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California Becomes First State in Nation to Require COVID-19 Vaccine for Schools

SAN FRANCISCO - At a school in San Francisco, Governor Newsom announced plans to add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required to attend school in-person when the vaccine receives full approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for middle and high school grades, making California the first state in the nation to announce such a measure. Following the other first-in-the-nation school masking and staff vaccination measures, Governor Newsom announced the COVID-19 vaccine will be required for in-person school attendance-just like vaccines for measles, mumps, rubella and more.

"The state already requires that students are vaccinated against viruses that cause measles, mumps, and rubella - there's no reason why we wouldn't do the same for COVID-19. Today's measure, just like our first-in-the-nation school masking and staff vaccination requirements, is about protecting our children and school staff, and keeping them in the classroom," said Governor Newsom. "Vaccines work. It's why California leads the country in preventing school closures and has the lowest case rates. We encourage other states to follow our lead to keep our kids safe and



Gov. Newsom announces plans to add COVID-19 vaccine to list of required school vaccinations.

prevent the spread of COVID-19." Thanks to the state's bold public health measures, California continues to maintain the lowest case rate in the entire country and is one of only two states to have advanced out of the CDC's 'high' COVID transmission category. More information about the announcement can be found here. The vast majority of school districts have reported that over 95% of students have returned to

in-person instruction this school year, as can be seen on the state's Student Supports & In-Person Dashboard. Thanks to unprecedented resources and public health measures (measures shown to be highly effective), California is leading national trends in preventing school closures and keeping kids in classrooms, accounting for only 14 out of over 2,000 school closures nationwide, or roughly 0.7% - despite the fact that California educates an estimated 12% of the nation's public school students. If California's rates had aligned with national trends, the state would have seen upwards of 240 school closures.

In order to further protect students and staff and continue supporting a safe return to in-person instruction for all students, the

Governor directed the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to follow the procedures established by the Legislature to add the COVID-19 vaccine to other vaccinations required for in-person school attendance-such as measles, mumps, and rubella-pursuant to the Health and Safety Code. COVID-19 vaccine requirements will be phased-in by grade span, which will also promote smoother implementation.

Upon full FDA approval of age groups within a grade span, CDPH will consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians

prior to implementing a requirement. Following existing statute, full approval of ages 12+ corresponds to grades 7-12, and full approval of ages 5-11 corresponds to grades K-6. Students who are under the age of full approval, but within the grade span, will be required to be vaccinated once they reach the age of full approval (with a reasonable period of time to receive both doses), consistent with existing procedures for other vaccines. The requirement will take effect at the start of the term following full approval of that grade span, to be defined as January 1st or July 1st, whichever comes first. Based on current information, the requirement is expected to apply to grades 7-12 starting on July 1, 2022. However, local health jurisdictions and local education agencies are encouraged to implement requirements ahead of a statewide requirement based on their local circumstances.

Governor Newsom's historic \$123.9 billion Pre-K and K-12 education package is providing an unprecedented level of school and student funding to transform the state's public schools into gateways of equity and opportunity, supporting the potential of every California student by achieving universal transitional kindergarten for four-year-olds by 2025, expanding afterschool and summer programs, providing universal free school nutrition, increasing the number of well-prepared staff per pupil, creating full-service community schools to support the mental and social-emotional well-being of students, and more.

Santa Anita's Great Opening Weekend

By Joan Schmidt
ARCADIA - Friday, October 1 was the Opening Day at Santa Anita Park. At the Paddock area, a plaque honoring recently retired paddock captain, 100 year old John Shear was unveiled. Ten years ago 90 year old Shear jumped in front of a loose runaway horse saving the life of a five year old girl, yet he remains humble to this day although he suffered a shattered pelvis and a broken cheekbone. Everyone loves John; on his birthday (during pandemic) a car parade of fans/friends/jockeys drove by his Sierra Madre home to say "Happy Birthday" including Mike Smith!



100 year old John Shear, recently retired paddock captain, honored with plaque at Santa Anita Park.



At the Paddock area, a plaque honoring John Shear was unveiled.

Friday featured FOUR Stakes Races! Winners were: "Speakeasy Stakes", E.Baird, "One Timer"; "Chandelier Stakes", Joel Rosario, "Ain't Easy"; "Eddie D. Stakes", Geovanni Franco, "Lieutenant Dan"; "American Pharoah Stakes", Mike Smith, "Corniche". We were thrilled to see Drayden Van Dyke, (BEST JOCKEY BASKETBALL PLAYER EVER!) has returned to SO Cal, catch up with Kyle Frey who is doing very well in SO Cal, and of course Edwin Maldonado who we met long ago. Edwin's daughter wants to be a jockey, but he isn't too keen on that!

Saturday was just as exciting! There were FIVE STAKES RACES! Flavien Pratt won three of them: "City of Hope Stakes", on Mo Forza; "Santa Anita Sprint Champion Stakes", Dr. Shivel; and "John Henry Turf Championship Stakes", United. Umberto Rispoli took the "Rodeo Drive Stakes" on "Gong to Vegas", and Johnny Velaquez won the "Awesome Again Stakes" on "Medina Spirit", one of our favorite horses, trained by Bob

Baffert. WOW! Congrats toall! Sunday's Stakes Races were: "UnzipMe Stakes", Flavien Pratt, on "Zero Tolerance"; "Chillingworth Stakes", VictorEspinosa, "Ce Ce"; "Zuma Beach Stakes", Juan Hernandez, "Mackinnon", and "Surfer Girl Stakes", Kent Desormeaux, "Cairo Memories". Congrats to all winners and their connections!

The Track is opened Fridays-Sundays. Fridays have \$3 Beers, \$5 Specialty Cocktails, free admission and parking. Sat. Oct. 8 and Sun. Oct. 9 - Oktoberfest Trackside, Family Fun Zone. Sat. Oct. 18- PINKTOBER, Pink's Hot Dog Charity benefitting American Cancer Society, Family Fun Zone. Sat. Oct. 23- Smorgasburg Fried Chicken Day. Sun. Oct. 24-Pumpkin Patch, Fall Fest. Sat. Oct. 30- CA Native American Heritage Day, Pumpkin Patch, Fall Fun Fest. Sun. Oct. 31, Closing Day/Halloween-Halloween Egg Hunt Pumpkin Patch, Fall Fun Fest. See you there!

Top Billing Entertainment Performance Academy Wins a Special First Place Award from The American Prize



GLENDORA - Top Billing Entertainment Performance Academy, Kristina Keener Ivy, executive director, is the winner of a Special First Place Award from The American Prize, 2021, for "fostering diversity and for artistic excellence", for their productions of "Frozen jr" and "High School Musical jr."

Top Billing Entertainment Performance Academy was selected from applications reviewed recently from all across the United States. The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts is the nation's most comprehensive series of non-

profit competitions in the musical and theater arts, unique in scope and structure, designed to recognize and reward the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the United States based on submitted recordings. The American Prize was founded in 2009 and is awarded annually in many areas of the performing arts.

Top Billing Entertainment Performance Academy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, "no cuts" group where each performer is treated with respect, given professional instruction, and given the opportunity for a featured solo. In January 2015, Top Billing opened a

4,000 square foot location in Glendora, CA where they offer group and private classes in singing, dancing, acting, on-camera acting, fitness and instruments. In 2014 Top Billing won #1 Best Musical Theater Production and #2 Musical Theater Director in the American Prize Competition, Best Dance School in a local newspaper's Readers Choice Awards 2013-2018 and has received 60 National Youth Arts Nominations with 15 wins. They are successful because they believe each performer is vital and should be treated as if they have top billing.

Donation Given to West Covina VFW by "Thank A Vet" Foundation



Vincent Lymon from Help A Vet gives a donation to Cmdr George Ogden (Right). Center is Frank Sanchez (VFW).

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The West Covina VFW was the recipient of a donation from the "Thank a Vet" foundation after hearing about some of the issues that the VFW had with having difficult times financially because of the government closing down everything. This cost the West Covina VFW over \$68,000.00 in paybacks to their rental clients and loss of revenue for about two years. Trying to keep the organization and the facility open was very difficult. Money was being loaned to the VFW to keep it afloat and some billings were not submitted and being held back until they got on their feet again.

