network
- \*The Phoenix Suns did it in the 2021 NBA Finals
- \*Professional basketball league

**October 28, 2021 Puzzle Solution**

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# Penny Pines Reforestation Program Supported by the Glendora Women's Club

GLENDORA - Deputy Monument Manager, Adrienne E Dunfee, from the United States Forest Service, spoke to the Glendora Women's Club at their October meeting. Deputy Dunfee, spoke about the historic building of the Regional Forestry office. It's located at 110 N. Wabash Avenue in Glendora. The historic building has information about the old camps, trails, and history of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The Women's Club is fond of supporting reforestation. Pennies for Pines is a Reforestation Project. California's insect infestation and disease destroy seven times more forest vegetation annually than fires, because forest pests are scattered and not easily detected, so are harder to control. In time, some land may recover naturally. Pennies for Pines provides forest recovery a helping hand. It is a conservation program, in which everyone can participate.

Recognizing a great need to restore these devastated areas, contributions are made by many civic organizations, such as Women's Clubs.

Seedlings are nurtured and produced to be planted in prepared sites for reforestation. More than 27 million seedlings



**Adrienne Dunfee, Forest Service** have been planted, renewing 88,000 acres of national forest land in California.

If you would like to be part of this reforestation effort and want to donate, you can contact the Glendora Women's Club at (626) 622-6111 or contact The San Bernardino National Forest, Penny Pines coordinator in San

Bernardino, California. Join the Glendora Women's Club for more interesting community information at our monthly meetings, the first Tuesday of every month at 11:00. Our friendly members meet at our clubhouse at 434 N. Glendora Avenue, Glendora.

# MediTech Data Founder Dilip Niranjana Enters Into Pivotal Agreement with World Renowned Technologist

By Nandasiri Jasentuliyana  
INDUSTRY HILLS - A felicitation Dinner Party was held at the Pacific Palms Resort on October 22, 2021 at the Colonial Reception Hall in honor of Yasantha Rajakarunanyake. Dilip Niranjana, Founder CEO of MediTech Data International Inc. (Los Angeles, USA) & MediTech Data International Private Limited (Colombo, Sri Lanka), joined hands with Dr. Yasantha Rajakarunanyake in a major endeavor for using artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare and cyber security sectors. Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, calls Yasantha the smartest person at Princeton when they were students there and credits vicariously being part of the birth of Amazon. Yasantha, a technologist and inventor, owns nearly a hundred patents from satellite communications to the chips in your iPhone, Android, Bluetooth, and WIFI.

MediTech Data, led by Dilip Niranjana, has a strong reputation for reliability and innovation and provides the entire gamut of IT services from Consulting and Support Services, Application Design & Development, to Cyber Security & Advanced Net-



**Dilip Niranjana makes a presentation to Dr. Yasantha Rajakarunanyake at the Medical Center Foundation Gala Dinner.** works, and solutions for medical IT infrastructure, ePHI maintenance, and EMR / EHR IT. The joint collaboration would take MediTech to the next level as an industry pioneer in using AI in healthcare and cyber security, a field that Yasantha has already

carried out ground-breaking work, including the detection of cancer from CT with 95% accuracy. For more information on Dr. Rajakarunanyake, see <https://youtu.be/HGUMdM-xD6E>

# Why Now is the Time to Schedule That Check-Up

If you haven't visited your physician since the start of the pandemic, medical experts say that the time is now to book check-ups and screenings for the entire family.

"The pandemic has had wide-scale negative health consequences beyond COVID-19. Many Americans have delayed important routine health services critical to keeping them healthy, including vital pediatric immunizations and preven-

tive cancer screenings. Prevention is the best cure, so it's important to get your health back on track today," says Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., American Medical Association (AMA) president.

With school beginning and the cool weather months ahead, the AMA urges Americans to call their physician's office to learn if they are due for preventive care or screenings. (StatePoint)

**SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN...**

- 725K** Cancer screenings are still lagging: The estimated combined total of missed breast, colon and cervical cancer screenings from March 2020 - March 2021.
- +10,000** Projected excess deaths in 2021-2022 due to breast and colorectal cancers alone.
- 52%** Adults with mental health conditions who delayed/forewent care since pandemic started.
- 41%** About 4 in 10 adults with one or more chronic health conditions reported delaying or forgoing health care since pandemic started.
- 14%** The drop in vaccine ordering data in 2020-21 compared to 2019.
- 20%** The drop in Medicare vaccine ordering data 2020-21 compared to 2019.
- 26M** recommended vaccinations were missed in 2020 compared to 2019.
- 1 in 3** adults reporting delayed or forgoing health care reported doing so worsened one or more of their health conditions or limited their abilities to work or perform other daily activities.
- Adolescent and adult immunizations sharply declined** during the pandemic.

CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU ARE DUE FOR PREVENTIVE CARE OR SCREENINGS. Screenings, tests and preventive health measures are designed to keep you healthy and to help your doctor catch certain conditions before they become more serious.

