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# Nine-Year-Old Cancer Survivor Wins Stock Division in Monrovia's Old Town Derby

**MONROVIA** - Approximately fifteen years ago, the City of Monrovia organized an annual soapbox derby. Though it was a much-loved, youth-focused event, the city decided after a seven or eight-year run that the cost and work involved for the various city departments were prohibitive, so the derby was sidelined. Soapbox derbies were still being held with great success in northern California and San Diego, and Jeff Hunt envisioned bringing back the soapbox derby to Monrovia.

The Monrovia Old Town Derby, a team of volunteers headed by Jeff Hunt, is comprised of local residents, parents and business owners, partnering to create opportunities and deepen our community engagement. This collaborative partnership comes together annually to raise funds for a variety of community youth-based organizations. Bringing back the Derby does not just raise money for the communities most valuable asset; the children, it instills confidence in them. It builds character and strengthens their sense of community. With the generosity of their donors and sponsors, they



Photo by Marc M. Pijuan

Lilly Bumpus-Bauer and her Team Lilly Pit Crew pose for a victory photo in front of the finish line at the conclusion of the Monrovia Old Town Derby races on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

are able to place children from different social and economic backgrounds into cars. They are fortunate to be able to partner with Street Rods Forever. They are kind enough to grant them real estate at their annual car show, turning it into a combined event: old guys with cars hosting young kids with cars! It is a cohesive event that draws people from all over to their be-

loved Old Town, where they are introduced to many of the shops, restaurants & businesses.

The Monrovia Old Town Soapbox Derby had three divisions to participate in. The Stock, Super Stock and Open races. The winners in each division were: Stock Class - 1st Place Lilly Bumpus-Bauer #19, 2nd Place Georgia Khoury #65 (Samuelson/Fetter), 3rd Place Hailey Wilcox #22 (Look Cinemas)

Super Stock Class - 1st Place Amaya Berry #80, 2nd Place Madison Wheeler #13 (Meyers Machining), 3rd Place Luna Hammer #56 (Eddy's Rod Shop)

Open Class - 1st Place Isabel Henkels #51, 2nd Place Jackson Thorn #27, 3rd Place Maximus Mary #45 (Monrovia Old Town Derby)

There were also a few

"Grudge Match Fun Run" which were won by Luca Romani, Abby Wheeler and Parker Miille

Lilly Bumpus-Bauer, a 9-year-old cancer survivor, was the only undefeated racer in Stock Divisions. Lilly was born with a rare form of cancer called Ewing's sarcoma. She made it through 14 rounds of adult-strength chemotherapy and a surgery that removed a portion of her chest wall, all before her first birthday.

Lilly is part of a one-of-a-kind Girl Scout troop that's full of cancer survivors and girls who are fighting cancer. She recently shattered a Girl Scout Cookie sales record. Lilly had sold 32,484 boxes of cookies, a national record for most Girl Scout cookies ever sold in one season. Part of that figure includes 5,200 donated boxes of cookies, which she plans to

bring to local hospitals.

Lilly's dad Josh Bauer and grandfather Brian Bauer, who is one of the original creators of the Monrovia Hot Rod Club, got her involve with the soapbox derby. The Monrovia Hot Rod Club started the car show and soapbox derby many years ago. Her dad and grandfather built soapbox cars and raced them in the very same spot Lilly raced nearly 20 years ago and it was her dad's dream to do it with Lilly. Lilly has side effects from treatment and her chest wall resection to where she cannot do normal physical activities or sports. The soapbox derby race is exactly what she needed mentally, physically and emotionally. So about four months ago Lilly and her dad sit out on a mission to build their own car! They bought a soapbox car used and completely redid it making it as amazing as it is!! Josh taught her how to weld, paint with an air gun, and everything else so that together they could build this car side-by-side for this specific race and moment.

To date Lilly has raised over \$1 million dollars to help children who are fighting childhood cancer and lets nothing stand in her way! She has been on the Ellen DeGeneres Show twice, as she is currently on a mission to change the national research funding amount for a childhood cancer. Currently childhood cancer is the lowest funded form of cancer research and it's her mission to change it.

Lilly just turned nine years old in July and is currently in the fourth grade.

## Sweet Basil Still Makes the Best Pizza



Photos by Marc M. Pijuan

Jim Decraene at the counter of Sweet Basil ready to serve you his best Pizza and Chicken combo.

**DUARTE** - Jim Decraene has always meant business when it comes to pizza. The owner of Sweet Basil Pizza & Chicken for over 30 years, Decraene is not your average pizza-owner. When you walk into his pizza shop, you will see the large wall mural dedicated to his old spot of 20 years, which was located at 2709 Huntington Drive next to 7/11.

friends came down from Arizona so his kids can eat it." Another reviewer identified as Vanessa M., an Elite 2021 Yelp reviewer from Rancho Cucamonga said "I love this pizza spot! The pizza is PERFECT - always fresh and the cheese/sauce ratio is perfect! The crust is light, puffy and crunchy. Chicken wings are definitely my top 2. Simply amazing

pizza back on the East Coast. No other pizza store makes their own dough." said Mike Rocha, a former employee at Sweet Basil's Pizza.

Although Sweet Basil's prides itself on their pizza, their hot wings are also a customer-favorite. The hot wings are drenched in an extra tangy hot sauce. Other sides are available such as Calzones, garlic bread and salad.

The most popular topping choice is, of course, pepperoni and cheese. However other pizzas are as popular such as the All Meat Pizza (Pepperoni, ham, sausage, meatball, cheese). But my all-time favorite would be the Jimbo Special Pizza which comes with Pepperoni, mushrooms, sausage, green pepper, cheese, onion. They also have a Vegetarian Pizza (Mushrooms, onions cheese, tomatoes, olives green pepper) for those who prefer a healthier pizza.

You'll be amazed that it really is the best pizza around town. People once hooked don't go anywhere else for pizza.

Sweet Basil's is open from 11:00 AM- 8:00 PM on Monday through Sunday and is located at 1215 E Huntington Dr, Duarte. Call (626) 305-5100.



The large wall mural shows how business was like at his old spot.

We last visited Sweet Basil Pizza & Chicken to do a review 10 years ago. It has consistently been getting 4-5 Star reviews online. A Google reviewer named Alex Maravilla said "I have been coming to Sweet Basil since I was a kid. The pizza is delicious and so is the fried chicken. Jim and his staff are great at what they do. I have brought many people here and they love it. One of my

and tasty. You must try this place if you are a true pizza connoisseur."

Sweet Basil's is one of the few pizzerias that make their own dough "home-made from scratch," as Decraene tells me. Sweet Basil's is also one of the few places that sells pizza by the slice.

"You can only find this type of

## 9/11 Remembered at Glendora City Hall



The Pledge of Allegiance was headed by Cub Scout Pack 482 at the Patriot Day event in Glendora.

**By Jayam Rutnam**  
**GLENDORA** - It was a bright sunny morning outside Glendora's City Hall. The flags were reduced to half-staff. Fire engines and firemen from the Los Angeles County Fire Department were arriving. Seats were laid out for spectators who attended the annual ceremony. There was a wreath.

It was a remembrance of the day, twenty years ago, when the United States was attacked by terrorists who hijacked commercial airliners to murder innocent Americans who were going about their everyday lives. Their targets were the beautiful twin towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Everybody remembers where they were on the morning of September 11th 2001.

Patriot Day in Glendora is when a Community Remembrance Service is held on the grounds of Glendora City Hall.