Then the other problem is that transients new in the area were coming around along with graffiti criminals and tagging the walls and building. This became costly to the VFW to try and clean all this up. Armed security volunteered on some nights to help prevent this costly issue.

This tapped into whatever funds that would have been used for community events such as sponsoring youth programs.

Also, the food runs to those who were having hard times getting food because they were elderly or afraid to go out because of the COVID issues, were also compromised, as the money used for that was used to clean up graffiti crimes.

After some vandals were confronted by some citizens who apparently took care of business themselves, this issue seems to have been resolved.

However, the financial crisis remained for the VFW, but they were slowing trying to recover.

Sergeant First Class Vincent Lymon (ret.) heard about the issue(s). He is the Chief of Operations for Thank A Vet, and wanted to help out. They are a unique Non-Profit service organization comprised of veterans and volunteers, all sharing the common goal to serve and honor veterans. They care for all veterans, whether from WWII, Afghanistan War or Iraq War and all that have served in between. They operate to fill the gap our Government leaves when helping our veterans. Veterans contact them

daily with problems concerning employment, housing, utilities, auto repair, and a host of other emergency needs. For the majority of cases, they are able to provide some kind of immediate relief.

Their mission is simple, to empower our warriors by promoting self-respect, self-confidence, and usefulness through education, training, employment, health, and including services for homeless veterans. Their mission is to enhance their lives by transferring their military experience and expertise into marketable civilian jobs. TAV will help mentor our heroes with integrity and determination to resume their normal lives."

They donated to the VFW so they can continue to help the veterans, the community and the Post in general. At a dinner at the VFW, the first in over a year and a half, Vince Lymon showed up with other Thank A Vet representatives to give a donation to the VFW.

This was greatly appreciated by the VFW and it's Auxiliary.

Glendora High School's Homecoming Dance



Some of the freshmen who attended the Homecoming Dance were, L/R Belle Djahansahi, Kaylee Pope, Jelena Smith, Celeste Gajkowski, Heather Wieland and Emma Mancilla.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - Glendora High School had its Homecoming Dance on Saturday October 2nd, which was well attended and titled "The Greatest Show," with carnival games, dancing and photo opportunities. Some of the students dressed up and gathered for photos at the residence of one of the parents' homes in Glendora. The Homecoming Parade was held as usual at The Village on Glendora Avenue on Friday, October 1st.



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Arcadia's Gilb Museum To Celebrates 20th Anniversary

ARCADIA - Join the Gilb Museum in celebrating its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 10am to 12pm. Celebrate the legacy of the Gilb Museum by experiencing the new 20th Anniversary exhibit, taking a guided tour through the Museum, and getting a behind-the-scenes look at the Museum's collections. You can also check out the Museum Education Center and watch demonstrations of current (and upcoming) educational programs at the Museum.

The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage opened on October 20, 2001, as the Ruth & Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum, named after its lead donors. The Museum was designed by Sparano + Mooney Architecture and recognized in World Architecture and Architecture and Urbanism magazine. The Gilb Museum is maintained and operated by the City of Arcadia. Through City

support, the Museum can offer free admission, as well as free programming. It houses artifacts representative of local Arcadia history and culture from the past and present, including in depth exhibits focusing on the Baldwin family, Native American culture, Santa Anita Racetrack, and more.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the Gilb Museum's webpage <https://www.arcadiaca.gov/government/city-departments/museum>. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007.

Duarte CERT to Host Preparedness Pop-Up

DUARTE - The Duarte Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will host a preparedness pop-up at Target (1050 Huntington Drive) from 5-9 PM on Friday, October 8 and from 1-5 PM on Saturday, October 9.

Over these two days, Duarte CERT will discuss the importance of preparing a 72-hour emergency kit in the event of a disaster. Additionally, they will walk residents through building their own kit, including providing a list of necessary items.

"This is the time for residents to ask any questions they might have about building their own kit, plus they can pick up necessities in a single shopping trip, right after visiting CERT," stated Duarte CERT Coordinator Tony Hadloc. "Many necessities are easily accessible at our local Target or Walmart."

CERT is a nationwide program that educates volunteers about disaster preparedness. Volunteers learn basic disaster

response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. During emergencies, volunteers put their skills and basic training into practice, freeing up professional first responders to focus on complex, urgent needs.

"We hope the community takes advantage of having Duarte CERT members right at their fingertips," said Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos. "As one of the most active CERT programs in the region, we invite residents to come learn how to best keep their families safe in the event of an emergency."

In addition to providing emergency kit information, Duarte CERT will also have details about upcoming classes and virtual training.

For more information on the Duarte CERT program, visit CERT's website or email CERT@AccessDuarte.com.

Public Health Closely Monitors Outbreaks; Vaccination Requirement for Healthcare Workers Goes into Effect

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) closely monitors community outbreaks as the Delta variant comprises 100% of all variants sequenced by the Public Health lab.

The highest numbers of outbreaks among vulnerable people in healthcare and residential settings over the last few months have been in settings serving people experiencing homelessness (40). Meanwhile, outbreaks at skilled nursing facilities (21), other long-term care facilities (15), and healthcare settings (1), where vaccination rates are relatively high, have been relatively low. These differences are real-time evidence of the protective effect of vaccines among our most vulnerable residents.

Over the last few months, the highest numbers of outbreaks at work sites have been in accommodation and food services settings (26), with elevated numbers in retail (25), manufacturing (13), transport and warehouse settings (20). The numbers of these outbreaks have fallen as community case rates have decreased; accommodation and food services settings (1), retail (1), manufacturing (6), and transport and warehouse settings (1).

Public Health continues to closely follow disease transmission at schools. Weekly student

cases increased in August from about 1,300 to a peak of nearly 2,800 cases the week ending August 22. The number of student close contacts increased correspondingly to a peak of nearly 11,000 by the end of August. Both student cases and contacts have since decreased substantially; last week, the County saw 829 student cases and 3,100 student close contacts. Meanwhile, staff numbers have also decreased weekly from their high point of 403 staff cases and 493 staff close contacts in mid-August: last week, there were only 109 staff cases and 26 staff close contacts.

While overall case numbers in schools are trending downward, the number of outbreaks has increased slightly over the last few weeks, from 11 outbreaks the week ending September 18, to 12 outbreaks the week ending September 25. Youth sports account for most outbreaks, although the County is seeing some outbreaks in elementary, middle, and high schools. These numbers are impressively low given that 3,000-plus schools are now open countywide.

There are various vaccination verification requirements affecting L.A. County residents and workers. Today, September 30, is the deadline for health care and home health care workers across L.A. County to be fully vaccinated.

Earlier this week, the state issued a new order requiring workers in adult and senior care facilities and in home direct care settings to be fully vaccinated by November 30. L.A. County employees have until October 1 and L.A. City employees have until October 5.

On October 7, proof of full vaccination or a negative test result will be required to enter outdoor mega events, and proof of at least one dose of the vaccine will be required to enter or work in indoor portions of bars, lounges, nightclubs, breweries, wineries, and distilleries in L.A. County. On November 4, bars and similar establishments throughout L.A. County will be required to verify full vaccination of all patrons and employees prior to entry to indoor portions of their establishments.

Under a state order, TK-12 school staff are required to be vaccinated by October 15 or test weekly. LAUSD students participating in extracurricular activities must be fully vaccinated by October 31, and Culver City students are required to be vaccinated by November 19. All LAUSD students 12 and over must be fully vaccinated by December 19. President Biden's executive order requires federal workers to be fully vaccinated by November 22.

Los Angeles County Introduces New LGBTQ+ Certification for Small Businesses Seeking County Contracts

Program Expands on Community Business Enterprise and County's 25-percent Participation Goal

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The County of Los Angeles is introducing a new certification status to enhance our Community Business Enterprise (CBE) program. The LGBTQ+ certification creates a new pathway for businesses owned by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning individuals to engage in County procurement opportunities. It is essential that County dollars are reinvested in our diverse business community that were most impacted by the pandemic. Through this and similar initiatives we ensure that County procurement becomes a tool to grow and support businesses throughout our recovery and beyond.

