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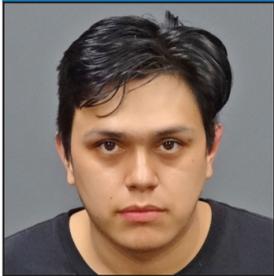
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Sheriff Villanueva, Along With Local Asian Community Groups, Call For Zero Tolerance For Any Hate Crimes

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - On Thursday, March 25, 2021, Sheriff Alex Villanueva held a press conference in front of the Hall of Justice to announce his support for the Asian community. He was joined by Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles, Akira Muto; Honorary Consul General of Cambodia in Los Angeles, Mr. Kim Chha Hout; Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Los Angeles, Kyung Jae Park; Mayor of Monterey Park, Yvonne Yin; Mayor of San Gabriel, Chin Ho Liao, the support of Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles, Zhang Ping, the Sheriff's Community Advisory Council, and other highly respected community leaders.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, there has been a significant rise in hate crimes against the Asian-American community. The fatal shooting of eight people, including six women of Asian descent, in Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, is the latest attack against Asian-Americans,



Sheriff Alex Villanueva, joined by Asian Community leaders, held a press conference in front of the Hall of Justice to announce his support for the Asian community.

and it shook the nation. Unfortunately, it was not an isolated incident. On Sunday, March 21, 2021, a man disrupted a 'Stop Asian Hate' protest in Diamond Bar by driving through a group of protesters while hurling insults against China.

Sheriff Villanueva called for zero tolerance for hate crimes in Los Angeles County, especially towards Asian Americans. He urged people to report crime by calling 911 if it is an emergency, contacting a local law

enforcement agency, or remaining anonymous by calling LA Crime Stoppers at 800-222 or by visiting lacrimestoppers.org.

Undersheriff Tim Murakami talked about his experience as a 4th generation Asian-American. He explained that histori-

cally, the Asian community has been very quiet. For the most part, they accept things, overlook them and move on. He urged the community to stand up as a group and realize "they're Americans, they have the right to be here, they have the right to be respected and the right to be protected."

Sheriff Villanueva reminded everyone that everyone is looking for the same things in life, security and a sense of belonging at the end of the day. "If you're a recent arrival or you've been here for generations, all of you are welcome in Los Angeles County. We welcome you in this great nation of us," he concluded.

Walnut High Sophomore Jason Wang Wins Science & Engineering Fair

WALNUT - Walnut High School sophomore Jason Wang won the top award during the 71st Annual Los Angeles County Science & Engineering Fair (LACSEF) and entry into the 2021 Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) slated for May 3-6.

Wang learned he took 1st Place during the virtual awards ceremony YouTube live stream on March 21.

His winning research project was titled, "Polar Vortex and Long-Duration Events: Climate Change in the Upper Midwest and Canada."

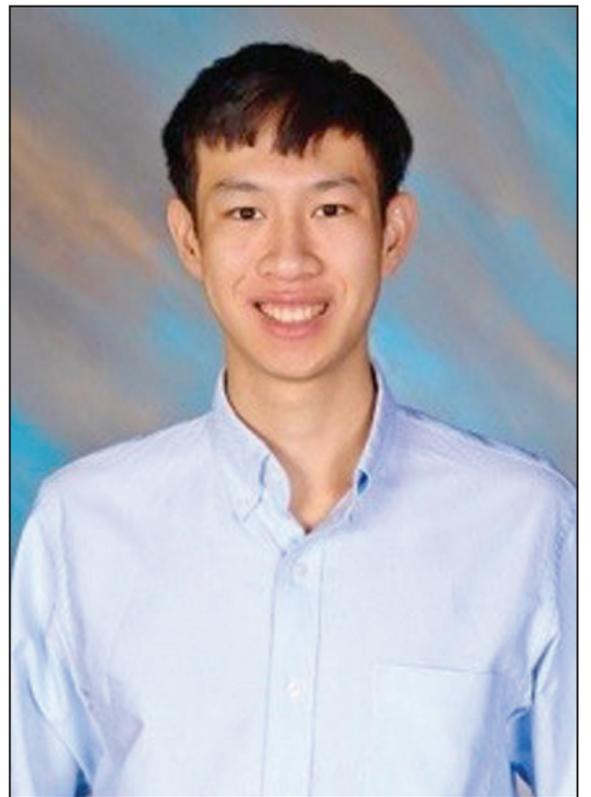
The 15-year-old investigated whether areas most affected by a meandering jet stream have also experienced an increase in "stuck" weather patterns such as longer cold spells or heat waves.

Wang analyzed NOAA public weather datasets on Google BigQuery, and used linear regression and Tableau to visualize regional climate trends over recent decades.

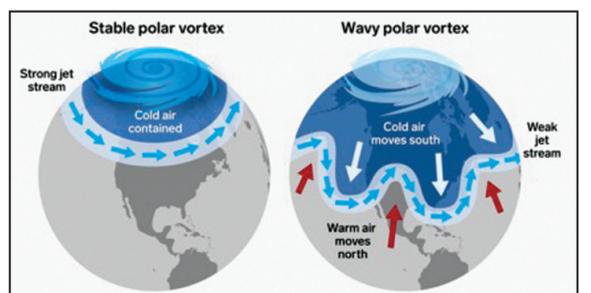
In addition to being designated an ISEF finalist as one of LA County's top 7 projects, Wang received 1st Place in his Earth/Space Sciences category (for the second year-in-a-row), the American Meteorology Society Prize (for the fourth consecutive year), along with awards from the Office of Naval Research/U.S. Navy, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Society, the Professional Engineers of California Government, and advances to the California State Science & Engineering Fair.

Wang has represented Suzanne Middle School and Walnut High School at the LA County Fair each year since 6th grade, and advanced to the California State Fair each year since 7th grade. As a freshman, Wang was named Top 300 in the Broadcom Masters national STEM competition.

Regeneron ISEF finalists compete for nearly \$5 million in awards, prizes and scholarships. Each year more than 1,800 students earn the right to compete at the Regeneron ISEF by winning a top prize at a Society-affiliated local, regional, state or national science fair. The LA County Science & Engineering Fair is the largest and longest-running regional fair in the Western U.S., with 63 schools and about 350 students entering this year's virtual fair.



Walnut High School sophomore Jason Wang took top honors at the L.A. County Science & Engineering Fair and will now compete in Regeneron Science & Engineering Fair.



His research project titled, "Polar Vortex and Long-Duration Events: Climate Change in the Upper Midwest and Canada."

Rosemead High School Celebrates New Track & Field with Groundbreaking



El Monte Union High School District hosts a socially distanced groundbreaking ceremony at Rosemead High School to kick-off renovations and upgrades to the track and field March 25.

EL MONTE - El Monte Union High School District held a socially distanced groundbreaking ceremony at Rosemead High School on March 25, with administrators and staff cheerfully celebrating the launch of construction for the school's new track and field.

Members of the EMUHS Board of Trustees joined Rosemead High School administrators and staff to give speeches and commemorate the start of much-needed renovations and upgrades to the school's track and field. Board President Florencio Briones and Rosemead High Principal Dr. Brian Bristol were among the speakers who thanked the community for their continued support of students.

The project, which features a new synthetic football field

and repairs to the rubberized track, is expected to be completed in July 2021.

"Rosemead High School is excited for this project to be underway and we are thankful to our community for supporting this project for the purpose of providing our students with the upgraded facilities they deserve," Dr. Bristol said. "We cannot wait for our Panthers to make great use of the track and field."

The \$5 million project is funded by Measure D, a bond approved by voters in November 2008 that focuses on modernizing El Monte Union campuses and classrooms. Upgrades and renovations have continued at a steady pace amid school closures, preparing school sites for the eventual return of students.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these enhanced facilities that support our students in their athletic endeavors," said Norma Marcias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance Operations and Transportation. "Safety is always our number one priority and promise when it comes to our students, and renovating our facilities is a part of that promise."

The groundbreaking ceremony also celebrated upcoming renovations to Rosemead High School's concessions buildings, a separate project funded by Measure HS - a bond approved by voters November 2018.

"The support our community has shown for our students is incredible and it is that support that makes these campus improvements possible," Superintendent Edward A. Zuniga said. "Thank you to the El Monte Union community, and to everyone involved who has done the hard work to ensure that our Panthers continue to have the safe, modern facilities they deserve."

