

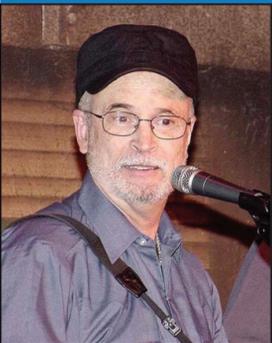


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# As California Expands COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility to All Californians 50+, Governor Newsom Receives Vaccine in Los Angeles

**SACRAMENTO** - With all Californians aged 50 and over now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19, Governor Gavin Newsom on April 1st received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at a vaccination site in South Los Angeles, encouraging Californians to get vaccinated when it is their turn.

The Governor was joined by California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, community and local leaders who have supported vaccine equity efforts in the region and Government Operations Agency Secretary Yolanda Richardson, who has assisted the state's vaccine operations planning since January and was also vaccinated today.

"Getting vaccinated is a vital step we can take to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community, and brings us that much closer to ending this pandemic," said Governor Newsom. "I am proud to receive the vaccine today as we open eligibility to more Californians while keeping our focus on making sure those in our hardest-hit communities are able to easily access this life-saving vaccine. While supplies are currently limited,



Governor Newsom receives Johnson & Johnson vaccine at South Los Angeles vaccination site

our statewide network of providers is ready to meet the growing demand and we look forward to vaccine allocations dramatically increasing in the months ahead."

Come April 15, all Californians 16 and older will be eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Even with expanded vaccine supplies and eligibility, individuals may need to wait for an appointment. Most eligible resi-

dents can use My Turn to find and schedule available appointments, either by visiting [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov) or calling 1-833-422-4255.

The state expects to be allocated 2.4 million doses this week, an increase of 300,000 over last week, and more than 3 million doses per week in the second half of April. These are projections and may be changed

by the federal government. About 7.2 million Californians are 50-64 years old, with a total of 2.8 million people in this group having received at least one dose. Of these, 1.2 million people are fully vaccinated.

"Three safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are reaching more and more Californians, getting us closer to putting this pan-

demid behind us," said Director of the California Department of Public Health and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón. "It will take time to vaccinate all who are eligible, and as we do we must continue to wear face coverings, limit extended exposure to others indoors, and follow all of the best known practices to stop the spread of COVID-19. We also continue to encourage Californians to take the first available vaccine. The best vaccine is the one you can get quickly."

California is ready as more vaccine supply is expected to come into the state. Last week, Blue Shield of California, the state's third-party administrator, announced it successfully enhanced the COVID-19 vaccine provider network to have capacity to administer 5.5 million doses a week to help save more lives. The network reaches more than 99 percent of Californians and 99 percent of those who live in the Healthy Places Index lowest quartile areas.

Residents with questions about the vaccines can visit [VaccinateALL58.com](http://VaccinateALL58.com) to learn more.

## Woman's Club of West Covina Donates and Helps at St. Pat's Dinner and with Easter Dinners for Veterans



Woman's Club of West Covina members helping out (from left) we have Beverly Wheeler, Gayle Mason, Yvonne Diaz and President Nancy Anzalone.

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - The Women's Club became part of a program to provide dinners for Veterans and their Families. On St. Patrick's Day, the VFW in West Covina was having a St. Patrick's Day dinner at their facility. The plan was to have a dinner for only \$5.00 to include corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and a desert. Although that \$5.00 wouldn't really cover the cost of the dinner, the VFW decided to give it a shot and set some money aside for this. With basically no income and stripped of their finances because of the government forced closures, the program was still set in place to be able to provide a meal for veterans and their families.

With the government relaxing the forced closures and with the VFW being a private orga-

nization with members only you could say, they found the loopholes and went for it. Dine in or takeout was available.

Soon, Nancy Anzalone, president of the Woman's Club of West Covina, wanted to know if the Women's Club could help out. She doesn't take it kindly to the word "no" and a \$200 donation was made to the Woman's Club to pass it on to the VFW. Then on top of that, she also made a donation and also provided two carrot cakes on her own to help out.

Then three new members of the Women's Club along with President Anzalone helped serve the desserts. New members Beverly Wheeler, Yvonne Diaz, and Gayle Mason helped out. Another member of the Women's Club, George Ogden

who is also the Commander of the VFW Post cooked for two days.

Commander Ogden was grateful for the donation and especially the carrot cakes. Yvonne donated a ton of cupcakes as well.

There were 65 dinners served or taken out on that day. The next day, another 8 dinners were made available at no cost to 3 veteran families that were having hard times.

The VFW reported that there was some money left over and it was used to help some veteran families with their Easter Dinner.

Without the added donation, this would not have been possible. The Women's Club came through again, helping with dinners for two events for our veterans and their families.

## Candlelight Vigil Held for Glendora Resident Slain in San Dimas Park

By Jayam Rutnam

**SAN DIMAS** - On Sunday, April 4th, a candlelight vigil was held at Lone Hill Park on Shellman Avenue, in San Dimas, for the woman from Glendora who was the fatal victim of a knife attack.

Sixty-six-year-old Jeanne Edgar of Glendora, and her dog Sashi were both killed by the assailant, while Edgar was walking her dog at the park on March 25th.

The vigil was held as a chance for the community to pay respects to Edgar and her family, according to the City of San Dimas.

San Dimas officials wanted to emphasize that murder suspect Ricardo Saldivar is not being listed as a transient (homeless). Saldivar is actually a resident of the nearby city of Upland.

Apparently, the suspect drove to Lone Hill Park in a black older model four-door Toyota Corolla, which was parked on Shellman Avenue and later searched by deputies. The suspect was subsequently charged on March 29 with one count each of murder, attempted murder, animal cruelty, robbery and criminal threats, according to public court infor-



Jeanne Edgar

mation. Saldivar's bail was set at \$4.2 million, according to L.A. County booking information.