The LGBTQ+ certification is the latest addition to the CBE, which helps ensure that businesses owned and controlled by economically and socially disadvantaged individuals are engaged in opportunities to compete for County contracts. The County's CBE Participation Goal for County Contracts establishes more inclusive practices into contracting and purchasing, setting a 25-percent participation goal for CBE-certified vendors.

To be eligible for LGBTQ+ certification, a business must be 51 percent owned and controlled by at least one or more LGBTQ individuals. They must also have an active certification with the National LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce or through the Supplier Clearinghouse as authorized through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

"The County wants to improve

access to County contracts for LGBTQ-owned businesses. We want to make sure that public resources are fairly allocated as a part of helping to strengthen historically disadvantaged communities," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. "LA County stands for inclusion and equity in its contracting, including our vibrant LGBTQ communities."

"I am committed to ensuring that inclusive and culturally competent practices are integrated into all County contracting and procurement policies," said Chair Hilda L. Solis. "This is particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the impact on LGBTQ and minority-owned businesses. I hope this initiative will further move the County toward true equity in contracting. It's long overdue."

"This is an important and necessary step toward a more inclusive LA County," said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. "From our procurement process to the direct services we provide, our commitment to acceptance, equity, and doing what's right must be unwavering. It's imperative that we have suppliers as diverse as the residents we serve."

"LA County is the most diverse county in the nation and our small businesses reflect that," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "The CBE makes sure at least a quarter of our County contracts goes to diverse small businesses, including those owned by people of color and women. One group we were previously missing was our LGBTQ+ owned small businesses. That is why our Board of Supervisors recently

voted to ensure these businesses would qualify for this important program."

"Diversity strengthens our business community," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "This initiative reiterates the Board of Supervisors' commitment to inclusivity and equity for all aspects of County service. LGBTQ businesses bring creativity and ingenuity to the marketplace. As we revitalize our local economy, these businesses will play an important role in our path forward."

"Our department is committed to help entrepreneurs and small business owners find success through County contracting," said Rafael Carbajal, Director of the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. "We look forward to serving more LGBTQ+ owned businesses through the Office of Small Business and helping them get connected to new opportunities in LA County."

For more details about how to do business with the County and about the eligibility requirements of the LGBTQ+ certification, contact the Office of Small Business at (323) 881-3964.

Join DCBA and our partner agencies on Monday, October 4 at 10 a.m. for a live virtual forum to learn more about this new certification. Register at bit.ly/LGBTQQC.

Other certifications within the CBE include Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.



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Dia de Los Muertos To Be Celebrated at Baldwin Park High School

BALDWIN PARK - The Baldwin Park High School Dual Immersion Language Program presents the 10th annual Dia de Los Muertos event on Thursday, **October 21** at Baldwin Park High School, 400 Building. The event is FREE and open to the

public, it will take place from 5:30pm-9:00pm, there will be an altar competition, face painting, children activities, art gallery, food and live music by Eric Antonio and Mariachi Lindas Mexicanas.

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Newsom's Payback Becomes Expensive

Recall is over and Gov. Newsom is back at work signing bills created and passed by the state legislators. Ultimately, those bills he is signing will give us a good idea who this governor is and an even better picture when you take a look at some of the money going into that recall campaign to save him from early retirement.

Campaign reports indicate \$11.5 million from public sector unions was contributed against recall of Newsom. Top contributors were:

- California Teachers Association (CTA) \$1,815,616.
 - California Correctional Peace Officers Association's Truth in American Government Fund - \$1.750 million.
 - Service Employees International Union (Fed PAC) \$1.014 million.
 - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO) \$1 million.
 - Professional Engineers in California Government - \$1 million.
 - Service Employees International Union (SEIU) \$1 million. And, that list goes on!
- Top donors in what I call the Million-Dollar Club against recall:
- Democrat Governors Association gave \$5.5 million
 - Reed Hastings, Netflix founder, \$3 million.
 - California Democrat Party gave \$2,505,977
 - George Soros — \$1 million
 - Philanthropist, Priscilla Chan gave \$750,000
 - Quibi co-founder, Jeffrey Katzenberg — \$500,000.
 - NBCUniversal, home of MSNBC, — \$50,000.
 - ACLU — \$50,000
- A connect the dots note on Prop 47, written by L.A. D.A. George Gascon, was supported by Newsom and:
- ACLU at \$3.5 million
 - Open Society Policy Center, George Soros at \$1,460,112
 - Reed Hastings at \$246,664

Reports indicate Newsom raised \$80 million and all opponents vying for his seat raised over \$50 million with Larry Elder raising \$18 to \$20 million. A "little nuance" in recall elections provides the target of a recall no



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

campaign contribution limitations, while the proponents/candidates in the recall are restricted to the current law maximum of \$32,400 per person, business or PAC.

With Newsom back securely in office issuing COVID mandates, parent debate has escalated over mask-wearing, mandatory COVID vaccinations for students and now the mandatory Critical Race Theory (CRT) curriculum in our public schools. These debates become more complicated as Assemblyman Kevin Kiley said because of Newsom's support of the prison guard and staff refusal to get the shot. Kiley, Vice Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, said, "... Gavin Newsom announced a "first" in the nation vaccine mandate for K-12 students, however, just days ago he actively tried to block a mandate for California Corrections Officers whose union contributed \$1.75 million to his campaign against the Recall."

Kiley continued, "For Newsom, your rights as a parent mean nothing. The well-being of your child means nothing. Public health and "science" mean nothing. All that matters is money and headlines." The California Teachers Association contributed \$1.8 million against recall Newsom and several articles have suggested the bounce from mask-wearing and COVID testing to mandatory vaccinations for students were because of that heavy contribution. Total contributions from all public-school employees brought Newsom's campaign \$2.5 million.

California Public Policy Center confirms Corrections Officers' contribution adding, "De-

spite the Legislative Analyst's Office determining the raises Newsom signed off on for the Correctional Peace Officers Association lacked 'clear justification' ... Newsom signed off on \$5,000 raises and 12 days-worth of wellness relief time ..." LAO sited a compensation study finding prison guards receive 40% higher compensation than their counterparts at local government level.

While prison guards and staff have received what some call "payback", the CTA may end up on the short end in the long term. The National Center for Education Statistics reports less students nationwide — 3% drop or 1.5 million less enrollment. From 2019-20 to 2020-21 drops in Pre-k and kindergarten were 13%; grades 1-8 saw a 3% drop nationwide. In California, we saw an overall, 2.61% drop in enrollment. Less students equals fewer teachers.

Several unions, including SEIU, have filed complaints over Newsom's COVID vaccination mandate adding the governor had ignored the meet-and-confer protocols requiring 30 to 60-day notice before changing working conditions. His administration argued they didn't have to follow the protocol because they were still operating under Newsom's emergency declarations.

Assm. Kevin Kiley announced, "I am renewing my calls to pass ACR 46, my Resolution to end the State of Emergency and rein in a Governor whose recklessness is surpassed only by his corruption."

Recall shaken Democrats are initiating hearings and legislation to amend the recall process. Democrats Marc Berman and Steve Glazer will start hearings; and, previously recalled Democrat, Josh Newman, will introduce two constitutional amendments — one to make it more difficult to qualify recalls for the ballot, and a second, to replace a recalled governor with the lieutenant governor.

**** State Human Resources has backed down from Newsom's vaccination mandate and agreed to meet and confer with unions over new vaccine rules. SacBee — 10/2/21.**

On the Road in the SGV

While in town from Sacramento, I join my sister for a drive through the San Gabriel Valley. We opt to avoid the congestion of the I-10 East entirely and instead take the city streets as we make our way to the California Botanic Garden in Claremont.

You don't always fully appreciate the places where you have lived and made memories until you leave. Seeing family makes the return even more meaningful. I reflect on this as my younger sister, in the driver's seat, turns onto Grand Avenue, commencing our trip. She's in her early 30s, and I'm in my late 30s.

We navigate the streets that have accompanied our youth and adulthood and that still intersect our lives through celebrations, anguish, and everything in-between. As we approach a red light, we wonder, "What comes next?"