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Electric Vehicle Careers: Juice up at Citrus College

Keeping up with the jargon of the electric vehicle (EV) industry these days can be challenging. In that context, the word "juice" is now widely understood to mean "electricity that makes an engine work." Juice is one of dozens of terms unique to EVs, and the lexicon seems to be growing as fast as the industry.

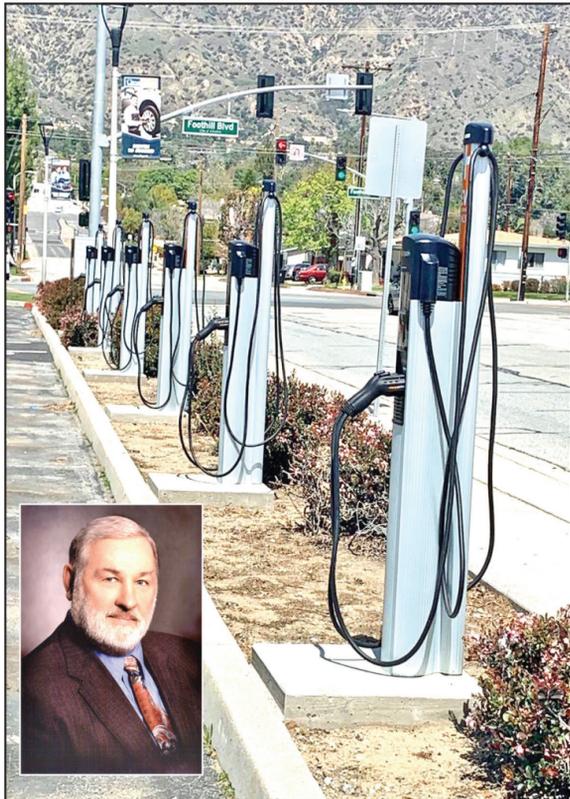
Currently, automotive plants are turning out upwards of 500K new EVs each year. According to caranddriver.com, "Electric cars are the future..."

With momentum building towards what seems like a revolution in transportation, it's clear that thousands of workers trained in this new technology will be needed to design, manufacture, build and maintain EVs. This will include workers to build and maintain charging stations and other EV infrastructure.

Not surprisingly, the automotive industry is turning to community colleges for workforce training to meet what will no doubt be a colossal need for skilled workers.

Citrus College, located in the greater San Gabriel Valley, is once again taking the lead in training workers for this job-creating industry. The college currently offers a Certificate in Clean Energy and Vehicle Electrification. Courses prepare students to advance in the field with training in alternative fuel, hybrid, electric and fuel cell vehicle technology. Typical good paying EV jobs include hybrid and electric vehicle technicians.

Late last year, Citrus College partnered with Proterra, a leading innovator in heavy-duty electric transportation, to train workers to build electric buses. The customized nine week program, with limited enrollment, is a first-of-its-kind



Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Governing Board Member, Citrus College; background: east campus electronic charging stations at Citrus College (courtesy photo)

workforce training program in advanced electric bus manufacturing. This comes at a time when the City of Los Angeles has ordered 155 new electric busses and plans to convert its bus fleet to emission-free vehicles by 2028, when it will host the Olympics and Paralympics. In addition, Governor Newsom has recently issued an executive order to achieve 100 percent zero-emission new vehicle sales by 2035. His proposed budget for next year includes a \$1.5 billion investment in the clean transportation sector.

From hybrid to fully electric, new models for 2021 from U.S. manufacturers and their global counterparts will include pickup trucks, SUV crossovers and luxury automobiles. Electrek, a

company that tracks and analyzes news on the transition from fossil-fuel to electric transportation, proclaimed that "2021 is going to be the year for all-electric cars and should greatly accelerate the electric revolution. There are so many new models hitting the market that it should shift the entire industry."

Got juice? You might want to consider a new career in this fast growing field.

About the Author:
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Working From Home With Ticket To Work

If you receive Social Security disability benefits and are interested in working from home, Social Security's Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program may be able to help!

The Ticket Program supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits (SSDI/SSI) and want to work. Through this free and voluntary program, eligible participants can work with service providers to receive the supports and services they need to find and maintain employment.

Ticket program service providers can help you determine if working from home would be a good fit for you. They can help identify work from home opportunities and polish your resume for those positions.

If you're already working with a service provider, and you've started a remote position, here are 4 tips that can help you succeed when working from home:

1. Work from your home office. If you can, designate one room where you'll do your work. Try not to do anything else in that room. If you don't have the extra space, set up a desk or table that's dedicated to work.
2. Create a morning routine. A morning routine will help you prepare for work and set you on the path to a productive day.
3. Keep a schedule. It's impor-



A whole team of people is ready to help you get the services you need to transition to financial independence, even if you're getting disability benefits right now.

tant to maintain boundaries between your work and home life. If you have a home office, shut that door at the end of the day. Decompressing after work can be difficult when you're at home, but setting a schedule helps you maintain that boundary so you can switch your attention from work to home.

4. Stay connected. Take advantage of videoconferencing to stay connected with your co-workers. It may take some practice to learn how to interact with your colleagues this way. Studies show that people learn better through video, they retain more from

meetings and co-workers feel more energized and connected with each other.

How can the Ticket to Work program help?

To learn how the Ticket program can help you explore working from home, visit choosework.ssa.gov or call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. Ask a representative to send you a list of service providers or find providers on your own with the Ticket program Find Help tool. (NAPSI)

Baldwin Park To Resume Street Sweeping Enforcement

BALDWIN PARK - The City of Baldwin Park will resume issuing parking citations for street sweeping starting April 1st, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the Baldwin Park Police Department Traffic Bureau at (626) 960-1955, Ext. 231. Be safe, wear a mask, and keep using social distancing.



COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY EXPANDS

Californians Ages 50+ April 1

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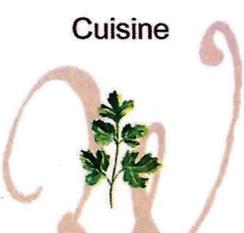
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California, FEMA to Complete Vaccine Mission in Oakland, Los Angeles April 11

Community Vaccination Centers will Transition to Providing Johnson & Johnson Vaccines April 1

OAKLAND – Having already successfully administered almost a half million vaccinations to Californians to protect against COVID-19, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the completion of the life-saving, eight-week mission on Sunday, April 11.

In mid-February, the Biden-Harris Administration approved a pilot project to establish Community Vaccination Centers based at the RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland and Cal State LA campus with a capacity to vaccinate approximately 6,000 individuals a day at each site for eight weeks. The sites have outpaced that initial expectation and regularly administer more than 7,500 shots per day.

Nearly 67 percent of vaccines were administered to targeted underserved communi-

ties and people of color.

“In the fight against COVID-19, equity is key. This pilot program has shown the rest of the nation a forward-leaning way to serve our communities most in need,” said Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci. “We could not be more pleased with the success of these sites or the partnership we have built with our federal partners.”

“This partnership has been a tremendous success and shows what can happen when all levels of government come together to meet a challenge that has affected this state, the nation and the world,” said FEMA Region 9 Acting Administrator Tammy Littrell. “Beyond just providing vaccinations, this effort is helping to reopen schools, businesses and communities.”

Further, to maximize the number of individuals served over the final two weeks of the mission, the two agencies will begin providing the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to new patients at the jointly operated Community Vaccination Centers (CVC) beginning April 1. Until April 1, the sites will continue to administer Pfizer second dose vaccinations to individuals who previously received their first dose at either the main Community Vaccination Centers or at the Mobile Vaccination Clinics operated in conjunction with these sites.

Johnson & Johnson is a single-dose vaccine as compared to the two doses required for the Pfizer and Moderna vac-

cines. California’s top health officials unanimously agree that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is safe and effective.

These joint federal pilot sites have helped expand the rate of vaccinations in California in an efficient, effective and equitable manner, with an explicit focus on making sure that communities with a high risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection are not left behind. These two locations were chosen since they are in some of the most diverse and socioeconomically challenged communities in the country. These communities have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and are home to essential workers who have borne the brunt of keeping the economy open over the past year.

In order to continue serving the communities following the completion of the state/federal mission on April 11, Cal OES and FEMA are coordinating closely with local officials on the possibility of reusing the two sites.