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been organized by Justin Edgar for funeral/memorial services. Any funds that aren't used for

these express purposes will be donated to local charities for the humane treatment of animals and the needs of elderly and disabled citizens of her community. You can make a donation at <https://gofund.me/1a103cf5>.

## Baldwin Park Man Shot Dead, Shooting Believed to be Gang Related

By George Ogden

**LA PUENTE** - On Friday, April 2nd, the Sheriff's Department received calls of a shooting in the 1100 block of Stichman Avenue near Rath Street. Deputies from the Industry Sheriff's Station responded at 6:45 p.m. to the area and found the victim lying in the street suffering from gunshot wounds. This shooting was only one block away from J E Van Wigg Elementary School.

The male victim, in his late 20s, was shot and killed in an apparent gang-related shooting in a

residential area in Bassett near Baldwin Park. The suspect(s) and/or shooter(s) were at large Saturday morning.

The unidentified victim was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead from his gunshot wounds.

There was no description of the shooter(s). Deputies will be searching home security recordings in the area so they can identify the shooter.

Anyone with information about the shooting are asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bu-

reau at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be called in to Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or submitted online at [lacrimestoppers.org](http://lacrimestoppers.org).

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## West Covina Stabbing Suspect Arrested

WEST COVINA - On March 30, 2021, at approximately 8:59 am, West Covina Police Department responded to a call regarding a stabbing that occurred at Gold's Gym (502 Plaza Drive). Prior to the officers arrival, they were informed the suspect had fled the scene in a vehicle and two individuals who sustained injuries had gone to a local hospital. Officers patrolling the area were able to locate the suspect in the vehicle in the area of West Covina Parkway and West Garvey Avenue. The suspect was arrested. One victim was released from the hospital and the other is in stable condition.

The suspect, Paul Quintero, 32 years old, was booked for attempted murder with a bail amount of \$ 1,000,000.



Stabbing Suspect Paul Quintero

Photo courtesy of the West Covina Police Dept.

## San Gabriel Police Arrest Yuanfeng Kuang on Attempted Homicide

SAN GABRIEL - On March 18 at approximately 8:00 p.m., the San Gabriel Police Department received a delayed report of an assault that had occurred earlier in the evening on the 400 block of South San Gabriel Boulevard.

Officers responded to a local hospital, where a 23-year-old male victim was being treated for serious injuries to his head and torso. The initial investigation revealed that the victim was assaulted with a machete after a dispute over money. San Gabriel Police were able to identify the suspect as Yuanfeng Kuang, a resident of San Gabriel. A search warrant was served at Kuang's home, and he was subsequently arrested for attempted homicide, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Anyone with information on this crime is encouraged to contact Detective Magana at 626.308.2828. To report a tip anonymously, call 800.222.TIPS (8477) or go to LA Crime Stoppers at LACrimestoppers.org.



Attempted Homicide suspect Yuanfeng Kuang

Photo courtesy of the San Gabriel Police Dept.

## How the Pandemic is Impacting Children and Families



While the pandemic has heightened the inequities different types of families face, advocates say that sufficient support can help grandfamilies recover and thrive.

More than 2.7 million American children are growing up in grandfamilies -- families in which grandparents, other adult family members, or close family friends are raising children. A new report highlights how the pandemic has amplified their unique challenges, and offers solutions to better serve them.

The report, "Facing a Pandemic: Families Living Together During COVID-19 and Thriving Beyond" authored by the non-profit Generations United and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Casey Family Programs, points out that at a time when older adults are being cautioned to keep their distance from children because of the heightened risk of infection and death from COVID-19, for grandfamilies, that distance is impossible. Advocates point out that these caregivers are the first line of defense for children during the pandemic, having stepped in when parents cannot raise them for many reasons, including cases where children's parents have died from COVID-19. At the same time, 30 percent of kin caregivers lack an alternative caregiving plan if they should die or become disabled, a troubling statistic in the face of the pandemic, which disproportionately affects older adults.

While grandfamilies are diverse in geography, income and race, the report finds that caregivers in grandfamilies are disproportionately Black or Native American; nearly half of grandparent caregivers are over age 60; and one in four grandparent caregivers has a disability. These are the same populations that are more likely to be impacted by the pandemic and die as a result.

"While we're all impacted by COVID-19, grandfamilies, especially, have had tough realities, with limited support systems," says Donna Butts, executive director of Generations United, a non-profit with the mission of improving the lives of children, youth and older people. "State and local child welfare and other agencies must better support them during COVID-19 recovery and beyond."

Federal, state and local governments recognize foster families and provide them with access to resources, but there is little available for grandfamilies raising children outside of foster care. While Congress included support for grandfamilies in the December 2020 COVID-19 relief package, including better access to kinship navigator programs, which help connect families to information and community support as well as provide some direct help to families to meet emergency needs, advocates say this is just a start.

"With so many families continuing to struggle with impacts from COVID-19, it's critical that state and local child welfare agencies distribute the funds in this package," says Butts. "Congress also needs to ensure families have ongoing financial support so that caregivers can meet the basic needs of children as they live with the long-term impacts of COVID-19."

The report also finds that about 19 percent of grandparents responsible for grandchildren live in poverty and 38 percent of grandfamilies are unable to pay or are worried about paying mortgage or rent. Among the solutions to these figures, Generations United is calling for grandfamilies to be specifically named in the next COVID-relief package as an eligible population for financial relief such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

To access the report, visit [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org). To hear grandfamilies discuss the pandemic's impacts, visit [everyfamilyforward.org](http://everyfamilyforward.org). (StatePoint)

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## "America's Got Talent" Returns to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium for Season 16

PASADENA - The Pasadena Civic Auditorium will once again be the backdrop of the hit variety competition series "America's Got Talent" where tapings of the initial rounds of Season 16 will run through late April. Returning celebrity judges include Simon Cowell, Howie Mandel, Heidi Klum, Sofia Vergara and host, Terry Crews.

