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117-unit assisted living and memory care facility to provide extensive amenities, 24-hour care



Artist rendering of the exterior of the Clearwater Senior Living Community

GLENDORA – R.D. Olson Construction, an award-winning general contracting firm in California, announced the groundbreaking of Vistas at Glendora, a Clearwater Senior Living project, which is a 117-unit, 107,980-square-foot assisted living and memory care facility in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County. Construction is expected to complete Fall 2022.

The senior living community will be comprised of 88 assisted living units and 29 memory care units, offering specialized care for people living with Alzheimer's or another form of memory impairment. Residents will have the option of single or double occupancy rooms, with studios, one- and two-bedroom room layouts available. Twenty-four-hour care and concierge services will be available for all residents.

"There is a significant shortage of senior living facilities in

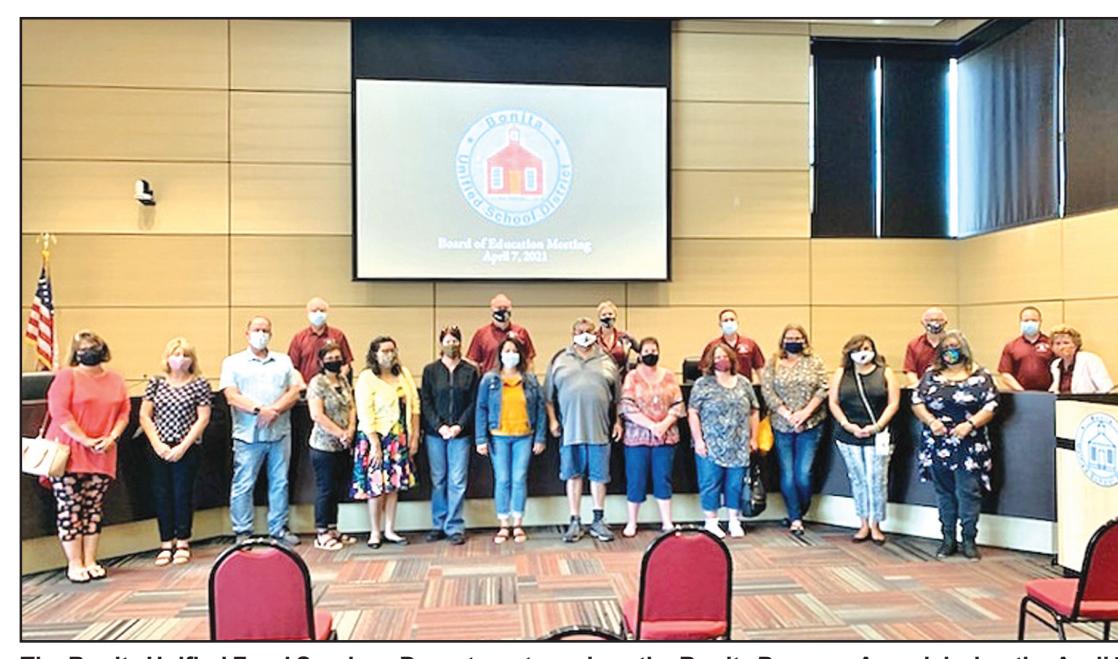
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– Bonita Unified School District presented members of its Food Services Department with the Purpose Award during a recent Board of Education meeting, celebrating their exemplary commitment to students and families throughout the pandemic.

The Bonita Unified Food Services team has provided its community with more than 750,000 free meals via curbside pick-up since the closure of schools in March 2020. On average, the District serves more than 1,700 breakfast and lunch meals daily.

"The District has been so supportive of us and our efforts since the very beginning, and it feels good to know that they know just how hard we have all been working to ensure that our kids receive free meals," said Kim Castellano, a Food Services team member of more than 11 years.

Susan Hume, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, said the District was committed to providing free meals to the community when campuses closed, whether or not the costs would be covered by the federal government, because it was the right thing to do. The BUSD Food Services



The Bonita Unified Food Services Department receives the Bonita Purpose Award during the April 7 Board Meeting for exemplary conduct, adaptability and commitment to students during the pandemic.

team adapted quickly to create a curbside pick-up system that would safely provide meals to students in a consistent way.

As local and state public health officials recommended that schools remain closed through the fall semester, the federal government extended the waiver that would ensure schools would be reimbursed for all free meals provided.

"This award is about thanking our staff for the incredible adaptability, perseverance and care they have shown during these challenging times, and how much we all appreciate their hard work and willingness to show up every day for our students," Bonita Unified Board of Education President Chuck Coyne said. "Thank you to the BUSD Food Services Department for your unwavering commitment to our school community."

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Operating out of five locations throughout the District, the Food Services team provides the community with consistency in a time fraught with so much uncertainty."

venient curbside pick-up from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Central Kitchen, Lone Hill Middle School and La Verne Heights, Roynon and Ekstrand Elementary Schools. Local partners frequently donate food, lunches and care packages for the BUSD staff to hand out to families.

"Bonita Unified School District's core values are equity, mastery and a focus on results, and every single member of the Food Services Department embodies these values in way or another," Bonita Unified Superintendent Carl Coles said.

"Our teams do more than simply hand out meals; they connect with our students, parents and families, providing them with consistency in a time fraught with so much uncertainty."

Glendora Woman's Club Supports Shepherd's Pantry

By Joan Halliday

GLENDORA – One of the Glendora Woman's Club's ongoing service projects is the support of Shepherd's Pantry. The Club is proud to have been supporting this Food Bank for over 10 years. The motto of Shepherd's Pantry is "hope and a helping hand" said woman's club President Chris Ohrmund. The Pantry is located at 657 East Arrow Highway in Glendora.

Since the beginning of their support, woman's club members and friends have been donating non-perishable food items at the club's monthly meetings. The food is to help families and individuals in the area who are in need, said Gloria Liddle, Project Chair. After the club meetings, Mrs. Liddle then delivers the donated food items to Shepherd's Pantry.

For more information about the Glendora Woman's Club, whose theme during 2020 - 2021 is "Look to the Rainbow", call 909-598-0554.



Glendora Woman's Club member Gloria Liddle, Project Chair for Shepherd's Pantry, is shown at a woman's club meeting with a display of donated food items which will be donated to Shepherd's Pantry.

Duarte Collaborating with Local Business to Prevent Catalytic Converter Theft

DUARTE – With catalytic converter thefts on the rise nationwide, the City of Duarte Public Safety Department is taking measures to protect residents' property. Through a partnership with the Duarte Public Safety Office, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Mountain View Tire & Auto Service, residents can now get their catalytic converters engraved with their license plate numbers for free, so law enforcement will have the needed information to identify the stolen property, contact victims, and apprehend/prosecute criminals.

Duarte has not been untouched by catalytic converter theft. Thieves want these items so they can sell the precious metals for quick cash. They are easy to remove from a vehicle's exhaust system and there are no identifiable markings for law enforcement to return the stolen property to the rightful



Mountain View Tire & Auto Service is located at the Target Shopping Center - 1090 Huntington Drive, Duarte.

owner," stated Duarte Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos. "Mountain View Tire & Auto Service's store manager, Mark Gutierrez, has generously offered to assist residents in safeguarding their property and, hopefully, reducing the number of catalytic converters being stolen."

To have your catalytic converter engraved free of charge, contact Mountain View Tire &

Auto Service (Target Shopping Center - 1090 Huntington Drive) to make an appointment at (626) 358-2591.