Vaccine appointments at the two Community Vaccination Centers will be released daily beginning on April 1 and made available to eligible individuals through visiting the state’s MyTurn website (<https://myturn.ca.gov/>) or by calling 833-422-4255.

Members of the public may check their eligibility for vaccination, sign up for notifications and schedule appointments in select areas through the site.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Drop Below 700; L.A. County Nears 4 Million Vaccine Doses Administered

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As of March 26, nearly 3,800,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people across Los Angeles County. Of those vaccinated, 1,232,348 people received second doses and 67,016 people received the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

This week, Public Health is expecting to receive 340,000 vaccine doses; a 21% increase over the doses received this week. This allocation includes approximately 14,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Of the 340,000 doses we expect to receive next week, 65% will go to vaccine providers located in vulnerable and hard-hit communities across the county, specifically those communities in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index and communities

with high COVID-19 case rates. With more than 500 sites offering vaccination services across the county, we continue to move the needle in our vaccination coverage efforts, with a strong focus on hard-hit communities.

Vaccine eligibility categories were expanded to include gardeners and landscapers, housekeepers and private child caretakers working at least 20 hours per week, and flight crews that live or are based in Los Angeles County. Persons in these occupations are now eligible for vaccine and can now register for a vaccination appointment.

The State announced starting April 1, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility will expand to individuals age 50 and older, and starting April 15, for individuals age 16 and older. The County hopes the expansion of eligibility includes

increased doses of vaccine coming into L.A. County. Public Health greatly looks forward to this expansion, however the success will be dependent on receiving a substantial increase in vaccine supplies.

L.A. County is working to ensure that eligible residents and workers in hard hit communities have increased access to vaccines. For information about who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in L.A. County, how to make an appointment if it is your turn, what verifications you will need to show at your vaccination appointment, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

Traveling and Gathering for Spring Break and Religious/Spiritual Holidays Increases the Risk of Getting and Spreading COVID-19

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As we approach spring break and numerous religious and spiritual holidays, it important to remember that travel and gathering in-person with others increases the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. While COVID-19 numbers have decreased in L.A. County, transmission remains widespread and is increasing in many other states and countries.

The safest way to observe religious and spiritual holidays at this time is still to gather virtually or with people who live with you.

Los Angeles County residents should continue to avoid all non-essential travel and stay within 120 miles from their place of residence, unless they are traveling for essential purposes. A Travel Advisory remains in effect in Los Angeles County.

Anyone who is arriving in Los Angeles County from outside

the state must self-quarantine for 10 days; travelers should remain at their home or lodging for the 10 days and avoid contact with others. People should get tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms, were in crowds, or were involved in any other activities that may have put them at risk for getting COVID-19.

Since L.A. County is in the Red Tier of the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, a private gathering can occur indoors with up to three separate households, with masking and distancing required at all times and limited to two hours. Outdoors is still safer than indoors. People who are fully vaccinated can gather indoors, without required masking and distancing, with either two other households of people who are fully vaccinated or with one other household of unvaccinated/partially vaccinated people, un-

less any of those people or anyone they live is at risk for serious illness from COVID-19.

People are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine (the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine).

If it has been less than 2 weeks since your shot or you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully vaccinated.

Gatherings, even with people you know who have no symptoms and who have tested negative, can still result in spread of the virus to many people. The risk of spread increases when people are not diligent about consistently and correctly wearing face masks or keeping their physical distance and when people gather indoors.

South El Monte Goes Live with New Online Permitting System

New easy-to-use, self-service, online portal to reduce permitting processing time by 33%

SOUTH EL MONTE - Accela, the leading provider of cloud-based solutions for government, today announced South El Monte, California has gone live with a new digital permitting system powered by Accela technology. By leveraging Accela and its partnership with Silver Lining Solutions, South El Monte can now automate the management and tracking of permit applications from start to finish to increase transparency, save valuable time and resources, and improve user experience for both residents and agency staff.

“Governments are continuing to accelerate their digitization by moving critical processes into the cloud to expand convenient and safe access for residents, reduce the burden on precious resources, and increase trust and transparency with their local communities,” said Tom Nieto, Chief Operating Officer at Accela. “We’re excited about partnering with South El Monte and Silver Lining Solutions on this new SaaS implementation to drive positive outcomes for both residents and agency staff by speeding up permitting processes, increasing community engagement and eliminating long wait times at City Hall.”

With Accela, the city is able to reduce permit processing

time by 33 percent by automating previously manual and paper-based workflows. The new system makes it easy for residents to upload documents, submit applications, make payments, check application status, and schedule inspections all in one centralized digital location. In doing so, it increases transparency and visibility for residents throughout the permitting process. It also provides both agency staff and builders, engineers, and architects with better project management capabilities to keep important community development projects on schedule and budget.

“Our new permitting services technology shows the city’s commitment to modern tools that drive economic growth, accelerate operations, engage the community, and meet evolving resident needs for an effective government,” said Colby Cataldi, Director of Community Development and Public Works at South El Monte. “We’re proud to offer this new online system to support South El Monte’s residents and business community.”

South El Monte’s new permitting system is the most recent and timely example of the long-standing partnership between Accela and Silver Lining Solutions, which has been providing implementation ser-

vices for Accela for over 14 years. The company has been integral in helping many municipal and state governments design licensing, permitting and enforcement solutions.

“This was a fast-paced agile project for an important customer of ours. The South El Monte, Accela and Silver Lining Solutions team worked collaboratively to implement a permitting solution that adhered to the City’s policies and leveraged emerging industry best-practices,” said Eric Koontz, President of Silver Lining Solutions.

Today’s announcement reinforces Accela’s commitment to delivering modern digital tools to help build thriving communities, now and in the future. Most recently, Accela helped Southern Nevada Health District harness the cloud to streamline plan review and inspections to promote public health for over 2.2 million residents. Accela’s secure and flexible SaaS solutions equip governments with the resources to quickly respond to evolving community needs, increase efficiency, and maintain resilience to benefit 275 million citizens globally. To learn more about Accela’s Solutions, please visit <https://www.accela.com/solutions/>.



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Border Chaos: Just Raw Numbers

"It is taking time and it is difficult because the entire system was dismantled by the prior administration. There was a system in place that was torn down by the Trump administration." Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora and Border Patrol (CBP) since Biden Harris Administration took charge:

- Drugs - 60,000 pounds of marijuana, worth \$1.2 million and \$944,500 worth of methamphetamines in Texas. (February alone).

- Drugs - 20.33 pounds of fentanyl, 84.29 pounds of methamphetamines, 2.77 pounds of heroin in California with a street value of \$630,116. Plus, an additional \$24,000 worth of fentanyl pills with no amount provided.

Ex-Tucson, Arizona, Border Patrol Chief Roy Villareal says, "Trafficking is a multi-BILLION-dollar industry. Criminal organizations trafficking women, children, families and single adults over the U.S. Mexico Border earned as much as \$14 million a day in February." Villareal provided the cost to U.S. taxpayers:

- \$800 a day for shelter costs
- Biden awarded an \$86 million contract for hotel rooms to hold 1,200 migrant families. That adds up to \$5 million a day according to Health & Human Services.

- Additional costs will include overtime and hotel costs for the reassigned CBP agents to Texas from other areas including \$110 million additional funding to FEMA to feed and shelter.

- In 2019, Congress appropriated \$4.6 billion for a surge; and, in 2014, Congress gave Obama an extra \$2.7 billion to deal with a surge crisis.

President Biden has accused former President Trump of ham-

stringing his ability to deal with the border surge leaving Texas awash in illegals and a surge in COVID 19 after the release of those illegals into various communities. An NBC fact check indicated January and February there is always a surge of attempts to get across the border because of the cooler weather. Reports I've read indicate Biden's efforts to send families back are correct, but wants to retain unaccompanied minors.

From January to February 2019 there was a 31% surge in unaccompanied alien children (UAC) but this year under Biden Harris Administration there is a 61% surge. Judicial Watch, a government watchdog, reported, "UAC (unaccompanied alien children) in American custody are not children, but rather young adults or adolescents ... [FY 2020] 72% are 15 to 17 year-olds. Most of the youths are Guatemalans and Hondurans and 68% are male, which has boosted gang recruitment in this country." Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), reportedly recruits new members at shelters housing illegal minors.