Pasadena has a long history of being one of Hollywood's prime filming locations for award-winning TV shows and movies. "We are thrilled to announce the return of 'America's Got Talent' in Pasadena for the sixth year," said Jeanne Goldschmidt, executive director of the Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau. "America's Got Talent" not only brings attention to Pasadena from the show's millions of fans globally, but their presence is welcome by our local hotels, restaurants and businesses."

Built in 1932, during the Great Depression, the Pasadena Civic Auditorium has welcomed millions of patrons across Southern California. Inspired by Mediterranean Revival architecture, the 3,000-seat theatre has hosted

countless concerts and plays. The Pasadena Civic Auditorium is a part of the Pasadena Civic Center District which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

With the search open to acts of all ages and talents, "America's Got Talent" is a true celebration of creativity and talent, featuring a colorful array of singers, dancers, comedians, contortionists, impressionists, jugglers, magicians and ventriloquists, all vying to win America's vote and the \$1 million prize. The series was created by Simon Cowell and is co-produced by Fremantle and Syco Entertainment. Simon Cowell, Sam Donnelly, Jason Raff, and Richard Wallace are the executive producers.

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## CA Senate Committee Passes Rubio Bill, Unlocking Local Infrastructure Funds for City of West Covina

**SACRAMENTO**—The California Senate Governance and Finance Committee passed a bill by Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) that will allow the City of West Covina to unlock \$3 million in existing funds that have been unavailable due to restrictions for local infrastructure projects.

Senate Bill 431 would give the City the ability to use funds already collected through the Improvement Act of 1911 for related projects allowable under the 1972 Landscape and Lighting Act. The City reports a balance of approximately \$3 million collected under the 1911 Act that it has been unable to use because of restrictions. The funds must go to related local infrastructure project if the bill becomes law.

“This bill will allow the City of West Covina the ability to use funds it already collects for critically-needed local infrastructure projects,” Sen. Rubio said. “I have passed similar laws in Sen-

ate District 22, unlocking millions of dollars, to help other cities. The funds allowed one city, for example, to successfully update its street lights to LED lights, providing an energy efficient upgrade within the city boundaries. I look forward to continuing that collaboration with my cities.”

“SB 431 is an important piece of legislation that broadens West Covina’s ability to wisely use assessment district funds, and we are grateful that Senator Rubio is making that happen,” said West Covina Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado.

The City of West Covina receives revenue under authority of the 1911 Act for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of their Landscaping and Lighting District. The City can only use funds from the 1911 Act for specified purposes, not for other needs it may have, such as the installation of public lighting facilities, including traffic signals, or for landscape maintenance. These maintenance projects are allowed to be paid for with these restricted under 1972 Act authority.

The bill now goes to the State Senate floor for a vote.

## LA County Library Reopening Designated Libraries for Select In-Person Service

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**—LA County Library announced that it will reopen 30 of its 85 libraries for select in-person service beginning April 19. With Los Angeles County entering the orange tier of the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, libraries have been cleared to safely reopen at 50% capacity, while also maintaining 6-feet of physical distance for customers. In preparation for reopening its doors to the public, LA County Library is working diligently to ensure safety protocols are met and appropriate preventative measures are in place.

LA County Library’s reopening is part of a phased reopening plan that prioritizes library openings based on geographic location, building availability, and the ability to accommodate physical distance guidelines and Public Health protocols. As part of its reopening, the Library has placed an emphasis on equity with special consideration for reopening libraries in underserved areas where residents prioritize in-person services.

Participating libraries in the San Gabriel Valley include:

- Diamond Bar
- Duarte
- El Monte
- Montebello
- Rosemead
- Rowland Heights
- West Covina

Additional libraries across the county will be added to the Library’s reopening plan. Outdoor programming for a limited number of participants will begin in early summer 2021 and will be available at select libraries. A schedule of upcoming events will be added to the library’s website and will be disseminated to Library newsletter subscribers. County residents are encouraged to visit [LACountyLibrary.org](http://LACountyLibrary.org) for details regarding library hours, services, additional openings, safety protocols and scheduled events and programs.

Sidewalk Service and Bookdrops will remain available at participating libraries. LA County Library continues to offer enhanced digital offerings at [LACountyLibrary.org](http://LACountyLibrary.org), including a temporary digital library card to access eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, online classes, and more.

## Vaccine Eligibility Expands to Residents 50-64 Years Old; 16 and older on April 15

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**—Starting Thursday, April 1, residents 50 through 64 years old were eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, on April 15, vaccines become available to any resident in Los Angeles County who is 16 and older.

Currently, there are not yet enough doses to vaccinate everyone that is eligible, so we continue to ask for patience until supply increases. The

County has prepared for increased allocations and expanded eligibility and is working on expanding collective capacity to be able to administer 1 million doses a week by the end of April. Public Health remains laser-focused on ensuring an equitable distribution of vaccines and ensuring 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](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) (English) and [www.VacunateLosAngeles.com](http://www.VacunateLosAngeles.com) (Spanish). Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

## Ahead of Peak Fire Season, Governor Newsom Announces Surge in Firefighting Support

*\$80.74 million in emergency funds to accelerate action on emerging fire season dangers*

**SACRAMENTO**—Following last year’s record-breaking fire season, Governor Gavin Newsom today announced emergency early action to boost firefighting support as California faces another difficult wildfire year. Using Emergency Fund authorization, Governor Newsom has approved \$80.74 million for 1,399 additional firefighters with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to bolster fuels management and wildfire response efforts. The Governor’s January 2021 budget proposes \$1 billion to support wildfire and forest management.