Napolitano Introduces The Mental Health for Latinos Act

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Grace F. Napolitano introduced H.R. 2529, the Mental Health for Latinos Act, directing the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop and implement an outreach and education strategy to promote behavioral and mental health among Hispanic and Latino populations.

"Despite the strides we have made, machismo, other cultural tendencies, and disparities within our healthcare system are still preventing members of the Latino community from receiving life-saving mental health services," Napolitano said. "These barriers to care, which existed long before COVID, are causing too many to suffer in silence, and this must change. The Mental Health for Latinos Act boosts our continued efforts to reduce stigma and promote mental wellness, while meeting the diverse needs of Hispanic and Latino populations across the country. As our nation confronts an unfolding mental health crisis due to the

pandemic, our critical legislation reinforces the timeless message that there is zero shame in asking for help and that seeking support is a sign of strength."

H.R. 2529 outlines a strategy which must be designed to:

- Provide information on evidence-based practices, interventions, and treatments that are culturally and linguistically appropriate;

• Increase awareness of symptoms of mental illnesses common among such populations, taking into account differences within subgroups, such as gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, or ethnicity;

• Ensure full participation of both consumers and community members in the development and implementation of materials;

• Meet the diverse cultural and language needs of the various Latino and Hispanic populations;

• Address the impact of the

SARS-CoV-2 pandemic on the mental and behavioral health of the Latino and Hispanic populations.

Napolitano, the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, has coauthored legislation in past Congresses introduced by Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27), to reduce stigma among Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander populations. She also works closely with fellow mental health champion and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus' Youth Suicide and Mental Health Task Force, Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), to raise awareness and identify solutions to address the issue of Black youth suicide and mental health.

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

L.A. County Test Positivity Rate Hits Record Low as Vaccinations Increase

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Testing results are available for nearly 6,272,000 individuals with 18% of people testing positive. April 16's test positivity rate is 1%, the lowest test positivity rate since the beginning of the pandemic. The test positivity rate peaked over 20% in late-December during the surge.

Nearly 5,400,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people across Los Angeles County. Of these, nearly 3,500,000 were first doses and more than 1,900,000 were second doses. As of April 9, 71% of L.A. County residents 65 and older received at least one dose of the vaccine. In total, 41% of the County's population 16 and older have received at least one dose of vaccine.

Los Angeles County expanded the number of sites offering

vaccination services across the county from 566 locations the previous week to 709 vaccination sites across the county last week; 266 sites are in the hardest hit communities. Vaccination sites across the county had capacity to administer nearly 734,000 doses last week. Last week, 323,470 total doses were allocated to Los Angeles County.

This week, Public Health is expecting to receive approximately 362,000 vaccine doses; an increase of nearly 39,000 doses from this week. Approximately 68% of this week's vaccine supply will be for first doses and 32% for second doses. Of the 362,000 doses of vaccine the County expects to receive this week, 73% of doses will go to sites located in the most vulnerable communities.

Additional doses will be allocated directly from federal partners and the state to pharmacies, health clinics, FEMA sites, and multi-county entities. Together, Public Health estimates over 600,000 doses of vaccine will be allocated to vaccination sites across the county this week.

Everyone living or working in L.A. County 16 and older is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. To learn how to make an appointment, what verifications patients 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.

LA County's \$36.2 Billion Recommended Budget Unveiled

"Better Than Before" Spending Plan Focuses on Equity and Safety Net Services; No Layoffs Proposed

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County's \$36.2 billion Recommended Budget, focused on expanding and sustaining extensive safety net services, will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 20 by Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport.

The spending blueprint, the first step in the annual budget process, is built on the leaner baseline and extensive cuts established in the 2020-21 budget cycle and does not propose any layoffs or furloughs.

The Recommended Budget is intended to provide the Board with a dynamic spending plan that funds key priorities and keeps service levels strong, while also ensuring the flexibility to respond to the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

"The pandemic has exposed and increased the gap between the haves and have-nots in Los Angeles County," Davenport said. "This budget seeks to address that by expanding safety net services to the most vulnerable, while also supporting the County's equity-focused programs and initiatives as we move toward recovery. Our goal is to make Los Angeles County a more just and equitable place for all our residents—by not just rebuilding, but actually becoming better than before."

Key investments include:

- Combating and preventing homelessness with an additional \$16.6 million to fund Measure H strategies, for a total of \$426.7 million. Proposed focus areas include increasing and sustaining the supply of interim housing beds and motel vouchers; streamlining the bed reservation system for interim housing; and increased funding for Permanent Supportive Housing services.

- Addressing COVID-19's parallel crisis in mental health by adding \$9.8 million and 300 positions to the Promotores de Salud Mental Health Program—nearly quadrupling staffing for this vital community-based outreach and education program.

- Adding \$29.9 million to expand mental health crisis and intervention services—corresponding to a sharp increase in need during the pandemic, including a 30% spike in calls to the Department of Mental Health Helpline.

Setting aside a \$100 million "down payment" for the first year in the three-year ramp-up to fund direct community investments and alternatives to incarceration under Measure J. The "care first, jails last" initiative,

approved by voters last November, will be fully implemented by June 30, 2024, as specified in the measure. This \$100 million investment is the largest single allocation for a new program in the Recommended Budget.

The Recommended Budget reflects a decrease of \$2.1 billion over the previous year, primarily due to the end of one-time funding from sources including the federal CARES Act. (An in-depth look at the County's \$1.22 billion in CARES Act allocations and outcomes is here.)

The Recommended Budget to be presented to the Board on Tuesday, April 20, is expected to evolve and include additional detail about programs and available funding in the months ahead. For example, the County anticipates receiving \$1.9 billion in American Rescue Act funding, with the first installment expected to arrive in May. The Chief Executive Office is currently working with the Board of Supervisors on recommended allocations in the following proposed areas:

- Health: Sustained COVID-19 response prioritizing the most heavily impacted.

- Economic Recovery: Building an equity-focused bridge to recovery.

- Equity Investments: Systemic and infrastructure improvements to build a County that is "better than before."

- Sustainability & Preparedness: Supporting our fiscal future by restoring losses and preparing for the next emergency.

The Recommended Budget is the first step in the County's months-long budget cycle, which moves next to public hearings in May, followed by what are known as "Final Changes" budget deliberations in June. The process concludes with adoption of the Supplemental Budget in October.

Hypertension and Diabetes are Most Common Underlying Health Conditions in COVID-19 Deaths

Vaccination Eligibility Expands to Residents 16 and Over

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From August 2020 through January 2021, 87% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 had at least one underlying health condition, or comorbidity. The most common comorbidity was cardiovascular disease, which includes high blood pressure, and was noted for 66% of the people hospitalized for COVID-19. Forty-two percent of hospitalized people had diabetes, and 36% had obesity.

Underlying conditions are strongly associated with deaths due to COVID-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 85% of people who died as a result of COVID-19 infection had an underlying condition. The most common condition was high blood pressure or hypertension, which was an underlying condition for 52% of those who died. Forty-one percent of those who died had diabetes, 26% had cardiovascular disease other than hypertension, 21% had neurologic disease, and 16% had chronic renal disease.

People who live with chronic illnesses suffer the worst outcomes of COVID-19 infection. These numbers should remind us of the importance of ensuring equitable access to preventive healthcare and the other resources that reduce people's vulnerability to this virus. If you have serious underlying health conditions, talk with your healthcare provider if you have concerns about getting vaccinated. Because chronic diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity so dramatically increase the risk of getting severely ill or dying with COVID-19 infection, vaccination is particularly important for people living with these conditions.