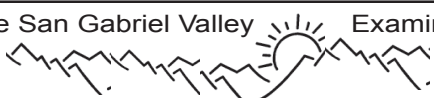
Mayor of Glendora Karen Davis plays the dual role of being the Chaplain of the Glendora Police Department. Among those present were Glendora Mayor Pro-tem Gary Boyer, Glendora Council Members Mendell Thompson, Michael Allowos and David Fredendall. Glendora Police Chief Matt Egan was also present with many of his police officers.

The program started with Reverend Karen Davis of the First Christian Church, welcoming the all those present at the ceremony. Next was the Presentation of Colors by the Glendora Police Department Honor Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was headed by Cub Scout Pack 482. The National Anthem was beautifully sung by Firefighter Paramedic Humberto Agurcia, LACOFD Station 151. The Call to worship was by Reverend Mike Platter of

Glendora Community Church. The Invocation was given by Reverend Bob Martin of the Glendora Church of the Brethren. The scripture was read by Reverend Betsy Straeter of Glenkirk Church. The Glendora High School Bagpipers gave wonderful renditions of "Amazing Grace" and also of "Highland Cathedral". The Responsive Benediction was by Reverend Susan Scranton of Grace Episcopal Church.

"We remember all that was lost to us that day: our sense of security, our peace, our innocence, our belief that we were safe from such random violence and death. Most of all, we remember those who died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, their lives of promise extinguished tragically and suddenly".

- Part of the call to worship.



# March of Honor In Tribute to the 13 Service Members Who Were Killed in Afghanistan



West Covina Councilman Brian Tabatabai (right) marches with the group to the West Covina Veteran's Memorial.

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - Cherry Reed of West Covina is a military mom felt that there was not enough recognition for those 13 service members who were killed in Afghanistan. So, she put a plan into action. A march to honor those who had died.

On Sept. 11th, there was a march giving tribute to the 13 military personnel that were killed in Afghanistan. 11 Marine flags, 1 Navy flag and 1 Army flag to honor each one of those killed and representing the military service branch they were serving at the time that they were killed. Also, there was the American flag representing our country that they were serving. A number of Fire Fighters also joined the march.

This date was selected to also remember the victims of 9-11. The selected marchers were Marine, Navy and Army family members who have served or are presently serving. The marchers assembled at the West Covina Fire Station 4 on Azusa Avenue and ending at the West Covina Veterans Memorial at City Hall. They started around 8:30 a.m. and headed north on Azusa and then going west on Cameron. From Cameron they went north on Valinda to West Covina Parkway to City Hall's Memorial.

Along the march there were many drivers honking their horns and a number of residents following along on Facebook came out to cheer the marchers on.

Councilman Brian Tabatabai also marched with the group. The

fire department did an on-call standby and was able to provide an honor escort. However, they were on-call which meant they would respond to any emergency call and abandon the march. In reality, this actually allowed for a faster response time as they were already out of the station and mobile.

Once they arrived at the Memorial, they were met with City Manager David Carmany. A number of people spoke about the recent events in Afghanistan and what happened and remembering 9-11. Everyone felt this was a very nice tribute.

(A side note: It was an honor to be part of this event and represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars.)

# Attention Educators! Upper District Opens Application Period for the Water Education Grant Program

**MONROVIA** - The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is pleased to announce the opening of the application process for the Water Education Grant Program (WEGP) for the 2021/2022 school year. This grant program is open to all K-12 teachers at any licensed school within Upper District's service area.

Through this program, Upper District provides funding of up to \$1,000 for water related projects. Projects must focus on subjects that further students' understanding of water stewardship, water use-efficiency, and groundwater sustainability in a unique and meaningful way.

The first round of WEGP applications for the 2021/2022 school year are due by 4:00 p.m. November 12, 2021. Completed applications must be saved and submitted as a PDF document. Hardcopy (paper) applications will not be accepted. Please see application for complete details, conditions, and guidelines which can be accessed by visiting [www.upperdistrict.org/education-programs/](http://www.upperdistrict.org/education-programs/).

Qualifying projects will be notified of their award status by December 1, 2021.

"This program is another way that we at Upper District can help support our local schools and students," said Board President Ed Chavez. "We are very excited to see the creative projects our local educators bring forward and how they go about furthering students' understanding of water and its importance."

Since the inception of this grant program, over 108 schools have been awarded grants and have successfully implemented innovative and creative projects into the science curriculum through hands-on activities. In total, the program has impacted approximately 17,000 students and has provided 169 grants equaling \$145,000 in funding. Among the projects funded are the ef-

fectiveness of water filters, water efficient gardens and water quality studies in their local community.

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website [www.upperdistrict.org](http://www.upperdistrict.org) or call 626-443-2297.



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## Assembly Passes Rubio Bill Allowing Victims to Use Remote Technology As They Seek Protection From Abusers

**SACRAMENTO** - The California State Assembly today, in a bipartisan vote, passed a bill by Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) that will provide greater protections and safety for victims as they try to leave dangerous situations.

Senate Bill SB 538 strengthens protections for survivors of domestic violence by requiring California's Superior Courts to maintain procedures allowing parties to electronically file for Domestic Violence Restraining Orders and Gun Violence Restraining Orders. The bill will also allow parties and witnesses to appear remotely at a hearing for the petition.

"We should make it easier for victims to seek protection during one of the most terrifying times in their lives," Senator Susan Rubio said. "We need to eliminate barriers that prevent survivors of abuse from obtaining domestic violence and gun violence restraining orders. Remote testimony is a critical part of the solution, and I am grateful to see this bill pass through the California State Assembly with bipartisan support. I want to thank San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott for their support and collaboration."

"I am grateful to Senator Rubio for authoring SB 538 and to the members of the California legislature who helped pass this common-sense bill to use technology to avoid further trauma to survivors in court settings," San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria said. "The City of San Diego is a proud sponsor of this important legislation and is committed to expanding access to protective orders for survivors of gun and domestic violence, and other tools to put survivors first and preserve their rights in the criminal justice system."

"This bill empowers victims of domestic violence by providing access to justice without subjecting them to the trauma of facing their abusers in a courtroom," San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott said. "I thank Senator Rubio for working with my Office to protect victims from intimidation and retaliation, and urge Governor Newsom to stand with them by signing SB 538 into law."

These recent declines may reflect the masking requirements implemented early in the surge and the small increases in the County's vaccination coverage. Other parts of the country that do not have masking requirements and don't have as much vaccination coverage have not seen these significant declines in cases.

The County has seen deaths rise over the course of August, the expected consequence of the July surge in cases. Death rates continue to be nearly flat in all vaccinated groups.

The Delta variant now accounts for 100% of the COVID-19 strains seen among samples sequenced in the Los Angeles County area. This variant is more infectious and more efficiently transmitted between people compared with earlier COVID-19 strains. While emerging data affirms that fully vaccinated people are well protected from severe infections with Delta variants, it now is clear that fully vaccinated people can become infected, and if infected with Delta, can infect others.

As a result of reanalyzing many samples with an updated version of the genetic library used to identify variants, a lab that performs much of the variant sequencing reclassified many older specimens as Mu or Lambda variants, resulting in an increase in the total number of these variants reported linked to L.A. County residents. To date, 232 cases linked to Mu variants and 28 cases linked to Lambda variants have been identified. Most of those specimens were collected earlier in the summer.

"To everyone who has lost friends and family during this difficult time, we are wishing you peace and comfort, and our prayers remain with you," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "These continued losses are unbearable, especially because so many are preventable by widely available and extremely safe COVID-19 vaccines. While it is encouraging to see a significant decrease in cases, we have a long way to go to get back to low transmission rates. In order to continue making progress, we need to close gaps in vaccination coverage. Wherever we have large numbers of unvaccinated individuals, there is great risk with Delta of widespread transmission that includes people who are fully vaccinated."