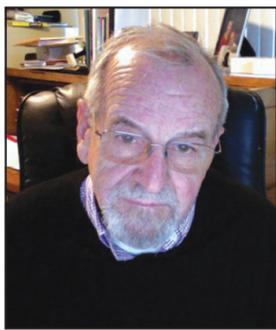
To combat the attempted recruitment by the drug cartels of teenager traffickers, former President Trump went to court and the appeals court found the U.S. is not legally obligated to accept unaccompanied minors. The Trump administration sent most Central American minors, the majority of whom were ages 15 to 17, back to their home countries to join family there.

With direction from Trump, Vice-President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Pompeo met with Mexico's Foreign Affairs Secretary, Marcelo Ebrard, to have Mexico stop the human flow at their southern border. Those efforts became successful when Trump threatened increased tariffs.

President Joe Biden is now sending V.P. Kamala Harris to the border to review the situation and come up with some viable solutions.

"We Are Not Divided, All One Body We" Or Are We?

This is the first column in a two part series on the divisions that have plagued the church ever since its inception. This week I will briefly list just four of the major divisions. Each one has generated enough books to fill a library, so I will do little more than just name them. Next week I will focus on the division currently facing the church in the United States.



Charles H. Bayer

1. REGARDING GENTILES

Within a generation of its existence there arose a serious argument as to whether the church was to be made up of Jews and those non-Jews who conformed to Jewish rites, or would it welcome uncircumcised Gentiles (Galatians 2:11): "When Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I (Paul) opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned." Peter represented the exclusion of Gentiles, and Paul their inclusion. In a few years Gentiles were not only welcomed, but the church became a Greek speaking, non-Jewish institution.

2. CHRISTOLOGY

In 325 the Emperor Constantine called a meeting of Christian bishops to settle questions concerning the nature of Christ. A majority held that Jesus Christ was God in every respect, and a minority that he was like God. The conflict hinged over a single letter in the spelling of a Greek word. It so happened that the split also revealed the impending geographic division between Constantinople and Rome. The theological outcome was a creedal statement aimed at resolving the conflict.

3. GREEK ORTHODOXY versus LATIN CATHOLICISM

In 1054 the division between East and West reached its climax. Part of the conflict was theolog-

ical. Does the Holy Spirit proceed from the Father and Son or just from the Father? Most of the struggle, however, really involved whether the Greek-speaking East or the Latin-speaking West would predominate. Would all truth and authority flow from Constantinople or from Rome? To this date the division persists.

4. THE REFORMATION

In 1517 Martin Luther nailed on a church door a list of issues to be debated. Among other religious matters was the right of the Pope to grant forgiveness to the departed---depending on receiving certain monetary gifts. In addition, Luther was concerned with increased Roman Catholic political control of the German states. The Reformation continued with John Calvin in Geneva and John Knox in Scotland. It came to a head in England when Henry VIII declared himself to be head of the English church. The Pope had refused to allow the king to remarry following his divorce, so Henry took the papal bull by the horns. In subsequent years Protestantism and Catholicism vied for control of both the church and the English realm. In the long run Henry's rebellion prevailed and he became "Defender of the Faith." While the four I have listed amounted to

major divisions within the Christian family, throughout Christian history there have been hundreds of lesser conflicts. Each of these divisions, as well as scores of lesser conflicts, had a basis in the theological arguments, but were these the real issues, or were they used to obscure the underlying social and political conflicts?

Here is an illustration of a very minor issue that divided one American denomination.

The Disciples of Christ suffered a split in 1906 over the use of musical instruments, basically pipe organs, in worship services. A sizable minority held that nowhere did the New Testament authorize their use. The result was a new denomination called the Churches of Christ. While the argument focused on that issue, was it the real cause of the division? The denomination had proudly affirmed that it refused to divide over slavery and abolition as had other denominations. But the great majority of the anti-musical instrument congregations were in slave-holding states. So was slavery the real reason for the split? What is more, Southern congregations unable to afford pipe organs departed from the main body of wealthier northern churches. .

My conclusion: While the issue seemed to focus on the New Testament and its authorization of musical instruments, I suspect that the real issues causing the split had more to do with slavery and economics. What this minor debate was really about is just an example of how social issues underlay each of the four major ruptures I have identified.

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We Have Stepped Over The Homeless Crisis For Too Long

By Joe Gardner

As we begin to emerge from this COVID pandemic, we learn that homeless population numbers have increased to 66,000 in Los Angeles County. Year after year, inept political leaders continue to make missteps and decisions that favor developers and special interest groups pushing the lucrative narrative of "housing first" when most know drug rehabilitation and mental health treatment are what is desperately needed for those living in squalor on the streets. A study of the inaction to solving the homeless crisis can lead one to conclude corruption, arrogance and stupidity have only made this crisis worse.

Many have said, at great urging that we, as a society must declare this a humanitarian crisis, with the full response of government to set-up FEMA-style camps that include triage centers, shelters, meal distribution and medical treatment resources just

as we would do during natural disasters. So far, many sound suggestions have been ignored.

With 2,544 bills introduced in the 2021-2022 session of the California State Legislature, we must demand our legislators to be accountable and dedicate more time and effort to enact legislation to impose drug, alcohol and mental health treatment on those that enter the criminal justice system just as it successful did a decade ago. Common-sense and compassionate reforms to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act could be broadened and enhanced to provide treatment care and shelter for the seriously mentally ill.

Leaders of County and local municipalities must mandate the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority change direction and fund qualified religious non-profits that wish to help house, shelter and feed those seeking assistance. LASHA must fund economical infrastructure to do

intake and care for all women, children, seniors, and men in the order. LASHA must stop wasting taxpayer dollars on "shelter first" policies and immediately address the underlying human condition that put people in homelessness in the first place.

County or state authorities should immediately establish a steering committee of the uppermost authorities on helping the homeless, drug rehabilitation and mental health treatment that include Reverend Andy Bales from Union Rescue Mission and addiction specialist Doctor Drew Pinsky. Give them the power and authority to recommend and oversee implementations of sound solutions.

Taxpayers should neither accept nor tolerate this horrendous humanitarian crisis any longer. Elected politicians must stop ignoring cries for solutions and apply the expected due diligence to save those living in desperation on the streets.

A Week In American History, A Week Of Chaos!

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

This past week was filled with news about the actions of the current occupant of the White House. There were so many things happening that I can only address the most egregious here.

The highlight of the week was a 'press-conference' held by "President" Joe Biden. A press-conference, where only thirty handpicked reporters were allowed in and only friendly correspondents were allowed to ask 'prescreened' questions. Questions for which, Biden had a 'cheat-sheet' full of pre-written answers. Imagine the uproar if this were Donald Trump.

The US Mexico border is in chaos with, who knows how many, people of questionable intent crossing every day. Thousands of un-accompanied children flocking to the border to be placed in "cages". Ridiculously, according to Biden, this chaos is "all Trump's fault".

Now, we get news, from his press spokesperson, Biden is planning on issuing another Executive Order regulating 'assault weapons' (rifles). Such an order would be unconstitutional - not within his authority. Biden, and the Socialist Democrats that control him, have shown a total disdain for the document that is the 'supreme Law of the Land' (see Article VI of the Constitution). Pelosi, Schumer and Biden all would like to see that pesky document discarded and replaced with the 'Sanders, Biden Socialist Democrat Manifesto'. Yes, this 170+ page document does exist.

According to FBI statics rifles (long guns) were used in 374 killings in 2019. Too many to be assured. However, over 600 people were killed by physical assaults with body parts like fists, hands and feet. Further, over 1400 people were killed with knives. More than twice the number of people

who fell victim to physical assaults and almost, four times the number killed with rifles. Is the government planning on invading your home to take away your kitchen cutlery next?

While on the subject of guns, government over-reach and the Constitution, there is a case now pending before the Supreme Court. In 2015, a man, Edward Kenalli, (spelling?) and his wife had a spat. She reports him to the police asserting he has gone insane. The police come and take him for psychiatric evaluation. The man was evaluated and found not to be suffering any mental problems and released. While the man was being evaluated, the police went to his home, searched it, without a warrant. While rummaging through the man's possessions they found two rifles. The police confiscated the weapons, a clear violation of the man's Fourth Amendment rights. When he tried to get them back his request was denied so he sued. Recently, the DOJ, under Biden's directions, sent lawyers to plead the government's case, before the SCOTUS, asserting that the government has the right to confiscate anyone's weapons for any reason.