# The Baldwin Park Braves Ends Regular Season With An Undefeated Record



By Brandon Avila  
**BALDWIN PARK** - The Baldwin Park high school football team will finish the regular season with an undefeated record of 10-0 going into the postseason. Workman High School, the Braves' 10th and final opponent forfeited the contest citing injuries, according to BPHS Athletic Director Josh Knight as first reported by Fred J. Robledo. Baldwin Park's 10-0 season includes a 55-0 win over their crosstown rival Sierra Vista. The Braves were led by Head Coach Ibis Aguilar. One of the

strong points for the team throughout the regular season was the offensive line, they projected Quarterback Drew Knight (2023) as he had a prolific regular season as a passer. The offensive line also propelled the dynamic running game to make the offense as dangerous as it has been. The defense has also played aggressively having several take-aways as well as holding multiple opponents to single digits, excluding the previously mentioned shutout against Sierra Vista High School.

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# Governor Newsom Receives Moderna Booster, Encourages Eligible Californians to Get their COVID Booster to Keep Immunity Strong



Governor Newsom receives COVID booster in Oakland.

**OAKLAND** - Following the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization approval for COVID-19 booster doses, Governor Gavin Newsom on Oct 27, 2021 received a Moderna vaccine booster at an Asian Health Services' clinic in Oakland's Chinatown, encouraging eligible Californians to get their booster and keep immunity strong, especially as we enter the winter months.

"It's imperative that we all keep our immunities strong in preparation for the winter cold, flu and now COVID season, especially for those at increased risk," said Governor Newsom, who received his initial single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine in April 2021 when his age group became eligible. "Getting vaccinated and keeping our immunity strong through boosters is a vital step we can take to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community - it remains the best way to end this pandemic. Get-

ting a booster is safe, easy, free, and you don't even have to stick to your original vaccine. This is your chance to continue to keep yourself and your community healthy."

The Governor was joined by California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly and community and local leaders who have supported vaccine equity efforts in the region. To date, Asian Health Services (AHS) has administered nearly 30,000 COVID-19 vaccination doses and 56,000 COVID tests. On October 25, AHS initiated their first public booster dose clinic at a park in Oakland's Little Saigon area.

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved an Emergency Use Authorization for the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna booster doses, followed by recommendations from both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Western States Scientific Review Workgroup

that included "mix and match," the ability to receive a booster different from a person's original vaccine series. The Pfizer-BioNTech booster was approved in September and has since been available for eligible populations seeking to strengthen their immunities to COVID-19 and its variants.

Already, nearly two million Californians have received their booster dose, representing 14.3 percent of the nationwide total recipients as reported by the CDC. The state's Vaccinate ALL 58 campaign will continue to focus on driving vaccine efforts in lower-income and non-English speaking communities with cultural competency and in-language services. Its community-based organization network, in partnership with philanthropy, is now standing at over 700 organizations and will support outreach and appointment assistance efforts.

California has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country and the highest of the large states, with nearly 87 percent of the 12-and-over population having received at least one dose. Over the past few weeks, between 45 and 55 percent of all COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered as boosters.

Boosters are recommended for all Johnson & Johnson vaccine recipients who are 18-years and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago. The CDC and Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup have declared the following groups of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna recipients eligible for a booster dose six months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
- Age 18+ who are at increased risk due to social inequity

Booster doses are not required for one to be considered fully vaccinated, but are encouraged for those that are eligible to ensure significant protection from COVID-19 and its variants, especially as we enter the winter months. Booster doses went through the same thorough scientific review process as the initial vaccine series and have been proven safe.

"We're encouraging all eligible community members to come and get their booster shot," said Mychi Nguyen, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Asian Health Services. "This is the best way to continue to protect yourself against COVID."

## Six Ways To Protect Your Mail And Packages

### 5 Ways to Protect Mail and Packages

- Don't leave packages unattended for any length of time.
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Here are a few tips to consider this holiday season:

1. Don't leave your delivered mail and packages unattended. You wouldn't leave important items sitting on the front seat of your unlocked car overnight. So don't leave your mail and packages sitting in mailboxes or on front porches for any length of time.

2. Going out of town? Hold your mail at the Post Office. You can sign up for Hold Mail service on [usps.com](https://usps.com) if you plan on being away from home for a few days. Your letters and packages will be held securely at your Post Office until you pick them up or request they be delivered to your home.

3. Plan ahead. Ship using Hold for Pickup. If you are sending packages, you can choose the Hold for Pickup option on [usps.com](https://usps.com). The packages will be safely held at the recipient's local Post Office until they can pick

it up. If you are expecting a package, you can redirect it to your Post Office by selecting Hold for Pickup using Intercept a Package under Track & Manage on [usps.com](https://usps.com).

4. Customize the delivery. If you are expecting something you know will not fit in your mailbox and you won't be home to receive it, you can authorize the carrier to leave it in a specified location. Visit [usps.com](https://usps.com), enter the tracking number in Track a Package, and select Delivery Instructions.

5. Secure the shipment using USPS Special Services. Signature Confirmation helps ensure the package ends up in the right hands by requiring a first initial and last name at the time of delivery. For your most valuable packages, you can opt for Registered Mail service. Registered Mail receives special handling from the time it's mailed until the time it's delivered.

6. Monitor your front door. If you have a home security camera system, and you catch any mail thieves in the act, save the video and alert the Postal Inspectors.

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