Public Health released several protocols to help the people of Los Angeles begin to enjoy additional opportunities for shared activities. These include guidance on reopening indoor seated live events and performances; guidance on safety modifications required for private events, meetings, and conferences; and relaxed rules for informal gatherings. The protocols provide guidance on distancing, masking, infection control, and capacity requirements needed to minimize risk while gathering or attending events with those not members of our household.

Public Health continues to identify variant cases in Los Angeles County. The two most commonly circulating variants of concern in L.A. County have been the UK (B.1.1.7) and California (B.1.427/429) variants. Of the 40 specimens analyzed by the L.A. County Public Health Laboratory in the past week, 55% were the UK variant and 28% were the California variant. The Public Health Laboratory also detected the three Brazil (P.1) variants last week. Although these are the first confirmed Brazil variant cases in LA County, it is likely there are other undetected cases of this variant circulating in our region.

Since January 2021, when healthcare workers began to be vaccinated, their cases declined sharply. During the last week of December, there were over 1,900 new cases of COVID-19 among healthcare workers. In the

past three weeks, there have been 50 or fewer new cases across the entire county each week. These are the lowest numbers of weekly cases among healthcare workers that seen in this pandemic.

Tragically, 256 healthcare workers have passed away from COVID-19, and we mourn the loss of these heroes. At the peak of the surge, the week of January 3, 2021, 24 healthcare workers passed away. In the past month, six healthcare workers have died from COVID-19.

Starting April 15, vaccine eligibility expanded to anyone living or working in L.A. County 16 and older. To date, about 1.5 million residents between 16 and 49 have received at least one dose of the vaccine, which means 3.5 million residents in this group still need to be vaccinated.

To learn how to make an appointment, what verifications you will need to show at your vaccination appointment, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, 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.

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Free Catalytic Converter Etching Service

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Ethnic Studies: Education or Indoctrination

California Board of Education (CBOE) approved guidelines for ethnic studies courses in high schools defending the need because "researchers say [this course] can improve graduation and college-going rates among all students and especially teens of color. The Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum is aimed at empowering students by illuminating the often-untold struggles and contributions of Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, and Asian Americans in California." This is the first statewide model in the nation.

This four-year effort to make ethnic studies mandatory has been unsuccessful. Former Gov. Brown signed AB 2016 authorizing curriculum development even though the Senate analysis of that bill concluded it was unnecessary and redundant because the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) was revising the History-Social Science Framework, including ethnic studies courses.

Forward to March 2020, the San Francisco Chronicle reported in the most ethnically diverse state with 92 languages spoken, the IQC had come out with a draft model curriculum focusing on "four core groups" -- African, Asian, Mexican/Latino and Native Americans. The draft "sharply diverged from the politically neutral AB 2016 [to] partisan political agendas and activism - for instance equating capitalism with racism, lionizing 'revolutionary' warriors, and advocating for student engagement in 'tactics of resistance' and 'direct action' such as protests against police brutality and anti-Israel boycotts."

September 2020, Assemblyman Jose Medina (D-Riverside) presented AB 331 making ethnic studies a requirement for high school graduation by 2024-25. After a review of the curriculum, it got parked in the Appropriations suspense file with Anthony Portantino (D-Glendora) agreeing to several conditions:

- Charter schools were exempted from the requirements;
- Implementation date was extended to 2030;



Shade's Perspective

Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

- And, would "become operative only upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature."

We now have AB 101, again by Assemblyman Medina introduced in December 2020, and now being heard in Appropriations. A quick summary:

"Requires students in the graduating class of 2029-30, to complete a one semester course in ethnic studies in order to receive a high school diploma. Requires, commencing with the 2025-26 school year, local educational agencies and charter schools offer at least a one-semester course in ethnic studies."

Local school boards have several options to implement ethnic studies at their schools with credits toward graduation:

- an ethnic study course adopted by the CBOE;
- any ethnics study course;
- a course meeting the California University A-G requirements;
- or, a locally developed course.

What Medina's AB 101 has given us is a desperate manipulation to pass mandatory ethnic studies legislation in any form to be delivered in any uncoordinated fashion, without state approval, and leaving students with a semester of something unnecessary that should be in a comprehensive civics or history class.

Medina still needs funding and Governor's signature for this course, and Gov. Newsom's remarks included:

"This bill... would require ethnic studies to be taught in high school at a time when there is

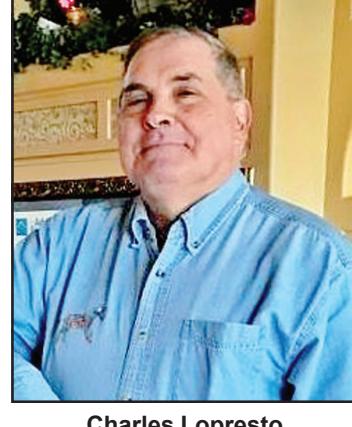
much uncertainty about the appropriate K-12 model curriculum for ethnic studies. I have been closely monitoring the progress of the development of the K-12 ethnic studies model curriculum. Last year, I expressed concern the initial draft of the model curriculum was insufficiently balanced and inclusive and needed to be substantially amended. In my opinion, the latest draft, which is currently out for review, still needs revision."

April 15th edition of Epoch Times reported, "Teachers in ... Santa Clara county were reportedly instructed last year to hide from students' parents their 'ethnic studies' teaching materials, which describe the United States as a settler colonialist regime responsible for genocide and white supremacy ... training for teachers ... according to slides obtained by City Journal reporter Christopher Rufo ... began with a 'land acknowledgment' claiming the county and its public schools are all built on land illegitimately taken away from Native American occupants."

Dr. Shirley Weber, former assembly member (D-San Diego) appointed as Secretary of State and Africana Studies professor emeritus, was involved with IQC and creating the model curriculum. She was also author of AB 3121 establishing a committee to study reparations for African Americans; AB 931 to raise the "legal force standards from 'objectively reasonable' to 'necessary'" putting law enforcement officers at higher risk; and, AB 2466, with then-Senator, now L.A. County Supervisor, Holly Mitchell, to restore voting rights for felons not in prison or on probation giving us 50,000 new voters, many from county jails per AB 109, the 2016 realignment bill.

Webber's platform matches the Biden Harris Administration's promise to establish a national commission to study reparations, slavery, Jim Crow segregation and discriminatory federal policies including education.

MY TURN: Faux Courage



Charles Lopresto

Bill Maher is one person that most Conservatives can't stand because of his views. But he is worth listening to or being allowed to have us listen to because, unlike the "cancel culture" idea, speech we don't agree with is still important to allow being expressed. And every so often Maher comes out with little gem we can all agree with or at least say, "yeah, why not?"

Bill Maher posed a question a few months back. "Why don't Liberals go on Fox? They complain about what is said on that network so why don't they go there and tell THEM?" And many top Democrats including Kamala Harris, President Biden and others will not go there. Or go to Newsmax, Mark Levin, Sean Hannity, OAN, The Blaze, you name it. President Biden didn't even want to have a Presidential debate on Fox. He will "face" Kimmel but not Tucker.

The point of this is simple. Democrat headliners talk to Liberal outlets only and then will say something they think is controversial, when it is really just fodder for the people that watch those shows and hear the broadcasts that are the Democrat comfort zones. And other supporting Democrats will say "how brave that was to talk truth to power."