Another recent embarrassing happening was a meeting between a Chinese Delegation and US officials in Anchorage Alaska. The Americans honored the previously agreed to format of a limit of two minutes for opening introductions. The CCP delegates entered into a twenty minute rant about race relations in the U. S. berating our government and our people. Would they ever have considered such a move when Trump was president? I doubt it!

Continuing on the subject of the CCP: recently, I watched a program where the subject was, how the CCP is planning on taking over world dominance. On this program was a panel of peo-

ple who are considered experts on the CCP as well as military experts. The message from those people was that unless the US acts now the CCP will take over the world leadership position within ten years. Additionally, the military experts attested that; 'many simulations of a war between the US and the CCP had been run. In every scenario the CCP won'. The CCP has more ships, more army troops, advanced aircraft and hypersonic missiles - developed through technologies stolen from the US.

Will Joe Biden confront the Chinese Government in any meaningful way? Unlikely!

Now let us turn to the Senate Filibuster Rule. Schumer is threatening to end the Filibuster Rule. Biden, Obama, and other prominent Democrats, along with their sycophants in the media, have called the Filibuster a holdover from the Jim Crow era. What they mean is that, somehow the Filibuster is racist and prohibits minorities from voting. The Filibuster originated in 1806. The Jim Crow laws (created by the Democrats) reign was from early to the mid-twentieth century. The purpose of this rule is to prevent one party dominance. In 2020 the Democrats used the Filibuster 300 times, but now it is racist!

Seems the 'race card' is the only card that the Left-wing Socialist Democrats have in their deck.

Every American Patriot should be afraid of what Biden, and his enablers, are doing to our country.

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April 15th: All LA County residents (ages 16+)

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Fed Optimistic, But Are Investors?

Stocks swung wildly following last week's FOMC's highly anticipated meeting as the yield curve pulled back, steepened, then pulled back once more. The central bank sharply upgraded its 2021 GDP growth forecast to 6.5%, the largest annual output since 1984, and also said it expected unemployment to drop. Fed Chair Jerome Powell added that inflation was forecast to reach 2.4% this year, but called it a temporary surge. The biggest news was a pledge not to raise interest rates until 2024. Really?

If the Fed is so confident in the outlook, why not raise rates sooner? The Fed's plan (that it rolled out last August) wants to let inflation run consistently above its 2% target, while also keeping rates steady until it sees maximum employment. The central bank may also hope to view that "surge in activity" as durable, before proceeding to tighten monetary policy.

Why are the capital markets so volatile? Some attributed the movement to the differing reactions of bond market players. At first, they focused on the Fed's "no hikes through 2023," but then planned to let inflation run hot. In reality the volatility may just be a broader symptom of Treasury market unpredictability. Investors and markets don't like uncertainty! Until we reach a broader consensus over how inflation will play out, we could see unstable moves in any direction.

What exactly are the BULLS saying and what are their actions?

In A Nutshell What's up in the Economy?



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"It's a mistake to dump growth stocks out of fear of rising inflation," said Mad Money's Jim Cramer. "The Fed's basically saying Party on Industrials." Accordingly hedge funds buy them hand over fist. Problem is, if they want to buy the banks or the smokestack stocks, they may need to sell something else like the high-growth tech stocks. That's called the "hedge fund playbook."

The negative - BEAR - thinkers should be concerned. "If the yield on the 10-year Treasury Note climbs to 2.0%, that could be enough to tip the risk market scales and lead to a 10% correction in the S&P 500. If the 10-year climbs to 2.5% bonds may even start becoming more attractive instead of stocks," according to the latest BofA fund manager colleague of mine. "Higher growth and higher inflation are now the consensus."

As the market scenario continually changes - almost on a daily basis - investors head into the week with plenty of wildcards to size up, including U.S. trade and security relations with China, the Treasury yield curve and an increased focus on the poten-

tial for higher corporate tax rates. The probability of tax increases coming this year could rise if the economy shows unexpected strength.

A wildcard is still COVID-19. Medical experts in the U.S. are trying to calm fears that some COVID-19 vaccines are unsafe. European countries suspended AstraZeneca's vaccination amid reports of blood clots among some recipients. The European Medicines Agency, which evaluates drug safety for the EU, has maintained that the benefits of the shot (when it comes to preventing hospitalizations and deaths) still "outweigh the risks of side effects." Of the more than 17M people in the EU and the U.K. who have received a dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, fewer than 40 cases of blood clots had been reported as of last week.

When Pfizer and Moderna initially distributed their vaccines in December there were reports of severe allergic reactions, or anaphylaxis. However, those cases appear to be rare, with the U.S. having administered 113M doses to date. Risks from not getting vaccinated appear to remain higher than from being vaccinated!

So, why not focus on the economy, coming inflation as well as risks to the USA's political future?

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We owe taxes, but we don't have the money to pay now. What can we do? Can we just file for an extension?

The extension form is a request for an extension of time to file. It is not an extension to pay. When you file the Request for Extension, you must pay the amount you calculate you will owe when you actually file your tax return. The IRS moved the income tax due date from April 15 to May 17. California moved their due date to match the IRS due date. This later date is for Individual income taxes, not businesses. If you pay quarterly estimated taxes, your deadline was not extended. If you still cannot pay on, or before, May 17, file your completed tax returns on time, or before, and select a payment plan. The penalty for filing on time, but paying late, is far less severe than the penalty for filing late when you owe. If you have a credit card that allows you to transfer balances at zero, or a very low interest rate, consider using it to pay your taxes. Then you must do everything in your power to pay off that credit card as quickly as possible.

I used the standard deduction, but wish I had itemized. Is there anything I can do?

You can file an amended return within a three-year period.

The stock market is up, but I'm really nervous that it'll crash, and my retirement savings will be greatly depleted. Is it time for me to sell my stocks?

You've heard the saying, "Buy low. Sell high." If you sell now, while the Market is high, you



Julia Yoder

might miss some growth if the Market goes even higher, but you would not suffer the consequences of a Stock Market crash. Get some personalized advice from a financial professional or two.

I ordered some gloves and masks online. I did not receive a confirmation. The correct amount showed up as a charge on my credit card, and now a whole list of other charges is appearing from the same company for stuff I didn't order! Help!

Contact your credit card company immediately. You should be able to freeze or cancel that credit card, and be refunded the fraudulently charged amounts. Change your log-in and password for that card. Use a different log-in and password for each of your financial entities (cards, banks, credit unions, bill pay sites, on-line stores, etc.).

I recently moved out of my parent's home and am on my own. Where can I find more preparedness guidelines and information?

Free information is available

on the Federal Emergency Management Agency website: www.FEMA.gov. Additional information is available on the CDC site. Due to Covid-19, we have become much more aware of what we need to have for disaster preparedness. Imagine our current situation of quarantines and difficulty finding certain goods at the grocery stores, and add to it power outages, phone towers down, and no internet because of a natural disaster (earthquake, wildfire, tornado, severe winds). California is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, has some really major fault lines, and has a huge shoreline that can be severely damaged by a large surge or tsunami. Disasters in other parts of the world (ship blocking the Suez Canal, for example), or in other states (severe winds, multiple tornadoes, flooding), can create shortages in your area. Make a plan to acquire necessary items and do not procrastinate in taking action to get those items and store them safely. If you are renting, I highly suggest purchasing a Renters Insurance Policy.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

What's Stopping You?

Imagine driving along and suddenly pushing down on the brake pedal and "yikes!" ... you don't stop! That is something we hope you never experience. Another very scary experience is this; you do stop but not until you slammed the pedal to the floor! This indicates a brake line leak! Certainly, you need to have this taken care of immediately! Today most cars are equipped with a brake "warning light" that will illuminate when you have a leak in your system. This alert should not be ignored or you may find yourself unable to stop at all.

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- A jerky feel
- The pedal to the floor

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CRA Announces New Partnership with California Organized Retail Crimes Association

Collaborative Formed to Address a Growing Crisis for Businesses Statewide

SACRAMENTO - The California Retailers Association (CRA) and the California Organized Retail Crimes Association (Cal-ORCA) announced a new joint partnership to combat Organized Retail Crime (ORC) throughout California.