We turn right on Badillo and enter Covina. The orange groves that once proudly stood and sustained a citrus industry in the area are long gone, well before both us and our other siblings were born. But I spot traces of these trees, alongside skinny palms, dotting homes along the way as we continue our drive.

Storefronts with an "Old West" aesthetic suddenly emerge, signaling that we've reached San Dimas, which was founded in the late 19th Century following the Santa Fe Railroad-led development. Named after the San Dimas Canyon in the San Gabriel Mountains, the city was also once a notable hub for growing citrus. Despite all of my years in the SGV, the city of San Dimas remains largely unknown to me except as the setting for that famous 1989 film about Bill and Ted. Today I'm having my own excellent adventure as my sister



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plays tour guide and takes a slight detour onto Bonita Avenue to show me the charming downtown, with its 1900s brick buildings and antique shops.

We continue our mission and soon enter Pomona, very much a second-home to our family of Cal Poly graduates. Every time I'm in Pomona, I'm reminded of my dad's journey as a teenager from Aleppo, Syria to the SGV. He never yielded to any obstacles or setbacks. To make ends meet, he worked countless late nights at the gas station and as a cashier at the Magic Lamp Inn on Foothill Boulevard in Rancho Cucamonga. I still treasure the stories of his journey that I learned as a child. They're worth more in weight than the gold that drove prospectors to our state. I vow to myself to one day revisit the old haunts of his youth along Route 66.

We finally arrive at our destination. The California Botanic Garden (formerly Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden) is the largest garden dedicated to our state's native plants, with over 6,000 plant species. Founded by Susanna Bixby Bryant in 1927, its original location in Orange County was destroyed by Santa Ana winds-fueled fire and subsequent landslides, but was later relocat-

ed to Claremont in 1951.

Our tour starts at the recreated village of the indigenous Tongva people, who have lived in Southern California's Los Angeles Basin and Southern Channel Islands for at least ten thousand years. It is a poignant reminder to acknowledge the original inhabitants of the land that now shapes our lives and dreams. Over the next hour, we stretch our necks to stare up at towering California fan palms and coast redwoods, meander through the lush Joshua tree and pinyon-juniper woodlands, and press our hands against the smooth, red bark of the manzanitas. It feels as though we've time-traveled across the state's sprawling desert canyons, forests, and mountains. The garden's history, location, and rich flora mirror these two Syrian-American women's own experience of California - its diversity, complexity, comfort, and fragility.

Leaving the garden, we drive into a cotton candy-pink sunset to return to our family's place in West Covina. I shut my eyes for a few seconds to remember the natural wonders we just witnessed and the roads taken to get there. This garden visit with my sister has strangely turned sentimental.

"When will I see my family again?" I wonder. "And what more do I have yet to discover in the SGV?"

As we wind our way back to the first place we ever called home, my sister asks, "Everything ok?" I crack a smile and cannot resist invoking Bill and Ted.

"Excellent!"

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MY TURN: Three Important Film "Finales"

By Charles Lopresto

There is something bittersweet about watching some films that are significant as the final works of some legendary actor or actress. Three came to mind for me recently with their rebroadcasting on cable TV. TCM just showed a film noir black & white film from 1957 entitled "The Harder They Fall." It is a story about a sports writer who gets involved with crooked boxing promoters and finds himself at odds with the main promoter, who is more of a gangster than a sports figure. It was Humphrey Bogart's final film. He plays the reporter and Jan Sterling appears as his wife. Bogart was suffering from the cancer that would soon end his life after this film was made. The film had a real "On The Waterfront" feel to it and it was helped along by the appearance of Rod Steiger as the main promoter. His character is much like the crooked lawyer and brother of Marlon Brando's character he played in "Waterfront." The gritty urban landscape and the dark boxing rings looked a lot like "Raging Bull."

Another film that marks the end of an era that shows up on TCM is "The Misfits" from 1961. This contemporary western has a bit of a film noir touch to it as well, shot on location in the Reno, Nevada area. Directed by John Huston, the film has an array of aging stars but it is significant as the final film for Clark Gable, and, as it turned out, Mari-

lyn Monroe as well. Co-stars Montgomery Clift and Thelma Ritter were in the late stages of their careers and one actor still in his prime as a moviemaker was Eli Wallach. The screenplay was written by Arthur Miller and it portrays characters that have seen better days and are trying to deal with life's disappointments. And often with the help of a bottle.

The third film that comes to my mind in this group was made a little later. It is "The Shootist," often shown on The Starz/Encore Western Channel. This western is best remembered as John Wayne's final film. Made in 1976, this turn of the century story follows an aging gunfighter, or, "Shootist," that is facing cancer. Like Bogart, Wayne was suffering from the cancer that would take his life in a few years, paralleling the dilemma his character, J.B. Books was facing. The film had a huge cast of aging actors as well, including Richard Boone, Jimmy Stewart, Sheree North, Scatman Crothers, Henry Morgan, Hugh O'Brien and John Cardine. But it was the chemistry between Wayne and Mrs. Bond, the landlady played by Lauren Bacall that made this bittersweet story powerful. Wayne and Bacall had appeared together back in the 1950's in an action adventure film called "Blood Alley." Wayne's BatJac productions made that film, and Wayne wanted someone like Humphrey Bogart or Robert Mitchum to play the soldier of fortune. He must pi-

lot a broken down riverboat out of Communist China with refugees seeking freedom. Wayne ended up taking the role, after all. But it was one of those film noir adventure films with Asian locales, in the tradition of "Tokyo Joe" or "Macao." The film looked like one Bogart or Mitchum would be starring in during that era.

"The Shootist" had some nice touches with the opening sequence using old John Wayne western clips disguised as scenes from Books' career to set up the biography of who this character was. And the youngest star in the film was Ron Howard who played Bacall's son, a coming of age teenager who idolizes Books. This film is significant as the era of Duke Wayne was coming to an end and he passes the baton to the young star, Howard, whose adult career was just beginning.

These were all important films because they marked an era long gone now and the people we grew up with were having their curtain calls. Viewing these films today, with our knowledge of what became of the stars after their release is especially emotional. Once again seeing that last defiant stance Bogart takes against Steiger, or watching the farewell and goodbye between Bacall and Wayne or the way Gable gazes at the beautiful but troubled Monroe, we realize it is not acting. It is real. I urge everyone to see these films.

Marxism and Today's America

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

If Karl Marx were alive today he would be reveling in what is happening in America.

To say that I am dismayed by what is happening to this nation would be an understatement. We are witnessing the destruction of America at the hands of the Socialist Democrat party.

After reading recent headline news I was prompted to re-read the Communist Manifesto. What is happening today is bringing nothing but cheers and tears of joy to every devotee of the teachings of Carl Marx. To Marx Communism is the struggle between the BOURGEOIS AND PROLETARIANS. The bourgeois are those who have political power, property and money. The Proletarians are everyone else.

To illustrate the Marxist government takeover I quote from the Communist Manifesto the ten things that must be done to destroy the ruling class, the bourgeois:

1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
3. Abolition of all right of inheritance.
4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly.
6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the State.
7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the State; ... in accordance with a common plan.
8. Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing indus-

tries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country, by a more equitable distribution of the population over the country.

10. Free education for all children in public schools.

Just last week Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen proposed a single Federal banking organization to monitor and control all financial transactions. She is also pushing for Crypto-currency to replace the dollar.

The IRS is planning on tracking every personal bank transactions over \$600.00 so the government can make sure that everyone pays taxes. Speaking of the IRS the Biden plan calls for increasing the number of people working for the IRS from 75,000 to at least 125,000. The plan is to have every tax return scrutinized by the federal government.

Biden, Pelosi, Sanders and AOC are pushing for a more punitive and confiscatory income tax.

Congress wants to eliminate the inheritance laws enacted under Trump so the government can confiscate more property from the "wealthy". Let us not overlook the Biden 2030 plan; a plan that has the government confiscating 30% of all private lands, including farms, by the year 2030.

The Main Stream Media and social media are undeniably under the control of the Socialist Democrat Party. Bias against conservatives is ubiquitous.