Among the more than 5.3 million fully vaccinated people in L.A. County, Public Health identified 43,598 people fully vaccinated who tested positive for COVID-19 as of September 7; this remains less than 1% of all those vaccinated have become infected with COVID-19. Of those who tested positive, 1,243 were hospitalized, up from 1,049 the week prior. This translates to 0.023% of all fully vaccinated people were hospitalized. Deaths in this group over this interval increased, from 118 to 165, to 0.0031%. When we have a vaccine that provides excellent protection from COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths but somewhat less protection from infection and transmission, we will see rising infections among vaccinated people, especially when community transmission is high. In April of this year, the case rate ratio indicated unvaccinated people were 6.5 times more likely than vaccinated people to become infected. As the months progressed, the rate ratio slowly declined as more vaccinated people tested positive for COVID-19. Nonetheless, unvaccinated people remain 4 times more likely to get COVID-19 than those who are fully vaccinated. Also, in April of this year, the ratio for hospitalizations indicated vaccinated people were more than 5 times less likely than unvaccinated people to be hospitalized for COVID-19. Since April, the protective effect of vaccination on hospitalization has nearly doubled, with unvaccinated people nearly 12 times less likely to be hospitalized than vaccinated people in August of this year. Deaths among unvaccinated people were exceedingly rare. Even with the small increase in deaths among those fully vaccinated during the late summer, in July and August, unvaccinated individuals were 10 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than those vaccinated.

## Transmission Remains High in L.A. County Even with 50% Decrease from August Peak

*Delta Variant Accounts for All Samples Sequenced*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County's 7-day cumulative case rate decreased 35% to 104 new cases per 100,000 residents. This is the third week in a row of decreases in the County's case rate. Overall, the County has seen a 50% decrease from the peak of 204 cases per 100,000 on August 19.

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## Courts Clear City of La Verne and Former Mayor Kendrick of Any Wrongdoing

**LA VERNE** - Through a definitive 11-1 decision, a jury recently cleared former La Verne mayor Don Kendrick of the remaining legal claim, also referred to as a "cause of action," associated with the Chase's Restaurant loan agreement (LINDA WILKINSON VS DON KENDRICK, ET AL. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08090).

The City of La Verne has been disputing claims since they were first filed in December 2018 by Chase's former landlord. The overall argument for the claim was that the City had interfered with the landlord's tenant arrangement by providing the restaurant economic assistance.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of this case," said Mayor Pro Tem, Muir Davis. "The jury's decision confirmed what we all knew to be true and correct, that the City and the former mayor acted appropriately and in the best interest of the La Verne community."

Before the State dissolved redevelopment agencies, California cities were able to use redevelopment money to retain, relocate or attract new businesses as an economic development tool. Therefore, similar to what the City had done for many other businesses during this time, the La Verne City Council had approved Chase's request for economic assistance in 2017 to move to a larger location that would allow the restaurant to expand their operations and business potential. The total loan amount provided was \$54,300.

"The concept behind programs like this is that, while businesses like Chase's would receive funds upfront to assist with expenses, the City would, in turn, benefit by the additional sales tax revenue generated," said Eric Scherer, Community Development Director. "It is a 'win' for everyone, especially because this allowed the City to help expand the Old Town dining opportunities and retain a successful business in the community."

Through their attorney, the landlord originally filed a total of four claims, of which three were specifically directed at the City and, ultimately, all dismissed due to a lack of merit. The first of these dismissed claims was a call for declaratory relief under Government Code Section 1090 which prohibits an officer or employee from entering into or participating in making contracts in which they have a financial interest. The second was an injunctive relief under Govern-

ment Code Section 1092 to prevent the City from acting on its agreement with Chase's and disbursing funds to the restaurant. The third cause of action claimed that there was an intentional interference with prospective economic advantage - in other words, that the landlord had suffered economic harm through unlawful interference. Again, none of these claims were substantiated and were dismissed.

The fourth and final claim that remained was whether the former mayor had a conflict of interest in voting on the matter due to the location of his business, which sat across the street from Chase's new location. Last week after a three-day trial, the jury deliberated for just over an hour and reported that evidence supported the City and Mr. Kendrick's arguments, clearing both of the final legal claim against them.

Since moving to its new location Chase's Restaurant's operation has more than doubled contributing to an increase in the City's General Fund through an increase in sales tax collected. Additionally, the City has developed a policy that will facilitate the detailed review of similar agreements with other businesses in the future.

## LACoFD Marks 20-Year Anniversary Of 9/11 & Honors The Fallen In Memorial Tribute Video

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) takes a look back at how the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the crash of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania have deeply impacted and shaped our lives through a memorial tribute video released on the Department's YouTube (<https://youtu.be/2SbGPxdfebA>) and social media accounts.

"It's been 20 years and we are still feeling the effects of that day and continue to remember all those who lost their lives, including 343 firefighters

from the New York City Fire Department," said Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby. "We have kept our promise to never forget them and everyone who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months and years that followed."

In lieu of an in-person memorial event to mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a special All Call message to recognize Patriot Day and the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance was read from the 9-1-1 Los Angeles Communications Center on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

The LACoFD vows to keep the legacies alive of all those who perished on that day and in the aftermath through the work and service our dedicated team members perform daily in helping others while protecting the communities we serve.

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# Crossroads: Turn Right or Go Left Building a Human Right to Housing

Many teachers and parents are opposed to the new AB 101, Medina (D-Riverside) but are they aware this is not the first AB 101 and not the first attempt to implement ethnic studies in our K-12 education system? The first AB 101 authored by Luis Alejo (D-Salinas Valley) in 2015 required the establishment of a committee to create a model ethnic studies curriculum same as the current AB 101, but this first attempt ended with the governor's veto.

Jose Lara, member, El Rancho Unified School District Board, initiated and passed a resolution there in 2013 making Ethnic Studies a requirement for graduation. Lara then formed the Ethnic Studies Now Coalition, which set out to make ethnic studies a graduation requirement in LAUSD, which happened in 2014. The coalition supported Medina's 2018 effort to establish grants to local school boards who implemented Ethnic Studies courses requirements for graduation.

Lara and Alejo connected and created AB 2016, signed by former Gov. Brown, requiring an advisory committee be established to create an ethnic studies model curriculum in two years or before December 2019, and CBOE to approve it before March 2020 for grades 9 through 12. The model CRT Curriculum took four years to create and was rejected by the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) and rejected by Gov. Newsom. Reason: Four main groups were included in the curriculum - Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans - and Jews, Arabs, Sikhs, Armenians and more, challenged for not being included.

The model curriculum, adopted March 18, 2021 by CBOE, with the four foundational disciplines - Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans - says educators could adopt that



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

state curriculum or adapt it based on individual communities' make up and offer the course as an elective in social sciences and English Language Arts courses. That means we have no state approved ethnic studies curriculum, only guidelines.

Not satisfied, Assemblyman Jose Medina (D-Riverside), Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, introduced AB 101, Pupil instruction Ethnic Studies on February 17, 2021, making CRT curriculum mandatory for high school graduation. This bill has struggled spending time in suspense files, read second and third times before being pushed through with suspension of two Assembly Rules.

September 8th, Rule 77 was suspended requiring distribution of the bill by Floor Analysis Unit and copy placed on Members' desks with bill published on the Internet in its final form at least 72 hours prior to the vote. Same date, Rule 63 suspended requiring Assembly Daily File be printed with scheduled committee hearings and list of bills to be heard. Those representing the 48th Assembly District voted in favor of this bill and amendments. How many voted "aye" on this bill without seeing or reading the final version?