“In California, climate change is making the hots hotter and the dries drier, leaving us with world record-breaking temperatures and devastating wildfires threatening our communities,” said Governor Newsom. “We aren’t just waiting for the next crisis to hit - this funding will support our heroic firefighters to save lives as they work to prevent and tackle destructive wildfires.”

With much of the state experiencing persistent drought conditions, low reservoir storage and below average snowpack, California is planning for another dry

year. Meanwhile, scattered light precipitation has assisted in new growth in annual grasses that will serve as fuel for wildfires.

This Emergency Fund authorization includes a surge of 1,256 seasonal firefighters for maximum flexibility through June 30, 2021. This funding will provide fire crew and fire engine staffing, augments eight currently understaffed existing fire crews ahead of the summer, and allows the early hiring and training of fire crews for fuels management to provide twelve new CAL FIRE crews, and six seasonal and six new permanent Conservation Corps crews.

Further, the state will onboard 24 seasonal firefighters for California National Guard hand crews who support CAL FIRE’s fuels management work.

The funding will also provide 119 firefighters to staff CAL FIRE helitack crews earlier in the year, to allow them time to train and be operationally ready by May 2021. This includes the orientation and operations of the new S-70i helicopter to operate from four CAL FIRE helitack bases. Improved technology to support incident base camp operations, including website traf-

fic management, will improve transparency and accuracy of information for the public.

The Governor’s January 2021 budget proposes \$1 billion to support California’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, which sets forth a strategy to increase the pace and scale of forest and wildland management to meet the state’s target of completing projects on 500,000 acres annually by 2025 and expanding the use of prescribed fire. The plan calls for achieving these goals largely through regional strategies tailored to the environmental conditions, risks and priorities in each area.

The plan also centers on building fuel breaks around vulnerable communities, expanding home hardening, defensible space and preparedness planning to create wildfire-adapted communities, and sustaining the economic vitality of rural forested areas.

Building on significant investments in the state’s firefighting capabilities, the Governor’s budget also proposes \$143 million General Fund to support 30 new fire crews, and also includes \$48 million to continue phasing in the S-70i helicopters and large air tankers.

## LA County Parks And Cities Join Together In A Movement To Get Youth Back Into Parks Safely With Every Body Plays Program

*Free Sports Equipment Check-Out and Snacks Offered at LA County Parks and Cities’ Local parks*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**—The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) and 20 cities are joining together to launch a movement to get kids playing outdoors with Every Body Plays, a program that provides free access to a variety of recreational programming and equipment such as balls, jump ropes, athletic equipment and games while visiting their local parks. Youth can check out sports equipment free while visiting their local park Tuesdays through Saturdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., starting April 1, 2021.

As schools reopen in April, Every Body Plays offers support for families by providing a free, safe place where youth can drop in after school for recreation. Fifty-five LA County Parks locations and parks in 20 cities countywide will give access to caring recreation staff and serve as natural, outdoor places to help communities heal by connecting youth with their peers in a safe environment.

“Through Every Body Plays, we are creating a movement to help our youth come back out to our parks safely to play, connect and enjoy the healing power of nature,” said Norma E. García-González, Director, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation. “Many youth have been isolated

and socially disconnected for over one year. Now more than ever, we welcome back our youth and families with free, dynamic Spring programs at parks across Los Angeles County.”

There is no pre-registration required for Every Body Plays. To participate, youth must present a house key, school ID, or other forms of identification to rent equipment. Equipment that can be checked out will be based on the amenities each specific facility has to offer. Equipment may include: Tennis rackets and balls, basketballs, soccer balls, carom tables, games, hula hoops and jump ropes.

In addition to access to open spaces and sports equipment, youth are encouraged to connect with LA County Parks staff who will be onsite at each location to assist however possible. COVID-19 health guidelines including face coverings and physical distancing, must be adhered to while visiting parks.

LA County Parks and select city parks will also provide free nutritional snacks include fruit, vegetables, dairy products, juice and water, to youth ages 18 and under. Created to help reduce the growing percentage of young people in the United States challenged by obesity or lack of consistent access to wholesome meals, the free snack program

aims to provide a healthy alternative for kids and their families.

Every summer, LA County Parks provides about 300,000 free snacks and lunches to communities in need. In order for participating parks to qualify for the program, they must service areas within the geographical boundaries of elementary, middle, or high school attendance areas with at least 50% of its students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. LA County Parks provides the free lunch and snack program in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, the California Department of Education and the Department of Public Health.

Every Body Plays and the free snack programs are overseen by recreational staff and trained interns from the Youth@Work program, which provides seasonal job opportunities for youth and young adults, ages 14 to 24. Empowering the next generation to make a difference with training, teamwork and mentorship. Youth@Work recruited 300 youth from across the county and linked them to a job opportunity that will provide most with their first work experience and help LA County Parks provide much-needed services to local neighborhoods by delivering Spring programming.

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## AB 1199: Housing or Hit on Prop 13

Recall Gavin Newsom campaign has enough signatures for the recall to be put on the ballot for a vote. One of the charges levied against Newsom to support the recall has been the cost of housing leaving many young families unable to buy a home and why middle-income families are leaving the state.

Newsom set a goal when he became governor to create 3.5 million new housing units. First, create enough dwelling units so people had a place to call home, and to increase the supply hoping to reduce the cost of housing. "Demand vs supply = cost" formula.

To help Newsom fulfill his promise of more housing units, state legislators introduced bills, not to incentivize development, but to force demands local governments by attempting to override local zoning ordinances and making city councils the fall guys for bad projects and unhappy citizens. By adding mandates to housing construction, the cost has been driven up, not down.