"ORC is a growing problem not only for businesses, but our communities," said Rachel Michelin, CRA President and CEO. "ORC fosters a host of illegal activity, including the recruitment of youth, homeless and others into theft crimes. These networks frequently use their proceeds to finance other illegal activity including drug smuggling and human trafficking."

ORC involves theft or fraudulent activity conducted with the intent to convert illegally obtained goods into financial gain, often through subsequent online or offline sales. Typically, ORC networks organize multiple theft rings at retail stores and employ a "fencing" operation to sell the illegally obtained goods for financial gain. The digital revolution and subsequent growth in

online shopping and social networking, along with increasingly lax enforcement of property crimes, have exacerbated large scale criminal theft, contributed to significant business losses and greatly impacted retailers' ability to provide jobs and keep their doors open to serve their communities.

"ORC is on the rise nationwide and California is a 'hot spot' for these activities," said George Torres, CFI, LPQ, Executive Member of CAL-ORCA. "Now more than ever, we need laws and enforcement tools to fight back against these increasingly sophisticated, complex and often far-flung criminal networks and our partnership with CRA will help us significantly expand and advance these efforts."

CRA, in collaboration with Cal-ORCA, is working to combat ORC in California through legislative and regulatory measures that will continue to empower law enforcement and the business community to stop current crime rings and prevent fu-

ture large-scale thefts. In addition to the new collaborative, CRA and Cal-ORCA have partnered with Auror, an online Retail Crime Intelligence platform designed to address ORC both in California and nationwide. The platform enables CRA and CAL-ORCA to build a data network across states and businesses that empowers members to collaborate, share intelligence and resolve more ORC cases.

"Joining with CRA and leveraging new technology to get ahead of ORC is a no brainer," said Detective Joe Hopkins, Member of the CAL-ORCA Board of Directors and Los Angeles Police Department. "CRA's work with the retail industry and larger business community along with Auror's cutting edge technology will allow Cal-ORCA to do the hard work around connecting repeat offenders, sharing intel and enabling us to work together. Through this collaborative and new online platform, we will see a coordinated response to this vast issue."

LASD Parking Enforcement Resumes Thursday, April 01

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Beginning APRIL 01, 2021 the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Parking Enforcement Detail will again ENFORCE ALL PARKING VIOLATIONS and reinstate the issuance of street sweeping citations, expired registration citations, as well as, towing vehicles that have been warned via a "Red Tag" or any other vehicle in violation of the parking laws of the State of California as well as the County of Los Angeles.

To avoid receiving a parking citation or having a vehicle towed, we urge drivers to be mindful of this change.

Resumed enforcement will

include:

- Street sweeping: All streets with posted signs for street sweeping will be enforced, per 15.20.07(2) LACVC,
- Expired registration: Vehicles with expired registration will be cited for 4000(a)(1)CVC; registrations expired in excess of six months, in violation of 4000(a)(1) CVC, will be towed, per 22651 (o)(1)(A) CVC.
- Red tag warnings: Red tag warnings will be issued to vehicles parked within the public right-of-way not displaying signs of movement, such as excessive dirt, spider webs, and debris underneath and around the tires, flat tires, missing parts, and vandal-

ism.

- If a vehicle has not been moved after 72 hours' notice has been given, a citation for Abandonment Prohibited - 22523(a)(b) CVC will be issued and the vehicle will be towed immediately, per 22651(k) CVC.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

Media Restricted from Going and Reporting about the Border Crossing and the Human Logistical Nightmare

I want to know who the heck this present administration think they are. Granted, the previous administration did not care for the press. They could not trust the media. However, they never restricted the media or blocked them. They honored the freedom of the press.



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

Our present rulers feel they can restrict the media from going to a place to cover a controversial news item. With Republican Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn and Democratic Congressman Joaquin Castro who led dueling delegations of lawmakers to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas on Friday, amid concerns over the surge of unaccompanied minors crossing the border as well as extremely large numbers of illegal aliens being detained or simply being released into the United States.

Border patrol agents and facilities at the border are being overwhelmed and is uncontrolled. Many of the illegal aliens that are coming across, are testing positive for Covid. However, many are being released without anywhere to go or even having a job. There are some facilities that are set up, but once again it can't handle the influx that is occurring presently.

The present regime or government, made it clear that the news media were not allowed to go there and report on what is going on. There were however individuals that did record what they could. Senators were instructed not to take pictures of the facilities, but that didn't stop them. Senators said they witnessed unaccompanied minors and families in spaces that were far more packed than they were supposed to be.

Cruz said on Wednesday that the purpose of the trip was to "see firsthand the crisis that is unfolding" on the border. Seventeen

Republican senators joined Cruz on a tour of a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility in Donna, Texas. They were not happy with what they saw and what was going on with seeing this catastrophic failure.

On the other side of the aisle, Castro said that the purpose of his trip was to ensure that children housed in the facility are "treated humanely."

In a press conference after the visit, Congresswoman Barbara Lee predicted that the House will work to come up with more money for shelters like the one in Carrizo Springs. "I think what we learned today will really inform funding decisions we make as we move forward to make sure the children's health and safety are a priority," Lee said.

Castro told reporters that "nobody should be kept in those conditions," but laid the blame for the situation at the feet of the previous administration. "We need to be clear about something: President Biden inherited a situation where the previous administration had sought to dismantle the infrastructure for processing asylum seekers and settling asylum seekers in the United States," he said.

Although Castro is clearly supporting the allegations of this disaster is going on, he is trying to blame it on a previous administration. Are You Kidding Me? This all started 2 months ago when our present rulers started

taking down the wall and allowing undocumented people to come into the United States. Why would he say something like this when we know it's not the truth? My feeling is, admit this nightmare blunder and fix the problem.

My next question is, in response to Congresswoman Barbara Lee, why do we the people have to support these individuals that are not even citizens of the United States. Why isn't their country taking care of them like they should? Why are they being dumped on us? We can't even afford to take care of our own veterans here that have been injured in various wars and can't make a decent living for themselves because of their injuries. The taxes are out of hand for the American citizens as it is. The ruling party destroyed our economy with the way they handled the Covid situation. Now they're allowing people to come into the country that can start this all over again.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to start paying for people I don't know to come to this country and live off of all of us. There is a history with the undocumented individuals that come into this country that is not good. There is a large percentage of these individuals have nowhere to go and no job and they turn to crime. It got so bad they populated our prisons and jails so much that we can't keep criminals in jail because our District Attorney seems to say, it's okay, no bail and no jail, don't even bother to arrest these people. Then in the same breath, they start screaming gun control. They do not want us to have protection as the Constitution states clearly, we have the right to bear arms.

I don't know about you people, but I feel that were all screwed. "That's just the way it is!"

Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. One commits gun violence and automatically everyone must lose their right to own guns... But maybe the table forks should be banned... It is said that throughout history more people have died from eating too much unhealthy food than in all wars and battles... So, how about it, "Ban the Forks", those deadly weapons.

2. A good ol' cowboy once said, "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns".

3. Once, the U.S.A. was seen as a "melting pot", a place where regardless of where people came, they could become acculturated to a new system, a place where all would be Americans, united by love for country and by working toward a better society... Now, the American melting pot itself has melted, replaced by countless pots - some strange pots even say they hate being American, and others criticize and threaten violence against anyone who flies the American flag or who expresses respect for country.

4. Cities in The Valley have nice parks and recreational areas, and it is not unusual (even in these chaotic times) for younger and older folks to pack a lunch and socialize at these local areas.

5. There used to be a character on T.V. who in order to give kids a way to respond "non-confrontationally" to others who might be calling them "names",

suggested that kids ought to respond to the "name calling" by saying, "I know you are, but what am I?" And every time they would be called a name, the answer ought to be the same, "I know you are, but what am I?"... It is a simple response, and maybe anyone who is called a racist should not respond by denying the accusation -- because the perpetrator of the name-calling will simply respond that you are indeed one and you continually will be on the defensive, "denying", and the perpetrator continually lobbing the assertion.

6. Most people in The Valley patiently walk their dogs - some others continually tug their dogs while they ride and coast in their fast bicycles, scooters and other apparatuses...