Medina's AB 101 is mandatory for graduation, beginning in 2029-30 school year and requires:

- One-semester course in eth-

nic studies, based on the model curriculum, or one established by a local board, or an existing curriculum meeting the A-G requirements of the UC/CS. Includes charter schools. That means there is not one consistent model being taught statewide and each school district or teacher could be using different syllabi.

- Prohibits using a course not using ethnic studies content as the primary content which may exclude current civics and history courses;

- Be appropriate for all races, religions, genders, sexual orientations, and diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds, for pupils with disabilities, and English learners;

- Prohibits promotion of religious doctrines.

- The cost of adding this new graduation requirement rather than replacing or updating an existing course is \$276 million for new teachers (long-term debt / on-going costs) and instructions support materials. Provides \$5 million for local and county boards and \$50 million for State Superintendent to dole out to local agencies for support services.

Comments: "... instructional materials [must] not reflect any 'indirect' bias against any group of people ... [and] would also apply to the instruction itself. 'Indirect' is a standard as vague as it is broad ..."

Put into basic I've-worked-in-the-education-system language - I would be concerned there is no protection for anyone teaching an ethnic studies course that does not follow the state approved model curriculum. And, even then, how at risk are the teachers from challenges within their organization and from parents that could cost them their jobs?

Medina's AB 101 Ethnic Studies is at engrossing and enrolling meaning it is being proofread and readied for the Governor. Newsom said he would not sign anything like this bill. Will he be true to his word?

In the pandemic's early months, state and local governments across the country issued "stay at home" orders while the soaring unemployment rate jeopardized household rental and mortgage payments. Where were you to "stay" if you were one of over 100,000 Californians living without a home during this time? Where do you go if you are one of the 1.2 million U.S. households now facing likely eviction in the coming months?

These are more than hypothetical questions. The pandemic's devastating impacts on public health and the economy have reinforced the need for transformative policy change in the U.S.

It's time to realize housing as a human right.

The right to housing is not so farfetched. In 1966, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) codified a right to housing under international human rights law. The U.S. signed this binding treaty but never joined the 171 countries in ratifying it. Some countries, such as South Africa, also have the right to access adequate housing stated explicitly in their constitution. Others, like Scotland, have affirmed this right through legislation.

The international legal right to housing does not mean that a state must provide a free house for all of its inhabitants. More accurately, a state fulfills this right through concrete measures to prevent homelessness, such as ensuring housing availability, affordability, and habitability, as well as preventing discriminatory practices and arbitrary, forced evictions.

The right-to-housing movement and broader demands for an "adequate standard of living" have a long history in America. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his 1944 State of the Union address, urged Congress to adopt a second Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution focused on economic rights, including the right to housing. "We cannot be con-



**Farrah Hassen**

tent," he asserted, if part of America remains "ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and insecure."

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt picked up where FDR left off when she chaired the UN committee that drafted the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This declaration enshrined, for the first time, the universal protection of fundamental rights. Based on the inherent dignity of all people, Article 25 stipulates the right to an adequate standard of living with access to housing, health care, and food. While the UDHR itself is not binding, many of its provisions have been subsequently incorporated into major international human rights treaties ratified by states, including the aforementioned ICESCR.

The U.S. movement to recognize housing as a human right has since regained momentum with the pandemic. Elected officials have pushed legislation at both federal and state levels. Two notable examples include the "Housing is a Human Right Act of 2021" introduced in Congress by Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-Washington) this past June, which would provide over \$300 billion for housing infrastructure and combating homelessness. In California, former Assemblyman, now Attorney General Rob Bonta, sought last year to amend the state constitution to "ensure access to adequate housing for all Californians."

Critics against the right to housing often invoke the high cost of building affordable housing. But supply is not at the root of the current affordable housing crisis. Instead, as Chuck Collins, co-editor of Inequality.org has argued, the problem is who owns the supply. Writing in The Progressive on August 31, he contends that large corporations and private equity firms like Blackstone buy up millions of rental housing units in some cities, including single-family homes, and drive up housing costs for families that can never afford to buy. At the same time, other investors have been removing rental housing from the market by converting them into short-term rentals, thus further increasing area rental prices. Currently, one in four renters spends half of their monthly income on rent.

Collins calls for communities to expand local homeownership and permanently affordable rental housing owned by nonprofit groups and community housing authorities, not Wall Street banks and real estate speculators. These actions would also better support a human rights-based framework for holding governments accountable for housing failures, in contrast to the status quo, which treats housing as a commodity for only those who can afford the market price.

Human rights, including to housing, are ultimately interdependent. How can a person live without the right to an adequate standard of living? Housing is more than a roof over your head. It is also inextricably linked to issues of poverty, education, health, equality, and the environment. Realizing the right to housing would not only align our country with the international legal standard. It would further build a solid foundation for bolstering all of our other human rights.

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## Letters to the Editor

Opinions Are The Writer's

### The Insidious and The Invisible: A Millennial's 9/11 Retrospective

This September marks 20 years since that fateful day in both American and world history where we are reminded that, as John Adams put it, "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

I was born in the twilight of America's Greatest Century, also known as the 1990s. I was the first generation born without the shadow of the iron curtain over the west. It was the first generation that didn't have Bert the Turtle serenade us with safety tips for the end of the world, or monthly air raid siren tests, and nary a Civil Defense helmet was to be found in any my classrooms. For once, we could all take a long deep relaxing breath as the threat of nuclear war was mostly gone from our minds.

Then, on a summer's day in my 2nd grade class, we heard over the

PA system that the towers had fell, a new war was starting, and a new shadow was cast over the world at large by a more insidious and invisible force known as Al-Qaeda that would claim tens of thousands of more lives throughout the years. From that incident, more and more groups and lone wolves would come out of the woodwork in London, Boston, Benghazi, Nice and even San Bernardino.

Just when things couldn't get entangled enough for us, the forces of the Russian Federation and pro-Russian rebel groups overtook parts of Ukraine in Donbas and Crimea in February 2014. The United States, The West and NATO were now once again trading barbs with the east and state powers at the start of a hybrid age of fighting state actors and non-

state actors alike.

Now, with the Taliban having established a state of their own with the aid of another growing adversary, the People's Republic of China, our position internationally continues to get weaker and weaker. Our complete capitulation and disorganization in Afghanistan once again made it a haven for terrorists and an economic haven for Red China to boot. It is a shameful precedent set by a shameful President, that makes our allies rightfully question our reliability. Just as it was Carter's weakness that has allowed our current issues with Iran to continue, so too will Biden's weakness will lead to the continued growth and strength of the insidious and the invisible.

**Johnathan Smith**  
**Glendora, CA**

### Strong Opposition Of The SGVCOG To Senate Bill 9

Imagine a future where housing speculators swoop in on the San Gabriel Valley's long-established neighborhoods to purchase existing single-family homes with plans to tear down the home and build four full-sized residential units on the same property.

Multifamily developments like these could become a reality if Governor Newsom signs a bill sent to him by the Legislature on September 3. Senate Bill 9 ends single-family residential zoning in California by forcing cities and counties, with few exceptions, to approve splitting single-family parcels in half so a two-family duplex can be built on each half lot. Rear yards would be no more than four feet deep. Required off-street parking would be inadequate for four units and waived altogether if the lot is within one-half mile of transit

lines.

Quadrupling the allowable number of units on a parcel will deprive children of backyards where they can play, devastate our urban tree canopy and reduce privacy, light and air for residents. Forcing cities to grant unconditional approvals to proposed multifamily homes in neighborhoods not planned for higher density could overburden our public safety services, schools, parks, roads, drinking water supplies, sewers and the energy grid.