Coming out of the pandemic with an economy and employment numbers rising, we have a new bill that might just complicate those increases. AB 1199, Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax, by Assm. Mike Gipson (D-Carson), was referred to the Revenue and Taxation Committee in March. There is no staff report and a few "yet to be determined" clauses in the bill. The agency to receive the revenue from this tax is yet to be created in the State Treasury.

AB 1199 creates an annual excise tax for the privilege of renting or leasing out "qualified" property by a "qualified" owner at a state rate of a yet to be determined amount based on gross receipts. The "qualified property and owners" are a single-family or multi-family units and owners



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of 10 or more qualified properties in California. The tax rate could go up if city or county government entities find code violations on the premises. All taxes, interest, penalties, and other amounts collected would be deposited in that new fund.

Money in that fund, with a long fix-it wish list, would be used for rental assistance, programs for the homeless, support for legal services to prevent evictions, harassment and any violations of law by landlords, and support of current and additional affordable units. An additional provision adds, "Housing counseling services to promote home ownership, job training apprenticeship programs, and support for landlords that own fewer than 10 properties and have lost rental income from tenants due to COVID-19." To me, this doesn't read like a we-need-more-housing bill.

California Globe, Katy Grimes said, "AB 1199 may be a property tax disguised as an excise tax increase on rental properties, which encompasses residential and commercial property rentals. Equally egregious, AB 1199 could be a business license tax." Business license taxes are a local government source of income and they will not allow the state to usurp that authority and

income.

Jon Coupal told the Globe, "HJTA was part of a lawsuit, CITY OF OAKLAND v. RICHARD DIGRE, in which the Court of Appeals found that the city attempted to impose an excise tax. The court found the tax unconstitutional and amounted to a property tax disguised as an excise tax. Respondent Richard Digre, Oakland's Director of Finance, refused to enforce the tax, despite voter passage of Measure M authorizing it, on the grounds the tax violated the constitutional requirement that all property be taxed according to value."

The "qualified" owners, under AB 1199, will be required to report annually to the Secretary of State specific information in the bill and, in turn, the SOS will establish a searchable database of those properties.

SOS operates the Safe at Home program, a confidential address program established in 1999, to protect victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking and other threats that create a 'fear for safety or security'. The Act was amended by Newsom's Executive Order N-80-20 making public health officials, threatened over COVID 19 issues, able to be part of that program until March 2023.

Fear of being safe and secure at home is rather expansive, and can be amended by Executive Orders as situations arise. H.R. 4705, federal Safe at Home Act, was submitted several times but failed to move. Several federal agencies objected to the use of substitute addresses to receive social security benefits, employment or unemployment benefits and other federal programs. With the recent surge of illegals coming into Texas and being relocated round the country, the concerns seem reasonable.

## A Church Divided Part 2

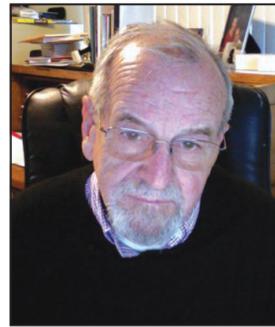
This is the second column about the historic divisions afflicting the church. Last week I mentioned four of the most significant. While each focused on important theological questions, underlying were political and economic dynamics.

This week I turn to the contemporary division plaguing American Protestantism. On the surface, and substantial to the debate, is the question that revolves around how Jesus is seen. A significant number of Christians see religious faith as the belief in facts about Jesus, namely his virgin birth, his miracles and his bodily resurrection. Others hold that following Jesus' footsteps is the essence of faith. The division centers on the religion about Jesus, or the religion of Jesus.

This is not a new debate. It began with "the missionary movement" in the 19th and early 20th centuries. One Protestant group saw missions as taking Christ to unbelievers, offering them eternal life in heaven, and calling them to believe in Christ's supernatural being. Other Christians saw their mission as meeting the needs of those to whom they were sent. So, they went as medical, agricultural, and educational workers, following Christ's ministry, and responding to the world's cry for help.

The last decades of the 19th century witnessed the ascendancy of Christian liberalism. Instead of seeing the Bible as the perfect inerrant word of God, through what became known as "higher criticism," religious scholars described how the Bible was produced over an extended period by a variety of authors and editors. At heart the conflict centered on Darwinian evolution, and its challenge to the Bibles' seven-day creation narrative.

Conservative Christians rebelled at what they believed to be liberals' godless heresy, and by 1920 there was published a se-



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ries of pamphlets on the Christian fundamentals dealing with the Bible as the inspired word of God, and featuring a supernatural Jesus. The argument came to a head in the "Monkey Trial" in 1925 over evolution being taught in Tennessee's public schools. Progressive Christians countered with "The Social Gospel," calling the faithful to replicate on earth God's heavenly reign. "Bring in the day of brotherhood, and end the night of wrong." (from the hymn Rise up O Men of God, by William P. Merrill)

Apart from theological arguments, Christians, both liberals and conservatives, began to focus on the political and social issues dominating American life. While not totally forgotten, theological issues gave way to secular ones, with the US landscape increasingly dominated by conservative Christians now calling themselves "evangelicals." The term was borrowed from European Protestants, while in the United States it took on other images beginning with the rise of "mega churches," the "prosperity gospel" and Ronald Reagan's clear identification of faith with conservative politics.

By 2016 the evangelical movement was swallowed piecemeal by the Republican Party. In the election of 2016 over 80 percent of self-identified evangelicals voted for Donald Trump. That electoral dynamic continued in

Trump's failed 2020 campaign.

This social reality had a devastating impact on non-evangelical Christians who were abandoning the church in massive numbers, and who were now calling themselves "nones" or "no-longers." Typical of this withdrawal from the church, one young man said to me, "If that is what Christianity is, count me out!" Progressives and other liberals seemed hesitant to equate their political perspectives with their religious faith.