A universal income is an objective of Burney Sanders and AOC. Minimum income today - with government regulation of paychecks being the ultimate objective.

Destruction of the suburbs is an important Socialist Democrat goal. The revitalization of the HUD - AFFA (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) rules of the Obama Administration and laws now being enacted by

California under the guise of 'creating more affordable housing' are a clear demonstration of this policy. Under these laws single family homes will become a distant memory.

Biden wants free education for every child from pre-kindergarten to Junior College so all students can be indoctrinated by the Democrats. An organization that represents a collective of School Boards has asked the Biden Administration to criminalize any actions by parents that would interfere with board meetings and the curriculum taught in public schools.

Implied in the Manifesto is the eventual destruction of the family. Taking control of the children is one of their primary goals.

The 'open border' policy of the Democrats is intended initially to replace conservative Americans with new Democrat voting people. Then the Democrats will destroy the national boundaries to facilitate one world order under the tenants of a globalist Marxist government.

Due to space limitations I have not addressed all ten of the Marxist goals, but as one can see every one of these destructive goals are in play today!

Just as in any Marxist country our Federal Government has taken over every aspect of our daily lives. From unconstitutional mask mandates and COVID vaccine mandates, to schools via the teachers unions and school boards.

Think this cannot happen here just look as the old Soviet Union, Cuba, Venezuela and Communist China. Communism happened to them!

"Freedom is but one generation away from extinction". - Ronald Reagan

Vote as if this country's freedoms depends on you. It does.

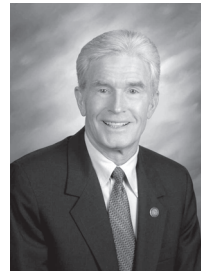
Washington's Insane Spending Spree

Federal Fiscal Year 2021 ended September 30th with our government facing many challenges. For starters our country may default on its debt within weeks if the "debt ceiling" isn't lifted. While progressive politicians worry over sea levels rising an inch per decade, these same people ignore a rapidly rising ocean of red ink - deficits over \$3 trillion in FY 2020, and almost \$3 trillion more this year. The Treasury reported that the deficit for the first 11 months of FY-2021 totaled \$2.7 trillion in red ink, despite the fastest GDP growth rate since 1984. Government spending for the 11 months through August rose 4% to a record \$6.3 trillion, while federal tax revenues totaled only \$3.6 trillion.

After eight months of talking up one \$3.5 trillion spending package after another, Congress now faces two imminent realities. They must finalize their 2022 budget, including theoretically funding the deficit, and they must raise the debt ceiling. Failure in either task would result in at least a partial government shutdown. Treasury Secretary Yellen on September 28th did what she said she hoped not to do, telling Congress the Treasury will run out of flexibility to manage US finances without a debt ceiling increase by October 18th.

If lawmakers do not have a 2022 budget in place for the next fiscal year, when might the government start shutting down? Assuming lawmakers don't have a budget in place by the time October begins, the government is required to reduce agency activities and stop "non-essential" operations. The most recent shutdown lasted 35 days, from De-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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ember 2018 to January 2019. Interestingly that coincided with a strong market surge (but remember who was President then).

When it comes to "funding the deficit" the populist solution is always to "soak the rich". However, there aren't enough American billionaires to finance a single \$3.5 trillion budget proposal, much less the full \$7 trillion annual operating costs for the federal government. And increased federal taxes would likely only soak the rich once. After year one of fleecing the biggest fat cats, they'll find legal ways to park their prime assets elsewhere.

There is clearly not enough surplus money in America to fund all of the wishes as well as the real American needs facing DC politicians. Most of us can support obviously necessary infrastructure spending, but that is just a modest portion of what many politicians hope to spend on social change initiatives. One key to funding the most important American needs would be not spending much on wish lists which are beyond our means. Deciding what is vital and spending that money first, while delaying deeper political desires for a welfare state and social change, will be hard for many Democrats

to support.

Setting a debt ceiling may be a silly tradition, like a diet club that constantly nibbles on chocolate bars while promising to do better tomorrow. It's not worth debating this fiction, but it makes great theater. As Jack Hough wrote in Barron's ("Fiscal Chicken, Anyone? How to End Debt Ceiling Fights," September 20, 2021), "America has imposed a statutory limit on its debt for just over 100 years and has raised that limit around 100 times. 'Ceiling' probably isn't the best metaphor - debt hat maybe." Hough reminds us that the federal debt was only 35% of GDP in 2007, but this year will nearly triple that to 101% of GDP! Hough wrote "the debt ceiling amounts to performance art, not fiscal restraint".

For example, the current Republican "leader" in the Senate, Mitch McConnell, recently said: "Let me be crystal clear about this: Republicans are united in opposition to raising the debt ceiling". Meanwhile, the Democrats may hope to link a debt ceiling increase to a country changing \$3.5 trillion social spending bill under budget rules that would allow it to pass with just 51 Senate votes and thereby avoiding a GOP filibuster. Fortunately, two Senate Democrats come from conservative states and they (along with all Republicans) do not currently support this disastrous leftist spending bill. We'll see how this commotion works out. Hopefully sanity will prevail.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

What happens if there's a government shutdown?

A government shutdown has been delayed. The Treasury Department has taken extraordinary measures since August, to keep money flowing. Those in Washington, D.C. have assured us that the government will stay open until December 3. Note, however, that Treasury Secretary Yeller has stated that the debt ceiling will be reached on October 18. (Think of a debt ceiling as having all your credit cards maxed out.) The government could raise the debt ceiling, avoiding a shutdown, and allowing more government spending. If our government defaults on paying its debts, those dependent on income from the government (Social Security, Child Tax Credit, military, etc.) will see delays or even non-payment. Federal museums, national parks and safety programs will close, so all those employees will become unemployed. There's talk that interest rates could skyrocket (adjustable loans, car loans, credit cards), and banks could greatly limit loans and withdrawals. Along with increased unemployment, there'd be increases in the cost of goods, and increases in income and sales taxes. We'd enter a recession. Historically, our government has taken measures to avoid catastrophic financial disaster. It might be a rough ride, but in the past, America has pulled through. For now, review your budget, reduce your debt, and save, save, save.

All of my retirement savings is in my 401(k) at work, and it's all in the stock market. I'm stressed about what the economy could look like in the next few years. I'm close to retirement, so I don't have time for my retirement account balance to recover from a big loss. Partial withdrawals are not allowed, so



Julia Yoder

I cannot move the money. What can I do?

Contact your HR department and get connected with a financial professional of the investment company that actually holds your 401(k). Among other things, it might be suggested that you re-allocate (from riskier to safer). You could consider the option to stop adding money to your 401(k), pay the taxes on that additional income while you are employed, and save the difference. This savings could be put into a savings account, CD's, a fixed or fixed-index annuity, or a fixed-index life insurance policy.

My CDs mature this month, and the taxes on the growth means I net zero earnings. I want my money to be safe, have good growth, but pay less taxes. Do you have anything that can give me what I want?

Banks now hold billions of dollars in CD funds. Folks invest in bank CDs for the safety - CDs are FDIC insured and people trust their banks. As you have discovered, the rate of return is low, and you must annually pay taxes on the growth. An alternative to investing with your bank is investing with insurance companies. The strength of the insurance company plays an important role in the safety of your investment dollars. Independent agencies,

like A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, rate and make public "grades" on each insurance company. Insurance companies offer a product that historically may outperform a CD because of higher rates along with the benefit of deferring taxes until accessing those funds. Also, there are ways to access funds in certain life insurance policies, tax free, while you are living.

How can we be more financially prepared for disasters?

Putting aside, for a moment, the emotions and basic physical needs of food, water, shelter, medical care, and personal protection, it is also important to think about being more financially prepared in case of a disaster. In the case of loss of life, there are always survivors who wish their loved one had more life insurance. In the case of 'natural' disasters (hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, fires, etc.), homeowners or renters insurance helps. It can also be helpful to have an easily accessible stash of cash. (ATMs use electricity and can run out of money.) It's also good to stockpile supplies (e.g. toilet paper, coffee, first aid items) to trade for items someone else has available. Keep in mind that if this nation's economy, or even the global economy crashes, we're all going to be in the same survival situation.