California certainly has a severe shortage of affordable housing. San Gabriel Valley cities support legislation to provide incentives to rezone vacant and nonviable commercial properties across our state so affordable housing can be built. Last year we established the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust

which is financing rent-subsidized housing developments for low-income residents in multiple communities. SB 9 will not provide subsidies needed to develop affordable housing, and instead will incentivize market-rate housing, further inflating already high land costs.

For these reasons, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments must oppose Senate Bill 9. Residents who share our concerns are urged to contact Governor Newsom via phone at (916) 445-2841, fax (916) 558-3160 or webpage form at <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/> to ask him to veto Senate Bill 9.

**Sincerely,**  
**Becky Shevlin**  
**President, San Gabriel Valley**  
**Council of Governments**  
**Councilmember,**  
**City of Monrovia**

## A Dictatorship in Washington D.C.

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

**The role of the Federal government is to protect us, not dominate us.**

**Is this Nation still a Republic governed by the consent of the governed?**

Biden and his handlers in DC are not yet a 'king and his court'.

On September 9th, President (in name only) Joe Biden made proclamations from the White House that would make any dictator proud. His COVID mandates of 'vaccinate or else', are not within his power to mandate. The Constitution gives him no authority to act like a king or a dictator. How will he circumvent his lack of Constitutional authority? The plan is to have the Labor Department, acting under the authority of the Occupational Safety Laws pass these draconian and I might add unconstitutional edicts - mandates as he calls them. Biden and the Democrats have somehow chosen to suspend the Constitution in the name of a 'pandemic'.

As the writing of this article nineteen (19) states have already got their lawyers working on lawsuits to block this government overreach. The California Republican Party has a draft lawsuit ready to submit as soon as the actual law is presented.

The Constitution is quite clear on this subject: Firstly; per Article VI (6) the Constitution is "the supreme law of the land". Further, the Constitution states that "the federal government has only the powers granted to it by the Constitution". Per the Ninth and Tenth Amendments the People and the States retain all powers not explicitly given to the federal government by the Constitution. The Constitution does not give the government the power to man-

date the wearing of face masks or shut down businesses, pandemic or not.

The single biggest role of the federal government is to protect the citizens of this nation from invasion. Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution states: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion . . ."

Are we being protected by an open Southern Border where untold numbers of people are streaming in? Yes, many of these people are coming here to share in our prosperity but some are coming here to loot and/or destroy our benevolent society. Now that Afghanistan has fallen into the hands of terrorist's one can only imagine how many extremists will flood through our southern border. How many American lives will be forfeited before the people finally say 'enough is enough'?

The States must end this tyranny. On September 10, 2021, a White House spokesperson declared that Biden will "run over any state that tries to block vaccine these mandates" Really! This bunch of clowns needs to read the Constitution. The founders were really concerned that this nation would one day fall to despotism. We are there!

Our national government, is based on the concept that this Nation is a federation of state governments. What is a federation and Federalism? The truest definition of a federation is a gathering of likeminded individuals or groups of individuals and or states who unite under a single cause. "

As President Ronald Reagan said: The states created the fed-

eral government. The government did not create the states".

As I said earlier' it is up to the states to end this tyranny. Only they have the power to confront the dictatorial oligarchs in Washington DC until the next national election in 2022.

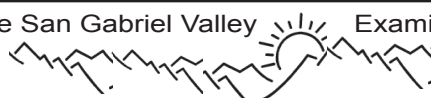
Let me remind you of this one unalienable fact: Our Republican form of Government derives its powers from the 'consent of the governed'. We the people of this nation are the true rulers of this country. Not the President. Not the Speaker of the House. Not the leader of the Senate. And certainly not the bureaucrats in Washington D. C. These people may act as if they are our sovereign rulers, they are not.

We the governed have lost control of our country. The oligarchs in Washington D. C., bolstered by their sycophants in the media and globalist companies have become our aristocracy and monarchs. The King and his court!

We the people will have a chance to change the situation at the ballot box. For those of you who believe that elections are 'not rigged'- for you, I have a bridge for sale in Brooklyn. A saying credited to Joseph Stalin goes; "Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who counts the votes decides everything." Rigged elections have been the downfall of many prosperous nations. One need look no further than Venezuela.

The lack of election integrity is the biggest existential threat to this nation! Voter fraud put this tyrannical dictatorship in power.

Marxism is based on this: "Those who control the ballot box, and healthcare controls everyone!"

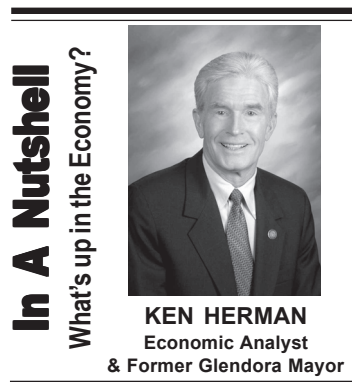


# Bad News Is Good News

The stock market, given all that has happened over the past two weeks, has been surprisingly strong despite relatively low volume. Many of my colleagues on Wall Street expect that growth stocks will remain the oasis in the political chaos rippling around the world. All of this government provided money has to go somewhere. Due to the ultra-low interest rate environment millions of investors are turning to the stock market, seeking higher yields. When governments become ineffective, which obviously has been happening recently, the private sector often takes over and prosperity can soar!

On Friday (Sept. 2) the Labor Dept released nonfarm payrolls which rose just 235k, a solid report in normal times, but we have not seen normal for 18 months. The rise was far short of the 733k consensus, even with a +134k upward revision to June and July. June was revised up 24k to 962k, and July was revised up 110k to 1,053k. While some might blame the Delta variant and rising Covid case numbers for the August job increase shortfall, there were other things going on in August (beyond the continuing extra federally funded unemployment benefit) that likely limited job growth.

In a month when something hugely disruptive like the Afghanistan disaster is going on it is tempting to link payroll weakness to that, or maybe the spreading Delta variant stopped leisure and hospitality hiring cold in August. Another possible explanation could be that seasonal (summer) businesses threw in the towel. Signing bonuses and high hourly wages made sense when trying to staff up in June and even July, but by August, with just



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

**KEN HERMAN**  
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weeks left in their busy season, they gave up.

I suspect that August's weak payroll growth may also be explained by the Delta variant casting a shadow over leisure and hospitality and making some people reluctant to work. Seasonal employers made do with the staff they had in July, and teachers were not hired in August because they were already working in July. We won't know for at least another month if there was something bigger behind what caused lower than expected August hiring. Many data series peaking in April, including retail sales and consumer sentiment, may also be have impacted lower late summer hiring.

From the Fed's point of view labor force participation is stuck, just as it was in 2015-16 when they threw in the towel and started tightening in the last cycle. The overall unemployment rate dropped another two tenths in August, which is the key measure of an economy moving toward full employment. Unfortunately, August data also indicated that Black unemployment went up from 8.2% to 8.8%, while unemployed teenagers (16-19) went from 9.6% to 11.2%. Nevertheless, wage inflation is running hotter than in any previous expansion since the early 1980s. This should keep hawks eager to start

the taper as soon as possible, even if doves worry about the slowdown in payroll growth.

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) is "deeply concerned" about the Fed's easy money policy and urged the Fed to curtail its aggressive intervention in the bond market. In a letter to Fed Chair Jerome Powell, Senator Manchin said, "With the recession over and our strong economic recovery well underway, I am increasingly alarmed that the Fed continues to inject record amounts of stimulus into our economy." This raises questions about whether or not the Fed might taper sooner than expected.

Fortunately, Joe Manchin also is concerned about the Democrat's \$3.5 Trillion pending spending bill intended to change America!