As Democrats begin to "rev up" their activities in gun control legislation and hope to confiscate guns, they always like

to proudly say that President Biden is courageous as he stands up to the National Rifle Association. Leave it to the Democrats, and only the Democrats to continue this idea that the NRA is an enemy of the people, hence President Biden's "pushback," or his "brave stand." Remind us all how they are enemy and must be vanquished. Enemy?

No, they are not.

They are a legitimate organization with few, if any, members committing any of this gun violence we hear about on the news. Investigations usually make that clear when the facts are revealed. The organization is not embraced by the people actually committing the crimes and bringing the street violence. The NRA is a legitimate organization that advocates gun safety and classes for proper firearm care and usage. And they have been doing that since 1872 when the organization was founded.

Some of the bluest cities with the most restrictive gun laws,

like Chicago, have some of the worst records of violence rather than the more gun friendly areas.

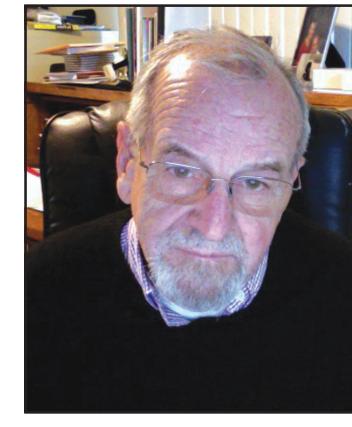
If the brave and courageous President Joe Biden wanted to be tough in his efforts to "stand up" against groups, there are much better organizations to attack. Planned Parenthood, a Democrat mainstay of support, is still committing abortions with late term abortions as well, at a still alarming and disgusting rate. You could go after that, Joe. Or the teachers' unions which are killing public schools before our very eyes and harming children in ways far beyond the covid concerns they rely so much on for an excuse to stay shut down. And then there is Biden's own party with a radical fringe that is pushing socialism, even Marxism, open borders, anti-Semitism, rampant crime and anarchy. They attack our Constitution on a daily basis and want to end the filibuster and pack the courts, and no one disputes it in their own party. Least of all, the brave and courageous President Biden. But if he won't stand up to Conservative and unscreened reporters, how can we expect him to stand up to his own party?

The bravest thing Joe Biden could do would be to just tell his own party to quit obsessing on Trump and move ahead with things more constructive. Or, Joe, you could just start by appearing on Bill Maher.

Why Are They Hungry?

A few weeks ago I published a column about the death penalty. As often happens, a side remark got inserted that had nothing to do with the column. My daughter, Beth, is a nurse in New Orleans whose vocation is serving older people. Here was her response to that column:

"Although it isn't really this column's focus, I think you said one of the most profound things ever in this simple statement: While we are called to offer food to those who are hungry, we must also ask why are they hungry? (Beth continues:) "In a smaller focus (meaning my personal life), why are so many people in a first world country hungry? Why are there hungry people within a 5 minute drive of my home (and I'm not talking about the billion panhandlers on every single corner of this city; that's a different conversation), but families? Why are they hungry? Twenty-six schools in New Orleans fed the children breakfast, lunch and dinner and on Fridays sent them home with 4 meals. Due to Covid that lifeline has been eliminated. The school kitchens are still open and meals are getting delivered but only one meal a day per student. Why are they hungry? Again, as a white women I beat my chest and do what I can. I make 50 meals a week and then try not to acknowledge a lot of that is white guilt. Ah well. Keep stirring up good trouble and I will continue to be



Charles H. Bayer

the Bean Queen of PigeonTown."

Claremont is a small city of about 37,000 people, many of whom are related to the five colleges, a graduate university and the numerous senior residential communities. It is neither Beverly Hills nor skid row, and most residents live comfortable middle-class lives. Even so, there are the homeless who live in our parks and on our streets. Many mornings on her walk Wendy takes oranges to a man who is thankful for the nutritional supplement.

Los Angeles County reports that it has almost 60,000 homeless men and women. They exist under bridges, in parks or in tents on streets in the inner urban area. Even among the properly housed, hunger is a real concern.

One of the basic obligation of religion is to feed the hungry, and that we do. But why in this prosperous nation are the elderly, children, the unemployed and

migrants malnourished? How can the United States claim to be the finest most benevolent nation in the world when hunger stalks our city streets and rural communities? One often hears conservatives complain that if someone is hungry it is his/her own fault. That response is the opposite of the religious piety that holds that if anyone is hungry, we are all responsible.

David Brooks holds that the essence of religion is to consider every person as sacred. Among other things that must mean organizing society in such a way that no child or adult goes to bed hungry.

Nicolas Kristof observes that liberal Christians are slowly rising from a very dark religion that believes that to be a Christian is to be anti-choice, anti-gay, pro-gun and reduced taxes for the rich." William Barber, head of the poor peoples campaign, calls that "theological malpractice."

Daughter Beth regular takes multiple meals to a community food locker for distribution to those who most need them, but also asks why they are hungry. My guess is that through her church that question will be given wheels. Honest Biblical religion not only asked that question, but then forms alliances with other community structures committed to reorder a society that not only asks the question but also seeks to answer it.

More Democrat Hypocrisy: California's SB 660 and SB 663

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

A new wave of voter suppression may be coming to California authored by a Democrat.

These affronts to your California State Constitutional rights are currently being considered by the Senate of California. Unlike the alleged 'Jim Crow on Steroids' claims of voter suppression in Georgia these draconian bills actually are voter suppression. This latest attack is in the form of Senate Bills SB 660 and SB 663; both authored by California State Senator Josh Newman of Fullerton.

Of historical note: when Newman voted to support the Gas Tax initiative in 2018 he was recalled by his constituents. Newman narrowly won back his seat in the 2020 election.

Senate Bill 660, would specifically prohibit a person from paying money or providing any other thing of value based on the number of signatures obtained on a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition. "Penalties would be severe, with civil penalties costing signature collectors \$50 for each signature gathered under the by-signature pay rate or \$25,000, whichever one is more. It also instructs the Attorney General to get involved in any violations by bringing civil action." (Italics added)

Senator Newman, stated that he believes paying people to collect signatures leads to inflated supporter signatures. He further states that, paying for signatures brings an undue number of petitions, recall or otherwise, to the ballot. The people who gather signatures, for pay, often have no other source of income or use these monies to augment low wages.

SB 663: would provide, to an elected official who is the subject of a recall election, the names and addresses of every voter who signed the petition. The stated reason is to "make sure that those who signed the petitions understood the recall petition they may have signed".

From the bill: "Existing law authorizes a voter who has signed an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to remove their name from the petition by filing a written request to do so with the appropriate elections official prior to the day the petition is filed.

people being threatened by operatives of the subject of the recall.

These two proposed legislations would be nothing short of voter suppression and intimidation.

If this legislation passes it most assuredly would be signed by Governor Newsom as he is the subject of an impending recall initiative.

To combat these bills everyone is urged to contact your state representative and express a desire to see these bills rejected by the California State Senate.

Telephone calls and letters do have an impact on how Representatives vote!

The Representatives here in the local area are:

Senator Susan Rubio

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Senator Josh Newman is aiming to make recall elections almost impossible to bring about in the future. Could it be that Senator Newman is afraid if being recalled again? Perhaps a new recall should be in order.

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Is This the New Mission of Corporate America?