While evangelicals continued to focus on conservative sexual and gender issues such as abortion and gay marriage, under Trump they bought into the larger political package. This included a walled-off southern border, a disdain of non-white or non-Christian immigrants, "America first," "MAGA," a rejection of environmental concerns, dependence on a more robust military, a withdrawal of support for the United Nations and other international alliances, tax breaks for the already wealthy, the shredding of the social safety net-- and much more!

How any of these conservative social and political issues became identified with the Christian faith remains unanswered. But having swallowed the whole Trump package, these issues came with that identification.

This dynamic has taken a hundred years to take shape, perhaps going back to the question as to whether the Christian faith is focused on supernatural facts about Jesus, or is a call to take up Jesus' ministry centering on "good news to the poor, release of the captives, sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed."

Whether or not progressive Christian will recover from this conservative political takeover remains an unanswered question.

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## Gavin Newsom Plots Recall Strategy

By Ralph E. Shaffer

California's embattled governor Gavin Newsom unsuspectingly revealed his fear of losing his upcoming recall election during a secret meeting at the governor's mansion in Sacramento on Friday, February 26. An open mike and video from a security camera reveal a worried governor plotting strategy to win over some of the millions of angry voters who have suffered through his almost daily TV Covid briefings and his irritatingly on again, off again state lock down orders. The tapes were allegedly presented to his Republican opposition by an apparently snubbed female aide.

At that clandestine meeting, Newsom and several aides detailed plans to gain enough support to defeat the recall, set for early June. His principal Republican opponent is expected to be Clint Eastwood, who, at 90, may not be the charismatic candidate that Arnold Schwarzenegger was when he ousted a Democratic governor in a 2003 recall. But Newsom's fellow plotters weren't taking Eastwood for granted.

"This won't be as big a fight as the press is making out," Gavin told his aides as the meeting began. "I won by 3 million votes, and Biden beat Trump by 5 million. That meant there are enough Republicans to get enough signatures on petitions for a recall, but they can't beat me."

An uneasy aide offered a different assessment. "You've alienated all those Republicans, but you've also turned off millions of Democrats with your lock down programs and your school closures. Those aren't just Trumpites demonstrating on street corners and at schools. Those are a lot of our fellow Democrats. We don't have a poll, but I'll bet you've lost a couple of millions of our people. That could beat you."

"Here's what you need to do," said a second aide, spreading out several different sheets with

numbers written on them.

"First, you really turned off all those parents whose kids played school sports. The football crowd, particularly. Kids haven't played in over a year - any sport. The kids are mad, their folks are mad...and they signed those recall petitions.

"Look at the numbers! We've got 4,000 high schools in California. Each one has at least four major sports for boys and 3 for girls. That's at least 160 kids, plus ten minor sports with another 140, a total of 300 athletes you've benched this year at each school. Multiply that by 4,000 schools is over a million kids you've grossly offended in a single year. Each kid has two voting parents... and you've already lost two million votes in the recall."

The governor was silent.

"But that's not all," said another aide, with reluctance in her voice. "You also turned off all the girl cheerleaders when you banned cheerleading on the sidelines at games. Let's say at least 50 girls at each high school were miffed by your decision. Fifty times 4,000, doubled and you just lost another 400,000 votes"

The governor remained silent, his cheeks turning somewhat ashen.

"It doesn't stop there, governor." A usually supplicant female aide, standing seemingly closer to the governor than necessary, offered still more damaging numbers.

"The performing arts students are just as mad as you. They just aren't as vocal as the sports nuts. If you total up all the musicians in bands and orchestras, the choir kids, drama, dance and debaters that you've muzzled for over a year, your chances look pretty hopeless. I estimate you've turned off a hundred kids in the marching band, forty in the orchestra. Add to that 40 actors and stage crew, 50 in choir, 50 in dance, and a debate squad of 20 ... all times 4,000... and you've got

a disaster. You just lost 300 more at each school, times 4,000 and doubled with two parents. That's another 1,200,000 votes for Eastwood.

"Your 3 million vote margin of victory in 2018 is gone and you're a million votes behind Eastwood."

The stunned governor sat down, asked for a beer, then asked: "So what do I do?"

On Monday, March 1, a string of announcements flowed from the governor's office at the capitol. First, all contact sports were now exempt from his virus regulations. Athletes could return to the field. Next, all indoor sports were exempt as long as kids wore masks while on the bench. Third, cheerleaders could return to the field under an obscure rule that recognized cheerleading as a "competitive sport." Finally, all performing arts students were now permitted to practice and perform as long as they wore masks when not singing, acting, dancing, debating or using their instruments.

A poll the next week showed the recall movement had lost steam. Eastwood would lose by three million votes. Meanwhile, infectious disease experts have detected a dramatic rise in teenage Covid cases.

*[Author's note: This piece may be a spoof, and the meeting described below may never have occurred, but millions of parents and their kids were really ticked off by the governor's yearlong ban on sports and cheerleading. Was it coincidental that as their protests mounted and the reality of a possible loss in the recall increased, the governor issued a series of announcements and clarifications at the end of February that put ball teams back on the field and cheerleaders up in the air?]*

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## Who was Jim Crow?

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

Today's news is replete with Democrats calming any action that rebuffs HR 1, is a "Jim Crow" attack on minorities. Recently, "President" Biden said of Georgia's new voting law, "It makes Jim Crow look like Jim Eagle." I must admit I do not understand what he means by that statement. But, then again, almost no one ever understands what he says. I felt it necessary to do some research into Jim Crow and who or what he was.

Jim Crow never actually existed. Jim Crow is a character invented in the early 1800's by a struggling white actor (in black face) based on a song of the era. This character presented an exaggerated, highly stereotypical black man of limited intellectual aplomb.