The Biden Administration and the Fed are finally feeling the record inflation heat, especially rapid rises in prices in grocery stores and at the pump. Although several states sued to overturn the Biden drilling ban, and a federal judge subsequently ruled the ban was illegal, domestic crude oil production remains approximately two million barrels a day below where it was under President Trump. The Wall Street Journal editorialized recently that, "Someone should ask Mr. Biden, on his next stop for ice cream, why the President thinks oil produced by foreign dictators in Russia, Iran or Saudi Arabia is more desirable than oil drilled by American entrepreneurs."

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*If prices for gasoline and groceries keep going up, I don't know how I'm going to make it in a few months. Is this what they call inflation? Any advice?*

The Oxford Languages dictionary definition of inflation is: "a general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money." I'm sorry to say, but it is going to get worse. The primary causes are the pandemic and massive government spending. For example, the increase in the price for fuel impacts the cost of utilities, manufacturing and transporting goods, and more. Businesses pass their higher costs to consumers by raising the price of those goods and services. Kroger, the parent company of many different grocery stores, just announced that food prices are about to take a sizeable jump in price. The government has been spending massive amounts of money (boosting and lengthening unemployment, business loans/grants, paying for testing and vaccines, etc.). Their "income" comes from income taxes. So, you can expect Federal and State income tax rates to increase, too. In 2022, it looks like the Federal Reserve could raise their interest rate of money they supply to banks/lenders. That increase will be passed on to borrowers. Any new loans, and any variable rate loans and credit cards will see an increased interest rate. My advice is to take a serious look at your budget, pay off debt (especially variable rate debt, like credit cards), and increase your savings. There are many companies looking for employees.



**Julia Yoder**

Consider a second job in order to increase your savings, and better weather this financial storm. In the past, periods of inflation start to recover after a few years.

**What's the difference between a Medicare HMO and a Medicare Supplement plan?**

Medicare HMO plans: 1. The HMO company takes over Medicare, 2. The customer has to get the approval of the HMO before having most procedures, and 3. The customer typically pays less per month than with a Medicare Supplement plan. Medicare Supplement plans: 1. the supplement helps pay what Medicare does not cover, 2. supplements do not change Medicare; they work with Medicare, 3. The customer can use any provider who accepts Medicare, and 4. Supplement plans are more expensive than Medicare HMO plans because they do not control usage.

**My friend and I were talking about the fires. He doesn't really know what his insurance covers because they keep sending 'amendments' to his policy and he can't keep up. I rent, so it's my landlord's building, and**

**I assume he's insured. Does that cover me, too?**

Your friend needs to call his insurance company and talk to an agent to get a full explanation. It would be helpful if he has a list of specific questions. Ask your landlord to provide proof of insurance. A landlord's insurance does not cover your personal contents. I suggest you contact your auto insurance agent to add Renter's Insurance. It's very inexpensive, covers your belongings, plus liability for any damage (fire, water, etc.) you might cause. Ask your agent for a multipolicy discount, too. Save enough in your emergency savings account to cover deductibles and any additional costs not covered by insurance.

**How can I get a reverse mortgage, but not stick my son with a financial burden when I die?**

List your son as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy so he can use those funds to pay off the reverse mortgage. (Due to some government regulations, it's best to get the life insurance policy first, and then get the reverse mortgage.)

**Ask Julia by email: julia.yoder@yahoo.com**

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## Alhambra Historic Society And Museum Dissolves With Lack Of Due Notice Given To Members, Residents Intervene

**ALHAMBRA** - On Thursday August 26, at 10am, Alhambra Historical Society, Inc. held a meeting at the Joslyn Center and on Zoom to dissolve as a non-profit corporation and to hand the keys to the museum building back to the City of Alhambra as well as all historic documents, memorabilia and artifacts. Members of the Historical Society say the meeting was improperly noticed and conducted and therefore does not stand and they want to save the Historical Society.

**Members receive conflicting messages**

Prior to the meeting, an email went out on August 12 from the City of Alhambra on behalf of the Historical Society, with a follow up on August 24, announcing a board meeting. The email included the agenda from the Historical Society, the 1992 agreement wherein the City of Alhambra granted permission to the Historical Society to use the property at 1550 Alhambra Road as a museum, and the Historical Society's bylaws and articles of incorporation. The agenda from the Historical Society mentioned nothing about a dissolution vote, even though the City's email listed two topics of discussion that were not clearly outlined on the Historical Society's agenda: 1) consideration of dissolution of the Historical Society and 2) consideration for appointing new officers. It was not clear whether members would be voting, as it was advertised as a board meeting, and it is unknown whether hard-copies of the agenda went out without the cover memo-email listing the two topics of discussion.

**Meeting abruptly ends after vote to dissolve**

The meeting was scheduled to be 30 minutes in length and was attended by about 12 people on Zoom and 14 in person. Members voiced their concerns about improper notice of the agenda items and the lack of clarity on

who present was a voting member. The board cited that they were "getting old", the work was "too much" and COVID as contributing factors not to continue and for dissolving the Historical Society altogether. The board voted first, then the participating members were asked to vote. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Katherine Lee and Councilwoman Adele-Andrade Stadler, both of whom abstained, and Alondra Espinosa from the city attorney's office representing both the City of Alhambra and the non-profit corporation.

The final vote was 15-7 for dissolution. The historical society officers then abruptly ended the Zoom meeting without discussing the second agenda item of process for appointing new officers.

**Concerned residents intervene**

In a September 1, 2021 letter to the Alhambra City Council and the Secretary of State, a group of concerned members relayed their disapproval of how the meeting was noticed and run, and volunteered to be new board members and outreach to others in the process.

"We represent a wealth of talent and experience as nonprofit board members, authors, historians, museologists, preservationists, nonprofit development con-

sultants, and historic house doers. We believe there is considerable support in the community to maintain the Alhambra Historical Society and its museum, and to restore it to its former vibrance as a community institution through expansion of its membership. We encourage you to review the recording of the August 26 meeting, and to consider its outcome and the city's facilitation thereof before you file the required documents for dissolution and transfer of assets. " - Alhambra Historical Society at-large members

A subsequent September 7, 2021 letter from the 10 at-large members to the Alhambra City Council included the three board members who had voted to dissolve the Historical Society, along with three more former board members. The letter asked the City Council to postpone any requests for proposal (RFPs) to hire an independent organization to manage the Historical Society and to delay filing dissolution documents with the Secretary of State until City representatives meet with the group. "We feel certain that together we can work out an effective solution that will benefit all parties, serve the community's needs, and will also save money for the City of Alhambra."

## LA County Library Now Taking Entries for Annual Bookmark Contest

LA County Library is kicking off its 42nd Annual Bookmark Contest for grades K-12, which celebrates reading and creativity.

Kids and teens are encouraged to use their imagination to draw, paint, or design their own bookmark. Each of the Library's 85 locations will select 1 winner from 4 categories—Kindergarten through Grade 2, Grades 3

through 5, Grades 6 through 8, and Grades 9 through 12—who will be recognized at their Library. The winning bookmarks from each Library will be shared with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who will select Countywide winners from each category that reside in their District from each category. These winners will see their bookmark design professionally

printed and distributed across all 85 LA County Library locations!

To participate, kids can visit their local library to pick up an entry form, or download the form online. For more information, visit [LACountyLibrary.org/Bookmark-Contest](http://LACountyLibrary.org/Bookmark-Contest). Entry forms can be submitted in person, by mail, or online, via a submission form, and must be received by October 30, 2021.

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

## It's Kind Of Like That!

In many ways, our vehicle's health system is a lot like our human makeup! Seriously!

**Clogged Filters** - When your filter gets full of debris, it can't do its job. It is how a person with asthma must feel! Most of us know we need to change the filters in our homes but some might not realize that they also need to change the filter in their cars. In vehicles built in 2007 and later you will find 80 percent of them have a cabin air filter and its function is to protect drivers and their passengers from contaminants such as pollen, mold spores, dust and other small and annoying particles.