Many of my Wall Street colleagues recently shared concerns about proposed board diversity plans. Differences of opinion between those advocating for greater corporate diversity and those seeing it as an industry quota system have created tensions. Other arguments played out recently in many areas of Corporate America that are increasingly becoming outspoken political forces. Once upon a time the business world sought to maximize profits for shareholders via lobbying or marketing efforts, but their newfound power is developing into some kind of governance system, while many investors appear to be buying into this vision.

Georgia recently made needed improvements in its voting security laws, including new ID requirements for absentee voters, shortened absentee voting, guaranteed (but limited) drop boxes, expanded early voting and bans on handouts for people waiting in line to vote. GOP lawmakers said the bill was necessary to restore election confidence, but Democrats feel the measure will restrict voting rights, and some have exaggerated this by calling it "Jim Crow 2.0". Soon after the decision MLB announced it would no longer hold the 2021 All-Star Game in Atlanta, and other corporations were quick to jump on board. Dozens of executives have come out to blast the new law, including leaders at Apple, American Express, Coca-Cola, Delta, Merck and Microsoft.

While corporations have long sought to influence policies that directly impact their business, recent trends suggest CEOs are now injecting themselves into political debates or activism that

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What's up in the Economy?



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could indirectly affect their bottom line. In an age of cancel culture, where ideas are carried on social media within minutes, someone may have to warn these overreacting entities of potential risks and consequences of picking sides. This political activism looks very risky! I have always thought CEOs owed their focus, concerns and communicated sensitivities to the bottom line of their representative corporations.

Switching to a happier subject, April has been the best market month (by far) over the last 50 years, #2 over the last 20 years, and #3 over the last century. The market, after its consolidation, looks very positive, especially with anticipated corporate earnings coming out shortly. The first quarter of 2021 closed with the Dow leading the major market indexes (for a change) being up 7.76%, vs. +5.77% for the S&P 500 and a tepid +2.78% for the Nasdaq composite. In fact, the Dow beat Nasdaq by the widest margin in any quarter in the last 15 years - since 2006. That's quite a shift from 2020.

Since 1983 April's gains have been steady. But for the last 10 years there has been an early dip first, then a mid-month plateau, with most gains coming in the last 8-to-10 days. In the last 10 years, Bespoke says, April has

risen nine of 10 times, with average gains of +2.34%. Looking beyond April, the old saying says "Sell in May and Go Away", but that rule hasn't held true in recent years. It could ring especially hollow this year assuming we emerge from most Covid-19 lockdowns.

Economists now estimate that the U.S. economy could grow by 6% to as much as 7% this year, fueled by a massive fiscal stimulus and the continued rollout of vaccines that are expected to have the pandemic significantly under control. That would be the fastest growth rate since 1984, during Reagan's "Morning in America" re-election campaign vs. Walter Mondale. This is no impossible dream, when you consider that a 7% gain would be a rebound from last year's 3.5% contraction.

An unprecedented amount of liquidity has entered the economic system in the last year. Total Covid-19 relief and other government programs total \$5.3 trillion so far. With that much money in hand we're now fueling a manufacturing surge, ready to meet new demand at a time when the pandemic should be winding down. That combination could fuel 6% to 7% GDP growth. Or not, if ongoing critical manufacturing component shortages and open border disruptions continue. Also, how much confidence exists that Washington leadership will not continue to harm the economy with its green new deal decisions?

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I welcome your questions and comments : kenherman46@hotmail.com.

Your Money - Ask Julia

I had to put my mortgage into forbearance a few months ago because I lost my job due to Covid. This has crashed my credit scores. Is there anything I can do?

Contact your lender and each credit bureau. Due to the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act), lenders are not supposed to report a forbearance to the credit bureaus. Also, plan ahead now to meet the terms of repayment according to your forbearance contract. News is reporting that some companies are struggling to find employees because those employees are making more on unemployment than they would by returning to work. This could mean that there's a window of time making it easier to find a job. Once the additional, supplemental unemployment benefits end, this window of opportunity will most likely close.

What do you suggest we do if there's a really bad recession?

For economists and the government to call it a recession, there must be an economic downturn that lasts for two quarters, or six months. We are not there, yet. The good news is that you have some time to prepare. Don't procrastinate. Focus on getting out of debt and saving up for those rainy days. If the recession is joined by inflation, there could be even fewer jobs, everything will cost more, and adjustable rates on credit cards will rise. Adjustable-rate mortgage rates would also rise, but now have built-in limits on the frequency (usually annual) and a cap on the



Julia Yoder

amount of rate increase.

What ages are really important for retirement planning?

At age 59 1/2, as long as certain conditions are met, you can start taking withdrawals from qualified retirement plans and IRAs without incurring a 10% penalty. Since these have been growing tax-deferred, you'll now have to pay ordinary income taxes. At age 62, you could start collecting reduced Social Security benefits. Depending on what year you were born, you could take full Social Security benefits when you reach "full retirement age" (65 for some, 67 for others).

At age 65, you're eligible to enroll in Medicare. (If you want coverage at the earliest possible date, the Social Security Manual suggests enrolling about 2 - 3 months before turning 65.) For those eligible for Social Security, Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance benefits are automatic. There's a monthly premium if you decide you want Medical Part B Insurance benefits. At age 72, you are required to take minimum distributions from most tax-deferred retirement plans if

you want to avoid a 50% penalty on the amount that you should have been withdrawing. The federal government determines your life expectancy, which is what the annual required minimum distribution is based upon.

Our financial advisor talked to us about doing a reverse mortgage so we could fund a deferred annuity. What would you advise?

Change financial advisors! For the protection of seniors, the governing forces of the financial industry insists on a six-month or longer waiting period after a reverse mortgage before discussing investing those funds. The purpose of a reverse mortgage is to increase cash flow, or to fund long-term care.

Are annuities taxed?

With qualified annuities (funded with money you have not paid taxes on yet), withdrawals are fully taxed as ordinary income. With non-qualified annuities (funded with money that you already paid taxes on), only the earnings are taxed upon withdrawal.

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City Of Hope Celebrates Earning One Of Nursing's Highest Honors

DUARTE - City of Hope, a world-renowned independent research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases, and its nursing team have achieved the prestigious Magnet® recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). It is the comprehensive cancer center's first Magnet recognition - one of the highest honors in nursing.

The Magnet recognition is a national acknowledgment of City of Hope's commitment to both outstanding health care delivery and improved patient outcomes. Only 9% of all hospitals nationwide have earned the Magnet recognition, and only 12% of hospitals in California have it.

City of Hope also received six exemplars, or special recognitions, for having a highly educated nursing staff, extraordinary performance in patient satisfaction and superb prevention of surgical harm. These exemplars demonstrate City of Hope's commitment to personalized care and the expert skill of its nurses.

"We are extremely proud of

senior vice president of patient care services. "They have earned this recognition, and I'm thrilled to see them recognized for their selfless efforts on behalf of our patients."

According to ANCC research, Magnet recognition is associated with positive outcomes such as higher patient satisfaction, lower mortality risk and higher job satisfaction among nurses. These outcomes align closely with City of Hope's century-long mission of providing patients with the best possible and most compassionate care.

"Our medical center is built around our patients, and nursing excellence is absolutely vital to successful outcomes for patients and to the success of the organization," said Michael Caliguri, M.D., president of City of Hope National Medical Center and the Deana and Steve Campbell Physician-in-Chief Distinguished Chair. "I am very proud of this recognition of the excellence of our nursing team, and I'm just as pleased about what this means for the patients and families who rely on us every day."