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Car Talk by THE CAR DOC
What You "AUTO" Know
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Vitality

Our vehicles are so important to us, so it is important that we don't take them for granted! Here are a few things that Certified Auto Specialists recommends our customers have us check when they bring their cars in for service.

- Lights - These are often overlooked. Headlights, brake lights, turn signals and taillights are all vital to our safety!
- Brakes - Brake pads need to be replaced now and then. If they go bad...you don't stop when you need to!
- Tire Pressure - Over-inflated or under-inflated damages the tire and shortens their life. Tire pressures need to be just right! Having a flat tire is not only an inconvenience, it can be dangerous too!
- Tire Tread - If your tread is worn, or if your tires have lumps or bumps you could slip and slide (no ice needed) and even have a blowout! This could cause an accident!
- Power Steering Fluid - Trying to drive a car without power steering is almost impossible. To keep your car under your control, this fluid is vital!

- Transmission Fluid - This fluid needs to be exchanged periodically to keep your car shifting properly and to keep it under your control.
- Coolant - No one wants to sit on the side of the road with steam pouring out of the hood due to an overheating vehicle. No one needs to if their coolant is kept in great shape and exchanged as needed from time to time!
- Air Filter - A clean air filter helps in many ways...one being fuel economy. It is an inexpensive fix and only takes a moment to replace. Filters do just what they say...filter out the bad stuff such as dirt and contaminants. We look at all filters to make sure they are doing their job.
- Alignment - If your car seems to be pulling you in the

wrong direction...an alignment may be the answer! A car out of alignment has a mind of its own!

- The Oil - Last but not least, this vital fluid truly is the "life blood" of today's vehicles. Keeping it clean and at the proper level keeps your car going strong.

These are just some of the items that keep your car running well. They also help keep us safer as a well-maintained vehicle helps prevent accidents due to mechanical failure. We are here to help your car keep its vitality!

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Dept of Consumer and Business Affairs Launches Rent Registry Online Portal

Property owners and managers are required to submit rental property information under LA County's Rent Stabilization, Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinances

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - On October 1, 2021, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) launched the County's first online Rent Registry. The L.A. County Rent Registry, which contains portals for both property owners and tenants, will allow property owners to register and update property information, report changes in tenancy, pay annual registration fees, track case status and request exemptions. The registry will add enhanced functions in the upcoming months for property owners and tenants, including the ability to submit applications for rent adjustments, as well as property owner requests for capital improvement and primary renovation pass-throughs, and notifications of termination of tenancy directly to DCBA.

Property owners can register their rental properties at rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov. DCBA's Housing and Tenant Protections Division will be hosting informational webinars on the registry for property owners and landlords, and will house helpful

materials, user guides, and tutorials on their website at dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry.

"Tenant protections are an indispensable tool for housing protection, but effective protection relies on effective administration of housing regulations, which is why we're excited about the launch of the County's innovative online Rent Registry," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. "Through the registry, the County will ensure the availability of quality housing for LA County residents, make it easier for property owners and landlords register their rental properties and meet their responsibilities, increase transparency, and improve fairness in the LA County rental market."

Under the County's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MRSO), property owners in unincorporated Los Angeles County are required to register their units or mobilehome spaces by September 30 of each year and pay an annual registration fee for each unit or

mobilehome space upon registration.

Annual rental registration fees were adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in May 2020, establishing a two-tier fee of \$90 for Fully Covered Units (rent stabilized units and mobilehome spaces under the RSO, MRSO) and \$30 for Just-Cause Only Units (rental units exempt from rent stabilization provisions, but subject to just-cause eviction protections under the RSO, MRSO).

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its substantial financial impact on property owners and tenants, the Board adopted a motion in July 2021 that waived rental registration fees for properties registered by January 1, 2022. After January 1, 2022, registration fees will resume, and late fees will be further assessed for properties registered after the annual deadline of September 30.

For more information on the LA County Rent Registry, visit dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry or call (800) 593-8222.

Charter Oak Unified School District is District Of Choice

COVINA - Charter Oak Unified School District is participating in the California Department of Education District of Choice Program to enroll students for the 2022-23 school year between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

With about fifty school districts participating in the program annually, Charter Oak Unified School District looks forward to enrolling and providing high-quality education to students throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Through the California Department of Education District of Choice Program, families residing in any district have the opportunity to apply for enrollment in one of Charter Oak Unified School District's award-winning schools.

Dr. Jeffrey Jordan, Superintendent of Schools, shares, "The District is excited to welcome new students and families to the Charter Oak Unified School District community through the California Department of Education District of

Choice Program."

Charter Oak Unified School District supports the whole child and provides pathways to students through academic and social-emotional support, STEAM curriculum, music and drama programs, Project Lead the Way: Biomedical and Engineering Pathways, Career Technical Education, and more.

Applications are available for families to enroll in the innovative programs offered for Preschool, Transitional Kinder-

garten through 12th-grade, and the Oak Knoll Virtual Academy, which serves K-12 students.

Applications cannot be accepted from families residing in the territories of Azusa Unified School District, Pomona Unified School District, and Rowland Unified School District due to regulations of the California Department of Education District of Choice Program. However, families within these districts may still utilize the Interdistrict Transfer or

Allen Bill transfer process.

"The California Department of Education District of Choice Program is a great opportunity for students outside of our District's territory to have the opportunity to learn at one of our 21st-century campuses without completing the Interdistrict Transfer or Allen Bill transfer process," explains Dr. Jordan.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Saving Alhambra

History Lives On.... On my last report on the Alhambra Historical Society, I reported that the Society voted to dissolve the 55-year-old organization after the existing board used COVID-19 as one of the many reasons it could not continue along with age, a lack of volunteers and not enough interest. The past Board did the last thing anyone should do and moved for a vote for dissolution and it passed. But before the corporation could be dissolved through the State of California, a group of members and concerned citizens stood up and challenged the entire process claiming that improper notification was given, a valid membership roster was not maintained and the meeting agenda was improperly followed.



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agreed to hear the issue and without taking any direct action, sought to have the former Board of Directors and challenging group of concerned residents to work together to come up with a solution and present it back to the City Council for their blessing within 45 days. An agreement was finally reached when both groups met to inform the existing membership that the vote to dissolve was not valid and efforts would be taking place to vote in a new Board of Directors. At this time, a ballot is being put together to elect a new Board and nominations are being sought. An election is expected to be held by November to bring in new lead-

ership and then the new board will start the challenging task of bringing new life to the Alhambra Historical Society which has been dormant for the past five years at least. A final solution has not yet been implemented however the path looks good to save the society and continue in preserving the history of Alhambra. But it should not be taken for granted that another group or even a city will come to the rescue of any Historical Society which votes to dissolve or even quits doing the things which it needs to do to stay involved with its community and members.

This entire situation should be a lesson learned for all other Historical Societies that if they are unwilling to do their job and fulfill the mission of the organization, the correct solution is not dissolution but it should be to resign to and let someone else try and keep the organization going. A Board of Directors needs to bring in new directors and members on a regular basis and not seek to have the same people, year after year, run the programs and direction for an organization. A sustainability and continuity plan are all needed to ensure fresh ideas and new leadership are constantly brought in but most of all it's important to have programs which members and the public want to be involved with. COVID-19 closed many museums and historical associations over the past 18 months so significant challenges remain to get them up and running again. Let's hope groups will get together to keep open our community historical organizations so that our local history will be there so future generations will be able to learn about the past of our local cities and those who called them home.....

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Seen Or Heard Around Town And All Around

By Ed Torres

1. What-a-gig -- lose a child to violence, start a tax-free Foundation... The father of Gabby Petito, reportedly, is doing that, just following a long line of similar parents, engaging in financial estate planning strategies(?): yeah, lose a child to violence, start a tax-free Foundation; hip, hip hooray... Seriously?