**Sludge** - This is similar to clogged arteries! It is actually a gooey, tar like substance that deposits itself inside your car's engine. One of the roles of motor oil is to keep your engine cool so it has to be able to take the heat...when it fails to do so these deposits form in the engine. Some vehicle's engines have more trouble than others due to

poor design. Their passages are smaller and they actually bake the oil inside the engine.

**Smoke** - We all know by now how bad smoking is for human health. When your car has a smoking issue, it is literally telling you to pay attention...it needs help!

Black exhaust smoke means the engine is burning too much fuel. The first thing you should check is your air-filter and other intake components like sensors, fuel injectors and the fuel-pressure regulator.

Blue smoke is a clear sign that the engine is burning oil. What happens is that the valve guide seals or piston rings are worn out,

and oil is leaking past from where it should be lubricating the moving parts, to the combustion chamber where it's being burned up with the fuel.

Gray smoke can mean that the car is burning oil or suffering from a bad turbocharger. It can also be an issue with your automatic transmission fluid getting burned up in the engine or could mean a stuck PCV valve.

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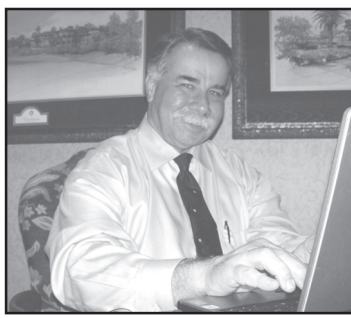
# Around the Valley & Senior News

## They Just Don't Watch Their Kids and Don't Care

I still don't get it. Parents just don't give a damn about other people's property and what their kids do. I have to ask, what kind of parents are they?

At a recent event, a little child around 2-3 years old was left to roam around in a cocktail bar area during an event. I know kids are curious, but they need to be watched. This incident involves an expensive Internet Juke Box hanging on the wall. You can use coins, dollar bills or your credit card on this machine. The credit card part of this is both, swipe and insert.

I am assuming it was the mother who I guess was showing the little girl how it worked or something. However she took an index card and ran it through the swipe part of the credit card payment and I am assuming that she also showed her how to insert a card by using that index card. Then she left the kid to play with this expensive ma-



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

chine like it was a toy. From what I heard; the little girl kept inserting the index card into various slots on the machine. She soon started tearing up the card and inserting the small pieces into the machine. Obviously this is going to jam the machine and render it useless and be expensive to fix.

I got to the little girl when all this was brought to my attention and stopped her. I could not find the responsible party for the little girl. Finally, someone took charge of her and thought the whole incident funny. Go figure,

it is not going to cost them money to fix it.

We also have a table dedicated to the POW-MIA (Prisoner Of Wars - Missing In Action). This is basically a dedicated sanctuary to honor these people. It is not to be touched and there is a rope barricade around this table and it is there for a reason. Parents let their kids go past the barricades to put hands on for some reason. Why would they do this? Are they just that stupid?

What also gets me, they let their little brats crawl over vehicles. For example, sit on the hood of a car. So I have a new \$138,000.00 Corvette and when I see two kids sitting on the hood, YES I exploded in anger. Mom's response is... "They aren't hurting anything"... the hell they aren't. They destroy the wax with scuff marks and marring the paint. Yes, they are to the tune of \$800 to \$1000 for a complete detailing process. They just don't give a damn.

Same with my motorcycle. They let their kids get on a \$50,000 motorcycle and scuff up the paint on the tank and step on chrome parts and bend them. Mom's comments are, "I just wanted to get some pictures of him on the chopper." REALLY LADY? You don't ask first and he sets off the alarm on by bike and it alerts the alarm on my phone that someone messing with the motorcycle. So, who is going to replace the chrome air cleaner that he bent as he used it as a step to get on the bike? Like she is going to give me \$800.00 to replace this custom piece.

If you are going to an event, don't bring your kids, especially if you are UNQUALIFIED to be a parent and are not prepared to pay for the damage that they do. *"That's Just the Way It Is!"*

## Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed Torres

1. Some say it is time to return to a fairly administered Selective Service Draft System, in which everyone of age is subject to serving in the military - - because politicians and others, who often do not have their kids in "harm's way", often, without deep-thought, tend to find it easy to send our military men and women to fight in "far away" lands.

2. Some Planning Departments and city councils in the Valley, reportedly, are striving to make it easier for developers (and individual home owners) to convert single family homes to multi-family units - - thereby, in the future, making it easier for "group homes" of different types to co-exist within single family neighborhoods.

3. During the season of "remembering" SEPTEMBER 11, as well as during other seasons of national holidays, more and more organizations swamp the electronic air waves, asking for contributions - - it would be helpful if in these advertisements, explicit information would be provided showing how much money the directors of each organization are paid, and how much of the contributions are spent on their personal expenditures, as well as on their own families and friends.

4. In-the-Valley, Glendora in particular has done a superb job of installing coordinated permanent facilities downtown, for dining al fresco - the city seemingly has become a dining destination and attraction in the eastern part of Los Angeles County... Kudos to the cooperation of business and city officials.

5. For several years, University football teams in the Pacific coast area, have not been faring very well: in comparison to college teams in other parts of the country - - the root of the problem in California, for example,

could be the "politically correct" sports policies enacted for state universities by state elected officials... In some cases, such policies influence major athletes from the state to flee California and play at institutions in other states.

6. "Following up" on the Sirhan Sirhan push to receive parole from his life-in-prison sentence, the wife of the assassinated U.S. Senator has come out strongly in opposition to him receiving parole... It seems, though, that in today's political climate, some want him released because he is seen as a political prisoner - - despite that viewpoint, though, he is in prison not for his political views, but because he assassinated someone.

7. Regarding other crime issues: reportedly those collecting Recall signatures in Los Angeles County to remove District Attorney Gascon (seen as being anti-police and anti-public safety issues), are having trouble gaining the support of White liberal-progressive voters - - who are not signing the petition in significant numbers.

8. Reportedly, 13 American flags that recently were being displayed in southern California, in honor of the 13 Americans who were killed in Afghanistan during

the "withdrawal", were vandalized and desecrated - - seemingly, good people in the country are being drowned out by bad people.

9. President Biden recently announced, that in order to prevent employees (who "have already received" the Corona Virus vaccine) from becoming infected - - infected by the virus against which they have already been vaccinated - - the employees who have NOT been vaccinated, "must be vaccinated"... Huh?

10. Last week "Larry Elder" (conservative candidate for Governor, in case Governor Newsom is RECALLED), was confronted by reported misfits who sought to disrupt his campaign appearance in Los Angeles County - - one was wearing a "gorilla mask" and was taunting the candidate, who happens to be a Black American... If a liberal-progressive candidate who was BLACK had been "confronted" by someone wearing a gorilla mask, the major news organizations in the city and the nation would be up-in-arms, attacking the racist overtones of anyone wearing a gorilla mask... But, alas, not much is written or said about the transgression; because Elder is a "conservative"?