BPACE Offers Free Testing for High School Equivalency Exam

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park's Adult and Community Education (BPACE) program is offering free testing for the high school equivalency exam. The HiSET exam helps adult learners achieve their college and career goals.

Interested participants only need to enroll in a test preparation class at BPACE and complete a 12-hour orientation. During this time, students will learn how to create a HiSET account and take the HiSET pretests.

The high school equivalency (HSE) credential is an alternative to a high school diploma, providing an opportunity for adults who left high school before graduation. Once the test is passed, the state issues a high school equivalency certificate.

Who can take a high school equivalency exam?

You must be 18 or older, or within 60 days of your 18th birthday – regardless of school enrollment status.

You must be within 60 days of when you would have graduated from high school, had you remained in school and followed the usual course of study – not currently enrolled in school.

You must be 17 and out of school for at least 60 consecutive days. You must also provide a letter of request from the military, post-secondary educational institute or a prospective employer.

Identification:

Identity and age must be verified by current photo id at the time of scheduling and/or before admittance to the testing room.

Acceptable identification includes:

• Photo driver's license with

a signature, issued by any U.S. state or foreign government.

• Photo id card with a signature, issued by any of the U.S. Armed Forces, any U.S. state or foreign government.

• Photo Tribal enrollment card with a signature.

• Photo id card or badge with a signature, issued by a California department or agency.

• Photo passport with a signature, issued by the U.S. or foreign government.

Note: the identification must include name, birth date, signature, photograph and address.

Baldwin Park community members are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity and earn an HSE certificate.

For more information or to register for test dates, contact BPACE at 626.856.4121 or visit <https://hiset.ets.org/test-takers/>

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

How Green Can You Go?

Most of us are concerned with keeping our environment green. We buy the reusable bags for our shopping trips, combine driving trips to be more fuel efficient and use the new style light bulbs to conserve energy. All these seemingly little conscious efforts add up to help our earth.

It may surprise you to learn that the automotive service and repair industry has been one of the leaders in keeping our environment clean...even before it was a popular theme with the general public. We are very careful with waste disposal in every way. As an example, one gallon of improperly disposed of motor oil can contaminate a million gallons of drinking water! When consumers bring their car in for

regular service it is one of the biggest benefits to cleaner air and the good news is...it saves you money too!

In fact, it saves you money in more ways than one! It prolongs the life of the car you have, it saves money in fuel, and a regularly maintained vehicle saves you money on expensive repairs! It is a good deal all around.

- A regularly maintained car can last 50% longer.
- A properly tuned car keeps your engine firing properly...one misfiring spark plug can waste 30% in fuel efficiency!
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Pet Licensing Amnesty Program

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -

Because of the economic downturn brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, some pet owners may have delayed purchasing their annual pet licenses and are now subject to late penalty fees.

To provide opportunities for pet owners to economically renew their pet licenses, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) is waiving late fees for renewed or new licenses purchased between April 15th and June 30th, 2021. These fee waivers are open for residents of all

unincorporated Los Angeles County areas and the participating cities of Agoura Hills, Azusa, Carson, Inglewood, Irwindale, La Habra Heights, Maywood, Palmdale, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Walnut.

In addition to the late fee waiver, DACC is happy to offer a free microchip for all non-microchipped pets licensed during this time. Microchipping is highly encouraged because it greatly increases the likelihood that lost pets will be returned to their families. Microchipping is mandatory in all unincorporated County

jurisdictions and many cities in Los Angeles County. The free microchip offer is redeemable by appointment at any of DACC's seven animal care centers.

"We hope this license penalty

amnesty program and the offer of free microchips encourages pet owners to license and protect their pets," said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda.

Pet owners can access their pets' licensing records on the DACC website at <https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>, or call (562) 345-0400, or email licensing@animalcare.lacounty.gov.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

"Our Kids are Good Kids!" But Why are They in Jail or Dead?

How many times have we heard, "he's a good kid", but in fact he really isn't? Parents seem to feel that whatever their kid does, it's not a big deal. They comment that their kid does not deserve jail time or if the tragedy extended to the death of this kid, they do not understand why. In my opinion, the reason the kids in jail or now dead is most likely because of the parenting.

This one is on YouTube, a news reporter asked the mother how she felt about an incident where her 16-year-old son got shot while robbing somebody. The bizarre comments coming from the mother was absolutely stupid and ridiculous. She claimed the only reason he got shot was because he was black. No ma'am, it was because he was robbing people with a gun. Even though the reporter brought this to the mother's attention, she felt that were still no reason to shoot her son. Then she went on to say, "It was okay that those people to be robbed because they had money."



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

For God's sakes lady, it was a Mom-and-Pop store that your kid was robbing while holding a gun on the owners. The kid popped off a round at the old man behind the counter and luckily, he missed, however, somebody came into the store that was armed. They fired a number of times at the kid striking him multiple times. The kid was rushed to the hospital, but I was unable to ever find out if he survived. I think he did. His mother actually felt he did nothing wrong.

You have seen incidents in our area where the parents have stuck up for their kids when they've

done wrong. I like the one where the mother felt it wasn't an issue that her son and his friend were doing graffiti. However, they both got shot. They both got lucky and survived. Who knows who did this, the property owner, vigilantes, other gang members? Who cares? I hate to put it that way, but that's the way I feel.

These people put graffiti on buildings and walls, they are stealing money from the very people that own these properties. They have to pay hundreds of dollars to get it cleaned up. If it is city property, the city pays anywhere from a half a million to \$1.5 million to clean up the city every year. That's taxpayer money. Again, in my opinion it is stealing.

When these juveniles who meet their demise while doing something wrong, I don't want to hear it from their parents that, "they are good kids."

No they are not, and you're not a good parent.

"That's just the way it is!"

son and another CIF championship. Once again, Coach Wilde crafted a team that returned a number of experienced players and the experience of a championship run. The year was 1971 and soccer had become an official CIF sport the year before. In 1971, San Gabriel fielded a team which no one knew how good it could or would become. Coach John Wilde started the program pretty much from scratch.

In 1971, the Matadors opened the regular season with a 16-0 league record and defeated South Torrance with a convincing 2-0 victory in the first round of the playoffs. In the next round, San Gabriel defeated rival Mark Keppel High School by a score of 3-1 to advance to the finals. In the championship game, San Gabriel played a tough Cathedral High School Phantom team but the Matadors proved too tough and won by a score of 3-1. It marked the 19 consecutive game won by the Matadors and it gave San Gabriel High School its first CIF title.

Awaiting them for the championship match was another repeat finalist in South Torrance High School. The Spartans were much improved and dominated their competition all season long and the Championship game was no different. South Torrance scored two quick goals and by halftime opened a 3-0 lead which in soccer is a pretty safe lead to hold up. But Coach Wilde got his

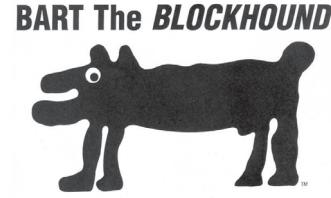
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Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. If a crook threatens to harm you, you can call a cop - but if there are no cops, who are you going to call, your cousin Smity-the-barber with the big shaving blade? (Psst, sorry to burst your bubble but he ain't coming; he's too busy catching up on all the business he lost during the Newsom shut down...

2. Cities in The Valley appear to be adequately managed by their city councils and city managers, but a few lag in performance - even though city managers get paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, similar to the salary of the President of the United States. And the president has a lot more responsibility than a city manager.