Now to Jim Crow laws. Beginning in the 1870s laws were passed, mostly in the southern states, intended to prevent minorities from voting and to segregate blacks from whites. Some of these laws were intended to disenfranchise poor and illiterate people, most notably blacks. Two of the most egregiously laws were; Pole Taxes and Literacy tests.

Local laws and state constitutional provisions mandated the segregation of public schools, public places, and public transportation, and the segregation of restrooms, restaurants, and drinking fountains. Taken to the extreme, a law in Georgia prohibited 'white' people from marrying anyone who was not white. In 1896 Jim Crow segregation laws were upheld in the case of Plessy vs. Ferguson. A case in which the U.S. Supreme Court laid out its "separate but equal" legal doctrine regarding facilities for African Americans. The Jim Crow laws of that time, institutionalized economic, educational, and social oppression of African Amer-

icans. The U.S. military was segregated during the Civil War, a practice that continued, at some level, through WWII. President Woodrow Wilson, a Southern Democrat, initiated the segregation of federal workplaces in 1913. These Jim Crow laws were nullified by the Civil Rights acts of the 1964, 1965 and 1968 and subsequent Supreme Court decisions. The Twenty-fourth Amendment ended Pole Tax laws.

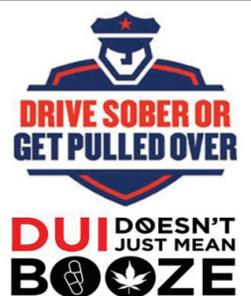
Recently, the State of Georgia passed a new law intended to prevent vote manipulation and voter fraud. According to Governor Kemp, who signed the bill into law, 'The Georgia law prevents no one from voting.' This law actually eases the burden on the people who count votes by replacing voter signature verification with a voter registration number. 'A voter registration number is easily obtained.' Somehow, a state exercising the rights as defined in the Constitution, (Article I section 4) is an affront to the Democrat Party. Apparently, instituting laws that are intended to ensure integrity in voting is racist. Recent polls show that a majority (over 70%) of Americans favor having to show a picture ID to vote. Everyone has to show a picture ID (soon to be a "Real ID") to perform many day to day transactions, but having to show ID to vote is voter suppression? It seems that the only cards in the Democrat deck are the 'race card'. The race card is a type of trump card that can be played whenever you have no persuasive logical argument.

I must clarify and make some corrections to inaccuracies made in my last week's article regarding the confiscation and retention of weapons by the police. In that article I addressed a case before the Supreme Court. The name of the person I sighted was incorrect. His name is Edward Caniglia from Cranston,

Rhode Island. On Aug. 20, 2015, Edward and his wife had a disagreement. He produced an unloaded handgun and said, "Why don't you just shoot me and get me out of my misery?" The next day his wife told police her husband might be suicidal and asked them to conduct a welfare check. Edward told the officers, he told his wife to "just shoot me" because he "couldn't take it anymore." At the urging of the officers and after he was assured they wouldn't take his two legally owned handguns, Edward 'briefly', went to a local hospital for evaluation. After Edward left, without a warrant the officers seized his handguns. Caniglia stated in a legal brief: "After the officers falsely represented to Mrs. Caniglia that Petitioner (Edward) had consented, she led the officers to the guns."

The Biden DOJ sent lawyers to the SCOTUS where they argued that in: Cady v. Dombrowski (1973) the Supreme Court held that police may conduct warrantless searches related to "community caretaking functions (regarding vehicle accidents)." The community caretaking principle has become a catchall for a wide range of responsibilities that police officers must discharge aside from their criminal enforcement activities."

The real issue here is - can law enforcement enter a person's home and confiscate any weapon, without a warrant and refuse to return the weapon?



# Back To Fundamentals

Most February economic data, released in March, was weaker than expected, probably because economists were more focused on stimulus checks than the weather. But considering how much of the country was affected by extreme cold and storms in February there's little doubt that impacted manufacturing, shipping, and even shopping. A big part of Texas lost power for a full week, a quarter of February. It's a good bet the most weather-affected parts of the economy will rebound in March, and as a result, estimates of first quarter GDP growth should have risen over the course of last month. After a year with traders' attention focused on pandemic effects, economic fundamentals matter again.

Listening to Chair Powell this past week it's clear the Fed thinks it has the forecast all figured out. The important bits anyway. Traders and economists are not so sure. The biggest differences between the Fed's comfort in the outlook and the markets' uncertainty stems from the fact some pretty extensive details simply don't matter to the Fed; however, they matter a lot to markets.

How much stimulus impacts the economy this year and in the future is just one question affecting the interest rate outlook. How much is spent, and how quickly, matters too. Economists can guess, but ongoing "over the top" legislative efforts add another layer of uncertainty on top of the lack of precedent for the current economic environment.

Fortunately, the economy continues reopening. There is more than enough money in consumer

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What's up in the Economy?



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hands to ensure continued economic expansion; and, thanks to vaccines, future COVID setbacks should be less concerning. Meanwhile, GDP is on the cusp of crossing above potential GDP. The Fed is committed to inflation fighting in this economic cycle, which means the FOMC will be content to wait and see how things play out before making any important policy decisions. There is still significant uncertainty about the mix of real growth and inflation in the near, medium, and long term. So, it remains imperative to watch the data.

The Fed is not even sweating the relatively small stuff at the moment. FOMC participants agree monetary policy is optimally positioned to achieve the Fed's sole 2021 priority - returning to maximum employment as quickly as possible - which means wait-and-see is the right choice at individual Fed meetings more often than not.

The next few months are critical for interest rates on three fronts. First, consumers' eagerness to spend despite capacity constraints will generate short-term inflation. Second, Washington's ability to affect the economy is generally elevated in the

first months of single-party rule, before an inevitable loss of momentum. And third, the Fed is very much on hold until the economy is in touching distance of maximum employment, which the Fed thinks will come when the unemployment rate falls to 4%.