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- Ridden or pushed around yard
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  - Spiral-horned antelope
  - Make a canyon, e.g.
  - Much of this about nothing?
  - Forest destroyers
  - Basic belief
  - Popular pickup
  - Lake scum
  - \*Popular email service eventually bought by Microsoft
  - \*CD "maker"
  - FEMA's assistance
  - Musician's time to shine
  - Stephen King's Christine, e.g.
  - Plural of locus
  - Mongolian monetary unit
  - Wraths
  - Jar covers
- DOWN**
- Like yellow polka dot bikini?
  - Desert in China and Mongolia
  - Knight's mount
  - Cogito \_\_\_ sum
  - Change the Constitution, e.g.
  - Ready and eager
  - Table mineral
  - \*Jennifer Aniston-inspired haircut, with "the"
  - Bank on
  - Modern prefix
  - Beacon light
  - Oolong, e.g.
  - \* \_\_\_ Sese Seko, overthrown Zairian dictator
  - \*African National Congress leader released from prison
  - Like a candle?
  - \*1997's "Fly" by Sugar \_\_\_
  - Lowest point
  - Smart \_\_\_
  - Marching insect
  - Opposite of digest
  - \*Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan's domain
  - Employer Assisted Housing, acr.
  - Fender bender consequences
- DOWN**
- Crystalline hydrochloride, colloquially
  - Nabisco top best-seller
  - Refuses to
  - Bodily swelling
  - Not wholesale
  - Lewis of sprinting and long jumping fame
  - Vaccine-approving agency, acr.
  - Burger, fries and soda
  - Brick-drying oven
  - It's hard to resist
  - Precedes Abby
  - Consume, as in drugs
  - Slang for radical or cool, 2 words
  - America's singer choices
  - Last, abbr.
  - Weapon in a holster
  - Fidel Castro's smoke
  - Pleasant odor
  - Renaissance instrument resembling a violin
  - \*TV hit "Sex and the \_\_\_"
  - "Bee \_\_\_"
  - What many TV hits have done
  - Fireplace
  - \* \_\_\_ Protocol, climate change-related international treaty
  - Hyperbolic sine
  - Withered
  - COVID-19 variant
  - Expose the falseness
  - " \_\_\_ the Games Begin!"
  - Pined
  - Sign of a saint, pl.
  - "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
  - Algeria's neighbor
  - Plow-pulling duo
  - \*"Where It's At" singer
  - Urban story
  - Adam and Eve's garden
  - \*Oscar winner "Schindler's \_\_\_"
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  - \*Gulf \_\_\_ or Bosnian \_\_\_
  - American Nurses Association

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## Duarte Welcomes New City Clerk Annette Juarez



Duarte City Clerk Annette Juarez

**DUARTE** - The City of Duarte is pleased to announce the arrival of our new City Clerk, Annette Juarez.

"I am honored to be a part of the Duarte staff," Juarez stated. "Duarte is a tight-knit community and I love the small-town feel where you get to know the people you serve. I am happy to be part of the team and look forward to making a difference in this community."

Juarez offers Duarte strong administrative experience gained from eight years of service at the City of Azusa. She joined the Azusa City Clerk's Office in 2013, and recently finished her tenure as Assistant Chief Deputy City Clerk.

City Manager Daniel Jordan pointed out that Juarez proved to be a great fit during the interview process from both a professional and personal standpoint.

"Annette has experience with both the role and functions of the city clerk position," stated Jordan, "but she also brings a positive attitude and eagerness to help which are key attributes for the position, and are also a reflection of the high-level customer service that we seek to provide here in Duarte."

Her interest in local government took root at her first workplace out of college with a law firm representing school districts and cities. Juarez found herself naturally interested in policies, such as the Brown Act and Public Records Act, which ultimately guided her to pursue local government full-time.

As she settles into her new role, Juarez is already forming goals for Duarte. She is ready to examine and improve the efficiency for cataloging and accessing public records both internally for staff and externally for residents. She will also continue to adapt City Council meetings format as dictated by changing COVID-19 public health orders.

"The City Clerk's Office is typically the first point of contact for cities and serves as an information hub," Juarez added. "The City Clerk assists with everything from council meetings to elections - I love that every day is different."

Juarez obtained the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Los Angeles. She is currently working toward her Masters in Public Administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills and will graduate in the Spring. She resides in the San Gabriel Valley with her husband, stepdaughter, daughter, and son.

## Annual 0.5k Walk "The Run For The Rest Of Us"

**GLENDORA** - Don't miss the Glendora Community Services Foundation is hosting its 1st Annual 0.5k Walk "The Run For The Rest Of Us" on Saturday, **September 18th** from 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes two beer tickets. Event begins with a Shotgun start before walking up Glendora Ave to Bennett Ave. The event will continue with food trucks, music and a place to cash in your TWO free beer tickets. Alosta Brewing Co. has been confirmed as the beer vendor!!

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# Catalytic Converter Etching Event



Vehicles line up for catalytic converter etching with WCPD Police Cadets assisting.

By **George Ogden**  
**WEST COVINA** - On Sept. 12th, the City of West Covina along with the West Covina Po-

lice Department, had their First Catalytic Converter Etching Event.

The West Covina police

partnered with Royal Coaches towing to provide the service to residents free of charge. This would be a deterrent to the thieves that steal these catalytic converters from vehicles. These look similar to a muffler for your car and they contain precious metals that can be recycled.

To replace one of these could cost as much as \$1000. The replacement cost for the Ferrari F40 is around \$4000 to \$7000.

Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado commented, "Our first Catalytic Converter Etching Event is going great. Thank you WCPD, TRAP (Taskforce for Regional Auto-theft Prevention), and Royal Coaches Towing for making this event smooth and easy to do."



# Armed Subject Arrested For Shooting At Vehicles On The 210 Freeway And Then Holding An Ambulance Crew At Gunpoint



The armed suspect, identified as Johnathan Gomez, after being detained by Irwindale Police Officers. (Per recently enacted California law (AB 1475), suspect's faces are no longer allowed to be shown by Police Departments.)



The gun that was recovered from the suspect identified as Johnathan Gomez

hill Freeway) between the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Azusa in which the suspect brandished and fired the firearm. In one instance, the suspect fired upon a disabled motorist, forcing him to run across the freeway and in another instance, the suspect fired into an occupied vehicle, striking the vehicle with gunfire. Luckily no one was injured in any of these incidents.

After being medically cleared at a local hospital, the suspect, Johnathan Gomez, a 37-year-old resident of El Paso, Texas, was booked at the West Covina City Jail where he is currently being held on \$1,000,000.00 bail.

Irwindale Police Department and the California Highway Patrol investigators are cooperatively investigating these incidents and multiple criminal charges, including attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, resisting arrest, evading arrest, driving under the influence of drugs and number of weapons violations, are expected to be filed with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office later this week.

Anyone with information on any of these incidents are asked to contact Detective Diego Cornejo at (626) 430-2290 or by email at [dcornejo@irwindaleca.gov](mailto:dcornejo@irwindaleca.gov). Information may also be provided to us anonymously by calling 800-222-TIPS or via [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org).

**IRWINDALE** - At 6:37 A.M. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, officers from the Irwindale Police Department responded to the 600 block of Live Oak Avenue in the city of Irwindale regarding the report of an armed subject holding two ambulance crew members at gun point.

As officers were responding, the ambulance crew reported to the police dispatcher that the suspect fled the scene in a red 2015 Peterbilt semi-truck pulling an enclosed trailer. Arriving officers located the semi-truck on Longden Avenue at Myrtle Avenue in the city of Irwindale. Officers initiated a traffic stop, however the driver failed to stop and a short, slow-speed pursuit ensued, during which the suspect committed several dangerous violations of the California Vehicle Code.

The suspect vehicle eventually stopped the semi-truck on Peck Road at Wyland Way in Monrovia. The suspect immediately got out of the semi-truck and began to flee on foot, ignoring the officer's commands. The officers were forced to physically detain the suspect, during which an electro-muscular disruption technology (EMDT) device was successfully deployed. He was then arrested without further incident.

A loaded handgun was found in the suspect's possession at the time of his arrest.

During the investigation, it was found that the same suspect and vehicle were involved in a number of other incidents on the I-210 (Foot-



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