3. Freedom of Speech is not dead in America, but is gravely wounded and in need of immediate help.

4. Kids who are removed from their families because their original homes were "problematic", sometimes wind up in problematic foster homes - and after they become adults, some become homeless on the streets... Somebody is responsible for the

mess.

5. It seems too many politicians, business folks, celebrities, athletes (and just regular folks) continually strive overall to keep Black people distracted, agitated and feeling under siege, by blaming all their troubles on Systemic Racism - and thus, they seek to get as close to 100% of their vote as possible, thereby having a good chance of swinging any election in their favor.

6. Hate to disappoint anyone, but it seems Biscotti is just stale bread... But "dunk it" And it tastes better.

7. In Aesop's Fables' "The Ant and the Grasshopper", the grasshopper frolicked his time away and stored no grub during the harvest season of the year -- so during the winter suffered of malnutrition...

Meanwhile, the ant who worked and stored and saved while the sun shined, multitasked so well that it was able to work first, and play later -- and thus had food and shelter during the cold, sparse winter... Nowadays, though, in this wacky world of "political correctness", symbolically, all of Aesop's ants are vilified for being so industrious, and

all the grasshoppers glorified for being strapped... Huh?...

8. Contrary to what national reporters and the state and national politicians say, rioting, burning, and looting is not a form of peaceful demonstration.

9. Reportedly, several governmental jurisdictions plan to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on campaigns to influence drivers to look out for pedestrians and bicyclists because cars are killing too many of them... But, campaigns to educate pedestrians and bicyclist to obey the rules-of-the-road would also help immensely in keeping them alive.

10. Some still want to know, "Can a fat dog run?"... First, be aware that in the wacky world we live in, people can get "cancelled" for saying the word "fat" (oops, just said it: sorr-yyy)... By the way, the meaning of cancelled can be found in "The Book of Modern Ignorance"...

Comments/suggestions to: honnod1@yahoo.com.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Champion Matadors

By Joe Castillo

String of Titles... This year marks the 50th Anniversary of San Gabriel High School's run as California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Boys Soccer championship season. The year was 1971 and soccer had become an official CIF sport the year before. In 1971, San Gabriel fielded a team which no one knew how good it could or would become. Coach John Wilde started the program pretty much from scratch.

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The 1972 season opened with high expectations of a repeat sea-

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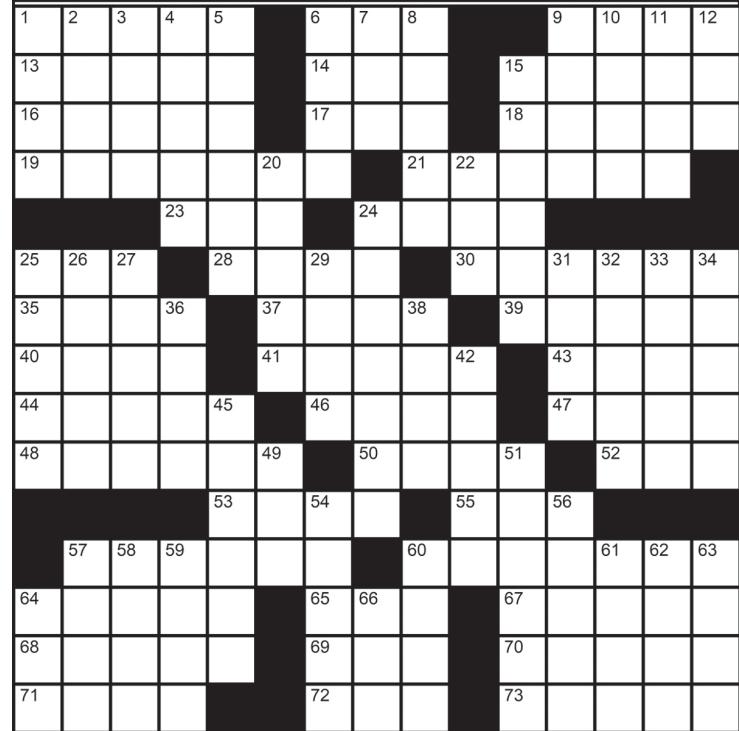
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- *Beverly Goldberg's schmoopie
- Use an épée
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- *She's 'Bow' to Dre in TV sitcom "Blackish"
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- Before tac
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- Homesteader's measure
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- Lannister and mother to Joffrey, Myrcella and Tommen
- Douses
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- Genuflecting joint
- *TV mother to Alexis and David, "friend" to Jocelyn Schitt
- "Will be," as sung by Doris Day
- Perform in a play
- Load sixteen tons, e.g.
- Peacock's pride
- *Mowgli's adoptive mother
- Apartment
- Skeleton in a lock
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- Spelling competition
- *Mother to Carlton in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
- "Well, I'm a-standin' on a corner in ___, Arizona," from the Eagles "Take it Easy"
- Country's LeAnn ____
- Hoover's agency acronym
- Piano practice piece, e.g.
- Church song
- What Usain Bolt did
- Poisonous substance
- *Wife to Papa, mother to Baby
- Sum it up
- Go on a buying spree

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- Naysayer's favorite prefix?
- What bloodhound is after
- Croatia's neighbor
- Nibble away
- Affirmative action
- Movie trailer, e.g.
- Elementary particle
- *Claire Dunphy and Mitchell Pritchett's mother
- Soothing lotion ingredient
- Bell and Barker, e.g.
- Christopher Kimball's "Milk ____"
- ____'s razor
- Part of a circle
- Plural of #39 Across
- Below, prefix
- Impede
- "Everywhere you want to be" credit card
- Muslim holy man
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- *Ellen, Scarlett's mother in "Gone with the ____"
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- Do this or forever hold your peace
- '80s band "Quiet ____"
- Catch one's breath
- a peak
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- *She played Ricky Schroder's stepmom on "Silver Spoons"
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April 15, 2021 Puzzle Solution



Arcadia Library Building to Reopen with Limited Hours Beginning May 3

ARCADIA - The Arcadia Public Library building will reopen to the public beginning May 3, 2021, with limited operating hours. The new operating hours are listed below:

Monday & Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

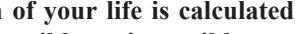
Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Contactless front door pick-up will still be available by appointment. The Library expects to resume normal operations by

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Citrus College Student Receives Prestigious National Honor

GLENDORA — Brooke Arelano, a pre-allied health major at Citrus College, is one of only 50 community college students in the United States to be named a 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

The result of a partnership between the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Coca-Cola Academic Team recognizes 50 gold, 50 silver and 50 bronze scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships every year. The selection process involves community college students throughout the nation submitting applications for the All-USA Academic Team. The students must then be selected as nominees by their college.

"The dedication and hard work that Brooke Arelano has invested in her academic and service pursuits is remarkable," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "On behalf of the college community, I congratulate her on receiving this prestigious honor. Being named to the Coca-Cola Academic Team is an extraordinary accomplishment — we are all very proud of her!"

According to Brian Waddington, honors transfer coordinator and co-advisor for the Citrus College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, selection to the Coca-Cola Academic Team is very competitive. In fact, approximately 2,000 of the top two-year college students in the United States apply for these scholarships.

"Citrus College students have received several high-profile Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, including being placed on the All-California Academic Team, in the past. However, I believe this is the first time that a Citrus College student has been recognized as a Gold Scholar," Mr. Waddington said. "There were obviously many quality community college students who applied, and the fact that Brooke's candidacy rose to the top says a lot about what she has accomplished at Citrus College."