2. Apparently, we are fast approaching the end of what had been, generally, a long span of an ever-improving civilization; but now, we have begun to regress, noticeably -- why, because the greeters at Walmart, dadgummit, actually don't greet, and they don't good-bye... Before the beginning of the decline of civilization, when a person entered a Walmart, a greeter said something like, "Welcome to Walmart", and upon someone leaving the store, the greeter became the good-byer and said, "Thanks for shopping at Walmart"... Now, nothing... "What hath God Wrought"?... Huh, and double huh?

3. Okay you Brits in our midst -- are you from England, Great Britain or the United Kingdom? One answer only... Inquisitive minds want to know.

4. What omnipotent power!... Yes... Give-a-tent, create a tent city, a homeless tent encampment in the far reaches of any county; maybe near you: how 'bout dem apples? And, would you believe, that is how sensible urban planning is done... NOT... Some people, or community groups, instead of contributing money to organizations like the Salvation Army, buy tents and give them to the homeless -- in so doing, they make the homeless populations more mobile, coming to

your city park, neighborhood or hillside, real soon...

5. Aesop's Fables are probably not read in elementary school anymore... In one story, a lazy grasshopper did not work, simply played all day during the good part of the year, and had fun, while the ants toiled here and over there, collecting food for the winter, when food would be scarce. When the harsh winter arrived, the fun loving grasshopper had no shelter and no food, so went begging to the ants: but the ants lickety-split told him to get-lost, or something such as that... The grasshopper decried the manner in which he was treated - as far as one knows, he thought he was entitled to assistance.

6. Regarding the case of the "Human Infrastructure (?)" bill in Congress, that has been under negotiation: there are countless tentacles to this law-in-waiting... But all in all, in essence, the philosophy upholding the bill in its current form, seems to be that the middle and upper classes, financially, have wickedly moved themselves up, by working to keep the lower class down... And, that those in the suburbs are too well off, and, therefore, must give up some of the wealth they obtained when they cheated the poor... Nonetheless, evidently, in order to encourage people in the middle class to support the passage of the bill, the bill does contain some benefits for them... So, the lower class will gain significantly, and the middle class, directly or indirectly, will lose, significantly.

7. Doctors who specialize on abortions, how many of them went to medical school because they just felt an overwhelming call to provide abortions? How many of them

graduated with high honors? Some inquisitive folks want to know... Oh, by the way, some people believe that in the whole scheme of things, these doctors are doing God's work.

8. Some people, in general, reject getting vaccinated for various reasons; many of the reasons being personal: some because they believe that, during the developmental stage of the Corona Virus vaccine, test-tube-cells were used in the testing -- and that the composition of the test-tube-cells, originally came from the cells of fetuses that had been aborted... They oppose abortions, so they oppose what they consider to be, an immorally and unethically derived vaccine.

9. Countless thoughtful "Green People" in California, support the Green New Deal! And so many lush green lawns -- BULLETIN, News Flash!, "fresh-off-the-wires, read-all-about-it": SoCal is a desert...

10. In addition to recent court rulings permitting money-making ventures by college athletes, the head of The National Labor Relations Board, appointed by President Biden, recently stated, that generally speaking, college athletes can unionize... Imagine, football players striking right before a very important game or for other reasons... On another front, regarding college amateur athletes, there are now actual instances where parents -- having high school adolescents who show special athletic prowess -- are acquiring informal agents and enlisting an entourage of advisors, in order to cash-in on their kids future college athletic career... Parents, attagirl! Seriously?

Comments/suggestions: honnod1@yahoo.com

7th Annual Dumpling & Beer Fest Featuring Boba

SAN GABRIEL—The City of San Gabriel will host its 7th annual Dumpling & Beer Fest featuring Boba on Friday, **October 15** from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the historic San Gabriel Mission District at 320 South Mission Drive.

Held in partnership with the Asian Youth Center, Dumpling & Beer Fest is San Gabriel's local twist on Oktoberfest, featuring dumplings, food booths, food trucks, dessert booths, a craft beer garden, live entertainment and arts and crafts for kids. New for 2021, Dumpling & Beer Fest will host offerings from local boba cafes, showcasing the region's popular bubble tea drink.

San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles-area craft breweries will be pouring, including Ogotopo Brewing, Mt. Lowe Brewing, Pacific Plate Brewing Co., Stone Brewing, Eagle Rock Brewery, Common Space Brewery, Hi Def Brewery, La Verne Brewing and Golden Road Brewing. Dumplings from a variety of vendors will be provided, ranging from Chinese, Thai, Mexican and American. Manduyo will make an appearance with a variety of dumplings, and Angel & Mason will create a special event wine cocktail offering. Both vendors will make a permanent appearance at the upcoming Blossom Market Hall, a 13-vendor food hall coming to the San Gabriel Mission District in Fall 2021.

General admission is free and unlimited beer tasting wristbands are on sale at Eventbrite. Additional information about tickets may be found on their Facebook event page and website.

"Arcadia Eats" and Shops During Cookbook Month at Arcadia Public Library

ARCADIA — "Arcadia Eats" highlights a month of celebrating National Cookbook Month at Arcadia Public Library. This unique celebration is sure to whet one's appetite for the history of food in Arcadia—and for a sale featuring gently used cookbooks and more on October 9.

"Arcadia Eats" will highlight the Library's treasured collection of cookbooks published in Arcadia by Arcadians and will feature recipe videos on the Library's YouTube channel, exhibitions at Arcadia Public Library and Arcadia's Community Center, as well as vintage photos on the Library's social media. Why not watch and cook with the Library, then tag Arcadia Public Library with the delectable results?

The Friends of the Arcadia Public Library is hosting a book sale that—in keeping with the spirit of the month—will feature an amazing array of near-

ly new cookbooks on all kinds of cookery, including international foods, desserts, breads, healthy cooking, classic how-to cookbooks, and more. A wide variety of books on crafting, interior design, DIY projects, and other fun activities, will also be on sale at bargain prices. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 9, from 10 am to 2 pm, in the Library's auditorium. All proceeds support Library programs and services.

The Arcadia Public Library is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 am through 6 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, please call 626.821.4364 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website

at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

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 - Faux one
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 - No such thing as a free one?
 - Middle-earth dweller
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 - Take without asking
 - *Hockey's ____ Cup
 - *Start of play
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 - Spot for a massage
 - Chemistry Nobelist Otto ____
 - *The oldest U.S.-based team

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- Bar bills
- Denials
- Thin Mints group, e.g.
- Just one of British Isles
- Low landform
- Not in favor of
- Slap landing
- Dutch cheese
- Property right
- Kismet-related
- "All for one, one for all" sword
- Shed tears
- Old in Scottish
- Time period
- *Sandler as hockey player
- *"The Great One"

- Radio show host: "Hello, you're ____"
- Sea in Spain
- Witchy woman
- Pore in a leaf
- *1980 Olympic "Miracle" winner
- Ringworm
- Gardner's gear
- Dashboard acronym
- Same as sakis
- DOWN
- "Sad to say ..."
- A deadly sin
- Ancient Peruvian
- Breezing through
- Civil War battle
- Nosegay
- Biblical boat
- "The Terminator" genre
- Dole out
- Black and white treat
- "La Vie en rose" singer
- Ego's domain
- Bodyguard, e.g.
- *14-year NHL player, coached Whalers to playoffs, Jack ____

- Priest's vestment
- Worked the dough
- *Hockey club
- Ottoman title
- More competent
- *Great Gordie
- Europe/Asia mountain divide
- Not Doric nor Corinthian
- Post-it user
- Like a sea urchin
- Give an impression
- * ____ shot
- Arabian chieftain
- "Hats off," in New Zealand (2 words)
- Mixed breed puppy
- Builds
- Madagascar primate
- Skylit lobbies
- "Gee!"
- Keen on
- Cambodia's neighbor
- Marcel Marceau, e.g.
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Duarte Chamber of Commerce Announces New Executive Director

DUARTE - The Duarte Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced the appointment of Shoshana Puccia as the Chamber's new executive director. Ms. Puccia will begin her official duties as Executive Director beginning on Monday, October 4, 2021.



Shoshana Puccia - Duarte Chamber's new executive director. of past leadership."

An experienced business leader and seasoned executive, Ms. Puccia brings to the Chamber more than two decades marketing and tourism experience that include consulting, negotiation, and experience with extensive domestic and international customer relations, emphasizing business systems, corporate leadership, channel development, relationship management, and business development.