7. Across the country, some believe that giving a relatively meager "guaranteed income-universal basic income" to a select few folks in town is a way to correct the social problems in underprivileged communities, but although the effort might be good hearted, it appears it's mostly misguided... Better for local citizens to force schools and cit-

ies to improve their educational systems -- "producing" an educated citizenry is the best way to improve people's lives.

8. "Old age is not for sissies", a wise ol' lady once said, and she was gentle, and tough...

9. It seems that even more than partisan politicians, "The National Press" (print and electronic) might be responsible for stoking the flames of hatred, maybe to make money off what they amplify.

10. "Open Borders", anyone? It seems many people believe it is a fabulous idea for the country to permit any of the billions of people in the world to enter the U.S.A., illegally... And, further, these people believe that anyone who opposes the idea is a racist (there again is that pesky, pestiferous word)... Seriously, those who believe in unlimited illegal immigration should exercise more commonsense, and use even simple analytical skills to figure out that the American tax payer cannot support and the nation cannot absorb all of the people of the world.

Comments/suggestions to: honnod1@yahoo.com

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- 1. Type of tide
5. Sin over tan
8. Schooner pole
12. Part of temple floor plan
13. Made a basket
14. *Main artery in the body
15. *-carotene
16. Swear, not curse
17. Reputation-damaging gossip
18. *Physicist of theory of relativity fame
20. Salty drop
21. Turn upside down
22. Mark on Pinterest
23. *Everything around us
26. Porch in ancient Greece
30. Not St. or Blvd.
31. Percussion instrument
34. "Aim High... Fly-Fight-Win" org.

- 35. Walks like Long John Silver
37. "Dog ___ dog"
38. Like TV or phone in 2021
39. Measuring roll
40. Catch in a net
42. Gorilla or orangutan
43. Pull-over parkas
45. *One of B-vitamins
47. Anger
48. Open disrespect
50. Full of excitement
52. *Explanations that can be tested and verified
55. Words to live by
56. Sword handle
57. Large West African republic
59. "Encore!"
60. Unrivaled
61. From a second-hand store
62. Cleopatra's necklace
63. Second solfa syllable, pl.
64. Makes stitches

- DOWN
1. Pick up a perpetrator
2. Dueling weapon in "The Three Musketeers"
3. ___ Spumante
4. Treat for Dumbo
5. Witches' get-together
6. Egg-shaped
7. Made with stitches
8. *Product of mass and velocity of an object
9. *Equals length times width
10. *Alpha Centauri A., e.g.
11. Toni Morrison's " ___ Baby"
13. Like rheumy eyes
14. On the move
19. Four-eyes' gear
22. Short for "politician"
23. Tiny European republic
24. Type of flu
25. Moderato, e.g.
26. Toupée spot

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- 27. *Scientist Newton
28. *Wrist bones
29. More than occasional
32. Department store department
33. "Pow!"
36. *Mendelev's ___ table
38. Bake, as in eggs
40. Make bigger
41. Persnickety
44. *Ar, inert gas
46. Bad blood
48. Use a shoe polish
49. *Smallest units of life
50. Jason's ship
51. Wheel inside old clock
52. God of thunder
53. Alleviate
54. Boatload
55. Tom of "Tom and Jerry"
58. Dog tags

LA County Residents Can Soon Access Funeral Expense Relief from FEMA

Beginning in early April, Los Angeles County residents will be able to apply for financial help for funeral expenses through FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, LA County residents must meet all of these FEMA established conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or a qualified non-citizen who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There are no residential or legal status requirements pertaining to the deceased person.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to prepare to apply for FEMA funeral relief by gathering documentation that will be needed, such as:

- An official death certificate

that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

Funeral expenses documents such as receipts and funeral home contracts that include the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.

Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. FEMA will not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies,

or other sources.

Applicants may apply for multiple deceased individuals. If multiple persons helped pay for funeral expenses for one individual, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicants. FEMA's financial assistance is limited to a maximum amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

In the coming weeks, FEMA will be establishing a toll-free telephone number to assist applicants with their submissions, but in the meantime, the County of Los Angeles encourages eligible applicants to visit FEMA.gov for additional information.

Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExaminer@aol.com. We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.

White's Funeral Home advertisement with logo and contact information: 404 E. Foothill Bl., Azusa, CA 91702 (626) 334-2921

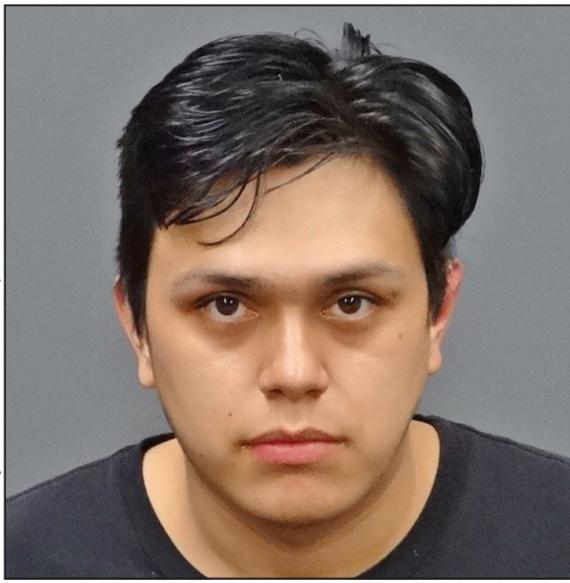
Bicyclist Killed, Hit and Run Arrest Made

By George Ogden
IRVINDALE/WEST COVINA - On Saturday morning, March 27, 2021, at about 1:41 A.M., Irwindale police officers responded to the report of a bicyclist down in the eastbound lanes of Huntington Drive at the San Gabriel River Bridge in the city of Irwindale (2900 Block of Huntington Drive).

On arrival, officers located a non-responsive female adult in the roadway with significant traumatic injuries. Paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department arrived and pronounced the female deceased at the scene.

Based on witness statements and evidence found at the scene, it was evident the victim had been struck by a vehicle going east-bound on Huntington Drive, which fled the scene after the collision.

A short time later, officers from the West Covina Police Department stopped a vehicle in the area of Francisquito and Sunset Avenue in the city of West Covina. During the course of their investigation, they discovered evidence connecting the vehicle to the fatal hit and run traffic collision in the city of



Adrian Ortega of La Puente arrested for Hit and Run.

Irwindale. Irwindale Police Officers went to the scene in West Covina and assumed the investigation. As a result, the driver, 21-year-old Adrian Ortega of La Puente, was arrested without incident.

Ortega was booked at the West Covina City Jail on felony vehicular manslaughter, felony drunk driving and felony hit-and-run charges. He remains in cus-

tody on \$100,000.00 bail.

The woman will not be unidentified until the next of kin is notified.

This remains an active investigation and Police are asking anyone who may have witnessed this traffic collision or who may have information about the crime to contact the Irwindale Police Department Detective Bureau at (626) 430-2245.

Man Beats Elderly People, Kills a 70-Year-Old Lady

By George Ogden
BALDWIN PARK - On Wednesday evening around 9:40 pm, the Baldwin Park Police responded to the 3400 block Mangum Street of a call of a man attacking elderly people with a log. The suspect, Giovanni Rivera, 27 who was a resident at a duplex owned by his mother had knocked out some windows of the house. He lives in the back part of the house while renters live in the front part of the house.

The incident started when the suspect vandalized the windows of the house. The suspect's mother headed over, accompanied by her 70-year-old friend and a couple of family members, according to police.

When they all arrived, they were attacked by Rivera. He was attacking and beating them with a two-foot log. He beat his mother and the 70-year-old woman who tried to protect his mother. The other couple who were family members were also attacked when they tried to intervene and prevent the attack on the others. They had no choice but to retreat, however, the 70-year-old lady fell in the front yard where Rivera rushed over to her and stood over her and continued to bash



Giovanni Rivera arrest for beating to death 70-year-old woman.

her head in with the log. When police arrived, Rivera retreated to the back of the house where he barricaded himself from police. The Sheriff's Department was called to assist and they showed up with their SEB SWAT unit (Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau).

SEB used tear gas, entered the home with a police dog and arrested the suspect with the aid of the K-9.