Areej Qasqas, adjunct faculty member and co-advisor for the Citrus College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, agrees. In addition to maintaining a GPA of 3.86, she



Brooke Arelano is one of only 50 community college students in the United States to have been selected as a 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar. Photo courtesy Citrus College.

noted that Ms. Arelano has also served as a student leader.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that our college might not have an active Phi Theta Kappa chapter if not for Brooke's energy and dedication," Ms. Qasqas said. "Brooke is a big part of why we have such a close community of scholars who are continuing to support each other throughout this pandemic."

Ms. Arelano serves as the president of Beta Nu Eta, Citrus College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter. She is also vice president of communications for the college's chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the honor society of the California community colleges system. In addition to these responsibilities, she has held up to three jobs at a time while attending Citrus College over the last three years.

Despite her many achievements, Ms. Arelano was surprised by her recent recognition.

"I am not someone who has won many things throughout my life. This is the first big scholarship that I have received, and the fact that it is a national one is in-

credible. It feels surreal," she explains. "I am grateful to my advisors for pushing me to go beyond what I thought was possible."

As a Gold Scholar, Ms. Arelano will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, which will help advance her education. After graduating from Citrus College, Ms. Arelano hopes to transfer to Stanford University to pursue a degree in biology. Her ultimate plan is to become a physician's assistant or physician.

"The board of trustees was delighted to learn that Brooke Arelano was recognized as a Gold Scholar by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "We offer Ms. Arelano our most enthusiastic congratulations. The skills and discipline she has demonstrated through her involvement with Phi Theta Kappa will certainly benefit her as she pursues her future academic and career goals."

Ongoing Commitment to Service Earns Local Agents CENTURY 21 2020 Awards

SAN DIMAS — In recognition of outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored Kimberly Olbrich, sales associate with CENTURY 21 Citrus Realty, located at 1100 Via Verde Drive, in San Dimas with the 2020 CENTURY 21(r) President's Producer Award. The annual award is bestowed upon those CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates that earn the CENTURY 21 CENTURION(r) award and the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer award in the same calendar year.

The CENTURION Producer award honors CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates that earn \$282,000 in sales production or 66 closed transaction sides within the calendar year.

To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, a C21(r) sales affiliate must receive completed customer surveys for at least 50 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1 - December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percent or better for two consecutive years.

"We are thrilled to recognize these agents for this momentous achievement," said Michael Miedler, president and chief executive officer, Century 21 Real Estate LLC. "This is an outstanding honor since only a small percentage of affiliated agents in the United States received this award for sales."

Century 21 Real Estate LLC recognized the following local sales affiliates with the CENTURY 21 2020 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award.

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* Mary Reiln of CENTURY 21 Citrus Realty, located at 1100 Via Verde Drive in San Dimas.

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* Teresita Mireya Chavarria of CENTURY 21 Citrus Realty, located at 1100 Via Verde Drive in San Dimas.

"The Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award is an integral part of our brand's commitment to excellence and recognizes dedication to making each and every client interaction a positive one," said



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Each recipient will receive a customized glass trophy, in addition to being recognized at the CENTURY 21 Global Conference.

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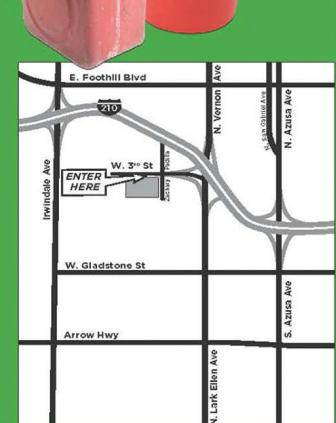
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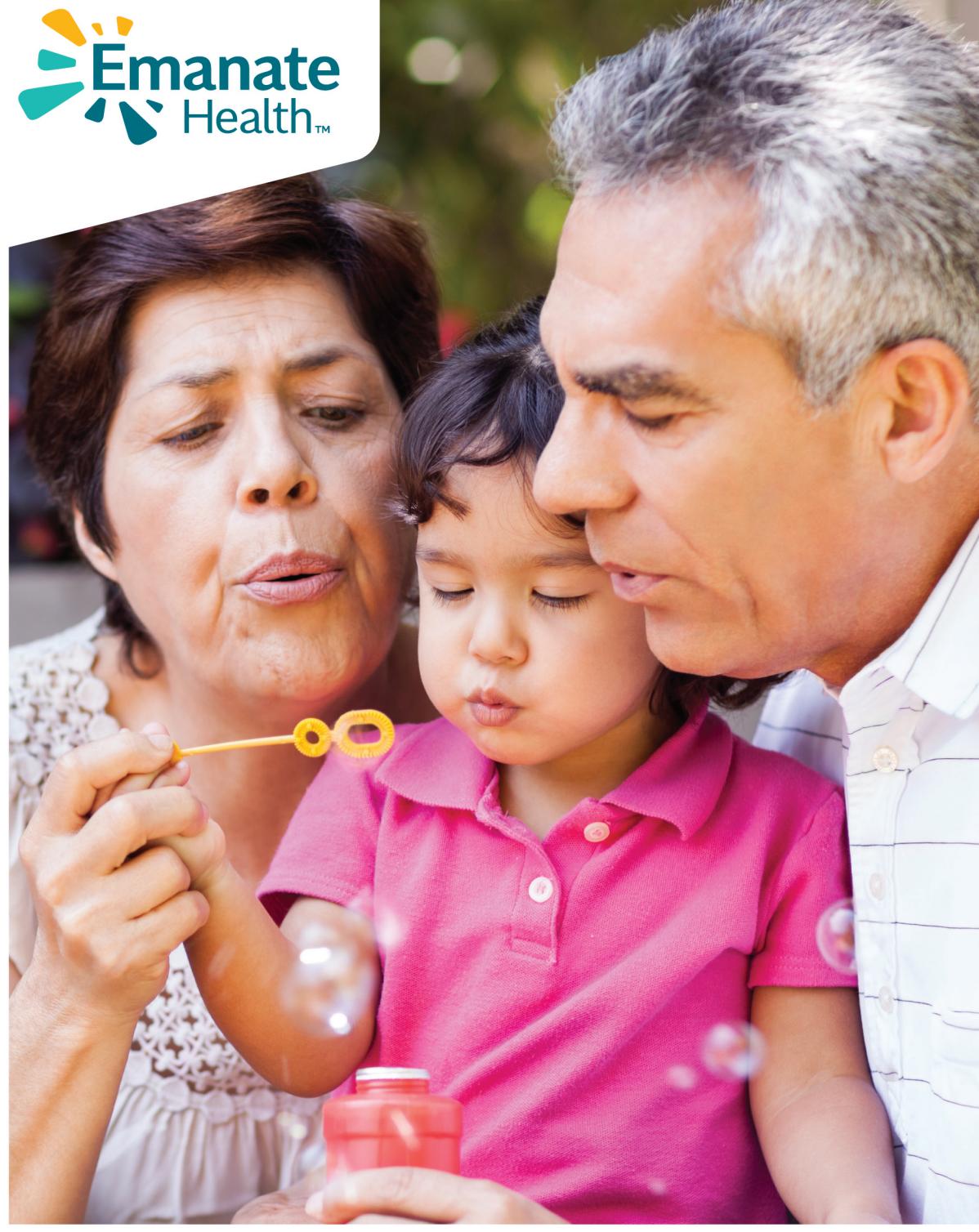
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