"We could not be more excited for the future of the Chamber and of our community with Shoshana coming on board as our executive director," said Adam Knight, Board President of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "Shoshana emerged from a deep pool of candidates, and we are fortunate to have her. The Chamber Board has full confidence that she will take us to amazing new heights while standing on the shoulders

Ms. Puccia's professional background includes marketing positions at the renowned Santa Monica Place, Glendale Galleria, Beverly Center, and Universal Studios Hollywood. And her diverse background also includes a leadership role on the Board of Directors for Five Acres, a foster family agency that strives toward permanency for every child in their care.

Ms. Puccia will utilize her professional experience to lead the Chamber and its members in exploring new opportunities to unite Duarte and San Gabriel Valley-wide businesses of all industries in establishing economic growth, and initiatives designed to help Duarte and the

Valley continue to shape its future.

"I am excited to bring my experience and vision to the Chamber. Whether it is community relations, economic development, or affordable housing, it is the Chamber's responsibility to provide strategic planning, create a shared vision of development, increase relationships through networking, and increase shared interactions," said Shoshana. "Businesses that thrive in today's environment genuinely engage, network, and partner with other businesses. In today's world, the Chambers support of its members is key to their recovery and ability to

excel through the economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and re-enter an era of great growth and prosperity."

Most recently Ms. Puccia served as a partner for Roseworks Marketing and its affiliate Le Bridge LLC, where they focused on niche tourism marketing for clients such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Hollywood and Highland, Brookfield Place NY, The Museum of the City of New York and the Los Angeles Zoo. Prior to that Ms. Puccia served as, Senior Marketing Director for Santa Monica Place, a one-of-a-kind, luxury beach-side center, receiving the China-Ready Designation from the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board. She is a trendsetter who led the on-site marketing team to develop innovative marketing strategies that were instrumental in the success of Santa Monica Place. For her tourism expertise and initiatives, she was recognized by the California Travel Association who selected Santa Monica Place as the winner of the 2016 Retailer of the Year award.

Kiwanis Club "Desks for Kids" Project Highlighted

WEST COVINA - This year of the pandemic has been a challenge for everyone. The West Covina Kiwanis Club certainly stepped up to the plate. Member, Andres Casteneda, saw a posting on Instagram. An Engineer in a nearby town had been laid off, and then had recognized a need - children were not able to attend school in person, and had no place at home to do their homework, or sign on to their Zoom classes. The Engineer had a vision - build desks for these kids! When Andres saw this post, he immediately stepped up to the plate. The West Covina Kiwanis Club marshalled their resources, contacted local vendors (like Home Depot) for wood, and they got to work. The club built 350 desks for children in the West Covina school district. However, they also built an additional 150 desks for children in the nearby Baldwin Park school district. West Covina Kiwanis has been sponsoring 5 High School Key Clubs and two of them are in Baldwin Park (since there was no Kiwanis Club in Baldwin Park).



Andres Casteneda
This work in Baldwin Park truly resulted in a "cascade effect" - and a new Kiwanis Club for Baldwin Park has recently been chartered! By the way, Andres was not the only person inspired by the initial Instagram post - by the end of last school year more than 10,000 desks had been made and donated across the nation. The club was recognized for "Service Project of the Year" by Lt. Governor Mary "Happy" Price for this great desk project and Andres received a Distinguished Service Award.



Lt. Governor Mary "Happy" Price, Brad Manning and Vern Moyer.

Trunk-or-Treat



LA VERNE - On Saturday, October 9th, the La Verne Community Services Department will be hosting the City's first-ever Trunk-or-Treat! The event will take place at the La Verne Community Center/City Hall parking lot from 5:00-8:00 PM. This event is FREE and will include a live DJ, food trucks, activities,

and more! Costumes are encouraged. We invite all community members interested in participating to sign-up and decorate a vehicle on a first-come, first-serve basis. It's free to register; reach out to Amanda Triay, La Verne Community Services Specialist if interested at 909-596-8776.

GLENDORA ALL CLASS REUNION 2021



We had a heck of a good time at the 18th Annual Glendora All Class Reunion. We really missed seeing everyone last year, but we're back! Our 19th reunion will be held:

Saturday, October 9th, 2021
We're looking forward to seeing you all there from 10 AM to ???

Where?

In the Northeast corner of Finkbiner Park on Cullen, two blocks north of Foothill in Glendora.

What to Bring:

Please bring a dish if you can. You might also want to bring a cooler with cold drinks, a chair, a camera, your photos (old and new), and don't forget to wear sunscreen, a hat, and a big smile!



What is Special?

There will be a food contest in three categories. They are: main dish, side dish, and dessert. There will be an award for each category.

For more information, contact the Reunion Chairperson, Marsha Mason, at 626-622-6111

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Friday October 8, 2021
Drive-In Movies at Northside Park (Double Feature) -IN PERSON EVENT-
Check in begins at 5:00 pm
Register for FREE at AzusaCa.gov/CivicRec
Azusa Golden Days Parade 1976 at 6:30 pm
Monster House (Rated PG) at 8:00 pm

Saturday October 9, 2021
Virtual Azusa Golden Days Parade of 1976 -VIRTUAL EVENT!-
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19th Annual Glendora All Class Reunion Picnic

GLENDORA - This year's Glendora All Class Reunion Picnic promises to be a fun event for the attendees. The chairperson, Marti Mason, has gathered over 70 raffle prizes and put together 8 special prizes in baskets to be raffled off from a kitchen Aid stand Mixer to tickets to the National Roadster Show. There will be tickets and prizes from the Glendora Historical Society for tours to the famous Rubel Castle. Alosta Brewery has donated a hat, shirt and \$25.00 to a lucky winner.

It is heartwarming how the merchants have stepped up and given to the Glendora All Class Reunion after suffering through these Covid hard times. Yet through these hard times for the merchants, they have the spirit of giving, showing their generosity and support by donating hundreds of dollars -worth of gift cards and prizes. Marie Calender's has donated gift cards and is bringing 70 pieces of fresh berry pies at 2:00 P.M. for everyone to enjoy. (Thank you, Dave, for your tasty generosity.)

The potluck picnic has several special additions by Glendora alumni. There will be a BBQ specialist donating his talents with Tri-Tip and Oysters. The annual alumni always look forward to the chef's BBQ and protect his talent and food donation with a protective circular seating enclosure. All the while smelling the marinated, smokey goodness that awaits them. Ah, Glendora knows how to do it.

There will be a food contest in the categories of Main dish, Side Dish and Dessert. Marie Calendar's pies are excluded from the contest. Their pies have a "Special Mention."

Their will be a 1st and 2nd prize awarded in each food category.

Don't miss the raffle. Raffle prizes will be called throughout the day, in between the music and socializing.

The Class of 1969 challenged all the other Glendora classes to see which class could donate the most to keep the Glendora Annual All Class Reunion Picnic going into the 20th year in 2022. The class of 1969 has stepped up to this challenge and allocated the money donated to the 50/50 raffle. So be sure to buy a 50/50 ticket. The goal amount hoped for is \$1,969.00. Can you imagine winning the 50/50?

The biggest prize donated to the Glendora Annual All Class Reunion Picnic was by another Glendora alumni from the class of 1975, Ron and Kim (Tedrow) Jewett, is a 6-day 5-night stay at The McDougall Lodge in Alaska. Fly in by private plane from Juno to the Lodge for Angler fishing for salmon on the river. Pick your date in 2022. A trip for two is valued at \$9,380.00. There is time to buy this raffle ticket. The drawing will be on December 25, 2021. \$25.00 for a ticket or \$100.00 for 5 tickets. This prize is open to the community. Thank you, Ron and Kim.

There will be school annuals available from \$10.00 to \$20.00 dating back to Citrus High 1958. Come peruse.

There will be a Glendora Tartan Bag Pipe player to stir those old feelings. It promises to be a fun event. Glendora Alumni, join us Saturday, October 9, 2021 in Finkbinner Park.

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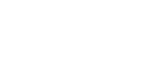
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