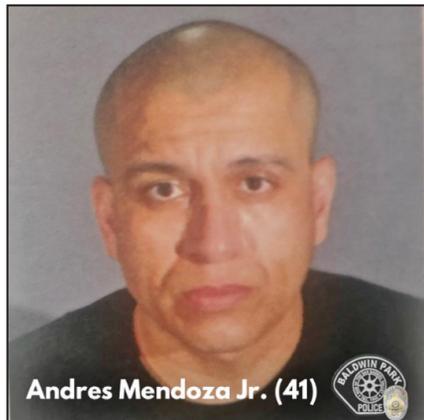
The unidentified 70-year-old lady was pronounced dead at the scene. She was a longtime

friend of the suspect's mother. The mother and the other two victims were transported to the hospital.

Deputies also took Rivera to a hospital because the dog bit him. He was booked shortly after 3:30 a.m. on Thursday at Baldwin Park jail. He is being held at the Inmate Reception Center in Los Angeles. Bail set at \$2,000,000.

At this time, there is no indication what provoked the attacks or the vandalism. This incident is still under investigation.

Felon In Possession Of A Firearm Arrested in Baldwin Park



Andres Mendoza Jr. from El Monte



Loaded silver-colored revolver recovered from the suspect's vehicle.

BALDWIN PARK - On Monday, March 22, Baldwin Park Police Officers responded to the Chevron gas station located at 3160 Baldwin Park

Boulevard regarding a man in a parked vehicle holding a gun. Arriving officers contacted the suspect who is a self-proclaimed gang member from a

neighboring city exiting the parked vehicle. A search of the vehicle he was observed exiting from revealed a loaded silver-colored revolver handgun. A records search of the suspect revealed he was currently on active parole for assault with a deadly weapon.

The suspect, Andres Mendoza Jr. (41 yrs old) from El Monte was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm amongst other felony weapons violations.



Spring and Summer Drive-In Bingo's!

ARCADIA - Feeling cooped up in the house? Come out and join us as we safely play Drive-In Bingo at the Community Center in the parking lot - 365 Campus Drive. The cost is \$5 to play, and each participant will be given five (5) game cards for a chance to win gift card prizes. All participants must register prior to the event, be in the same household if

they are sharing a vehicle, and must wear face coverings. The 50+ Drive-In Bingo Events will be held on Friday, April 2 and Friday, June 11 from 10-11:30am, and you can register now!

Please register online at ArcadiaCA.gov/Recreation or contact the Community Center at 626.574.5130. BIN-GO!!!



SEB SWAT operation for a barricaded homicide suspect in the city of Baldwin Park.

Do You Need Financial Help With Paying Utility Bills?

ARCADIA - Do you, or someone you know need financial assistance to stay afloat? Now, more than ever, many are struggling to pay their bills and stay in their homes. The

City of Arcadia received a grant for Homeless Prevention and Diversion. The City of Arcadia is partnering with Union Station Homeless Services to initiate and facilitate problem solving conversations with clients in order to identify actions needed to either ensure they remain in housing or move them quickly into housing. Union Station will determine the client's eligibility for the program.

This program is targeted towards individuals at-risk of becoming homeless or those who are recently homeless. Poten-

tial outcomes based on problem solving conversations would include resolving conflicts with roommates, providing short-term rental assistance to prevent eviction, and helping a client reunite with family members. This grant can also pay for electric and other bills, credit checks, and housing application fees, in order to prevent homelessness.

This program is only available for Arcadia residents. For more information, please contact Erik Deurmeier at Union Station Homeless Services at 626.734.3971,

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All activities are in alignment with LA County Covid-19 Guidelines.

California Tax Deadline Extended; Federal Date Also Pushed to May 17

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days.

"This continues to be a tough time for many people, and the IRS wants to continue to do everything possible to help taxpayers navigate the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic, while also working on important tax administration responsibilities," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Even with the new deadline, we urge taxpayers to consider filing as soon as possible, especially those who are owed refunds. Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds, and it can help some taxpayers more quickly receive any remaining



stimulus payments they may be entitled to."

Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies

to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request a filing extension until Oct. 15 by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Filing Form 4868 gives taxpayers until October 15 to file their 2020 tax return but does not grant an extension of time to pay taxes due. Taxpayers should pay their federal income tax due by May 17, 2021, to avoid interest and penalties.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds associated with e-filed returns are issued within 21 days.

This relief does not apply to estimated tax payments that are due on April 15, 2021. These payments are still due on April 15. Taxes must be paid as taxpayers earn or receive income during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. In general, estimated tax payments are made quarterly to the IRS by people whose income isn't subject to income tax withholding, including self-employment income, interest, dividends, alimony or rental income. Most taxpayers automatically have their taxes withheld from their paychecks and submitted to the IRS by their employer.

The federal tax filing deadline postponement to May 17, 2021, only applies to individual federal income returns and tax (including tax on self-employment income) payments otherwise due April 15, 2021, not state tax payments or deposits or payments of any other type of federal tax.

The California Franchise Tax Board extended the deadlines for individual taxpayers to file their 2020 income tax returns and pay their 2020 taxes from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. 2020 income returns filed on or before May 17 will be considered timely, and no interest or penalties will accrue on account of 2020 income tax payments made by May 17.

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in America's Classrooms



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While the rollout of the vaccine has been a relief for the nation's teachers, many of whom have been working in-person on and off since the start of the pandemic, the reality is that not everyone will get the vaccine. What's more, being in the school building all day with children who are not yet approved for immunization leaves many educators and school staff vulnerable to COVID-19, no matter how many precautions they take while off the clock.

But there's good news: new scientific breakthroughs are helping make schools safer by protecting surfaces for far longer than routine cleaning, which does so only momentarily.

The Problem

Human coronaviruses can persist on inanimate surfaces such as plastic, glass, fibers and metals for up to nine days, according to the National Institutes of Health. While routine cleaning and disinfection help, they leave surfaces immediately vulnerable to recontamination, particularly in highly trafficked areas like break rooms, desks, lockers, and especially school and classroom entrances. Traditional disinfectants alone can't guarantee full coverage, protect for long periods, or even prevent recontamination. On top of that, the burden of constantly reapplying momentary disinfectants throughout the day has largely fallen on teachers, many of whom are paying for cleaning supplies out of their own paychecks.

A New Solution

In keeping America's teachers safe, standard cleaning methods alone can only do so much. A new EPA-approved product, however, when used as directed, offers continuous protection from COVID-19 with a single application, making school safety more reliable and efficient. The product, SurfaceWise2, was developed by biotechnology company Allied BioScience, which has a mission of reducing the footprint of global infection caused by the transmission of microorganisms encountered in daily life.

"The pandemic has put more responsibilities on schools than ever before, and our teachers are stretched thin," says Jess Hilton, chief marketing officer, Allied

BioScience. "Providing additional safety measures for this sometimes overlooked frontline worker group is critical."

As leading infectious disease expert Dr. Charles P. Gerba explains, schools have always been a major germ transfer zone, and the pandemic has only elevated this health and safety risk.

"The average child touches their face about 40 to 50 times per hour," says Dr. Gerba. "Having a reliable way to protect surfaces for long periods of time is essential."

Independent lab studies conducted by Dr. Gerba found SurfaceWise2 to be effective against Human Coronavirus 229E, the EPA-approved surrogate, demonstrating the ability to successfully protect against COVID-19. Coated surfaces were found to reduce the concen-

tration of these viruses by greater than 99.9% within two hours of contact.

SurfaceWise2 has undergone rigorous reviews and extensive safety testing, carrying the lowest possible EPA toxicity rating making it safe to use in enclosed spaces, which is critical as teachers must work inside the classroom. The coating is non-toxic, non-irritating, and contains no chemicals that produce harmful vapors or gases. To learn more, visit www.surfacewise.com.

"Alongside precautions like mask-wearing and social distancing, effective long-term coatings to protect surfaces can allow schools to better keep their teachers safe, and help make the choice between safety and livability a little easier for America's educators," says Hilton. (StatePoint)

Eggstravaganza Drive-Thru Easter Egg Hunt



GLENDORA - Take your family on a driving adventure this Easter and join your neighbors on a city-wide Easter Egg Hunt! Pick up fun Easter treats at each stop! (while supplies last).

April 3rd from 9am - 1pm
Visit Yourcitysafari.com to download the map. And don't forget to post your pictures on social media with #GlendoraEasterEggHunt. This event is co-Sponsored by the Glendora Kiwanis Club.

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