Upcoming April releases will likely boost rates, as it should push Q1-21 GDP expectations back up from 5% toward 10%. How far yields rise depends on how much growth forecasts rise, and maybe more importantly, how much inflation is revealed.

Over the past 40 years, the Fed made inflation its top priority. As the FOMC's faith in its ability to contain inflation grew, the Fed's inflation policy evolved until it was generally understood by the market that the Fed would never allow inflation to exceed 2%. This was never the Fed's actual policy, of course, but it was nevertheless perceived as reality by The Street. The practical implication is that the Fed wants real interest rates to rise over time. One way they are achieving that is by undermining the markets' faith that inflation will never exceed 2%. When investors can take for granted that inflation will always be contained, they can afford to miss a few economic releases. However, with today's extreme government spending and questionable decisions, how will confidence be maintained?

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*After losing my job due to Covid, I had to take advantage of putting my mortgage in forbearance. Even though I'm still unemployed, the forbearance period will be ending. What can I do so I don't lose my home?*

Not all forbearance agreements are the same. Start by carefully reading the forbearance agreement you signed. Some say that you will have to pay your usual mortgage payment plus an additional amount each month until repaid. Others added the months of forbearance to the end of your mortgage loan, lengthening the time before your loan is paid off, but not increasing your payments. There are borrower assistant programs available. Talk with your lender. Get additional information at: <https://www.fanniema.com/here-help-homeowners>

**Can you give me any tax tips:**

1. Due date. The government has extended the Federal Income tax due date from April 15 to May 17, 2021.
2. The California State Income tax due date is also extended to May 17, 2021.
3. According to irs.gov, you can file a Request for Extension to File, which will give you until October 15 to file your tax returns. On the extension tax form, estimate how much taxes you owe. You must pay that estimated amount on or before the May 17, 2021 deadline. If you need to pay by credit card, use one that gives you points as you pay it off. Look into transferring that amount to a low, or zero interest credit card. Then, aggressively



**Julia Yoder**

pay off that credit card and start a savings account for next year's taxes.

**How are Social Security benefits calculated, and is it better to start collecting at the youngest retirement age, or wait?**

Your 35 highest-paid years in the workforce are used to calculate your Social Security benefits. There could be as much as an 8-percent annual increase in the amount you could receive for each year that you wait, up to age 70. Some take their chances that they will live long beyond what the chart for their life expectancy indicates, so they choose to start collecting earlier. There is a different set of rules for divorcees who are using their ex's income history to qualify for Social Security benefits.

**Is there any way for me to be able to take money from my tax-deferred retirement account before I'm 59 1/2 without paying the 10-percent federal income tax penalty?**

The CARES Act allows you to take up to \$100,000 from your IRA or 401k without the 10-per-

cent federal income tax penalty. However, be prepared to prove that you were eligible to take action on this provision. That means proving that either you or your spouse got sick or one of you lost your job, or your business was impacted. You'll still have to pay taxes. If it's an employee-sponsored plan, you might be able to access funds, without the 10% penalty, if: you borrow some, you become disabled, you get substantially equal payments, you leave that employer, you need funds for medical care, you obtain a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or, you die (your beneficiary receives taxable funds). If your tax-deferred retirement account is an IRA, you might be able to access funds if: you become disabled, you get substantially equal payments, you have un-reimbursed medical expenses in excess of 10 percent of your adjusted gross income, for health insurance premiums if you are unemployed, or if you die (again, your beneficiary receives taxable funds).

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# Responsibility

Responsibility, not a word that we hear lately. What do we mean by responsibility and more particularly what does it mean in our business life? What is the responsibility of the business, employees, customers, and the community?

As defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary the meaning of the word "responsibility" is:

- The quality or state of being responsible such as:
- Moral
- Legal
- Mental accountability
- Reliability
- Trustworthiness
- A burden
- Something for which one is responsible

\*As a business there is an inherent requirement to be respectful of all and to their belief systems, fair and honest with their employees, trustworthy in business transactions, A political, and a good community member.

\*Employees have the same requirements that of the business that they are associated with that also includes being fair and honest with their employer and showing up for work.

\*At the risk of sounding like a broken record; yes, customers also have many of the same responsibilities of a business and being an employee except being a good community member should be a given but not always the case.

\* So, what is meant by community? Community is the fabric that holds our civilization and civility together. Most just like



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to go about their business but typically a few try to impose their belief systems on the masses through vocal outburst and bullying tactics that disrupts the flow of commerce negatively affecting the lives of many.

What I did not list in the above but will make special mention here is the responsibility of government. If only government had to take the Hippocratic oath (to do no harm) our stress levels may be a bit different. More and more governments are putting undo rules and regulations onto business that drives up costs that are past down to the consumer if they are still able to stay in business at all.

Business has for all intensive purpose is being made responsible for the lives of others outside the workplace beyond providing a safe, non-threatening working environment and benefits that that establishment can afford.

Where does the line of responsibility begin and where does it end? Does being respon-

sible as an individual add to your self-esteem? Yes. Does being a responsible business help make your enterprise be successful? Definitely. Does being responsible by improving your skills and education help you be less dependent on others and improve your bottom line? Absolutely!

**"Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility."**

**Sigmund Freud**

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# Gasoline Prices Got You Down?

Here are some tips to save you money with every fill-up!

- Make sure your gas cap is secure! If you do not tighten it enough, gas can evaporate. You can lose gallons of gas a year this way (this applies to older cars).
- Do not speed! Just five miles over the limit can cost you 7% in fuel consumption.
- Go easy on take-off! Jackrabbit starts and slam-on-the brakes stops can cost you 10%.
- Do not idle your vehicle! We see many cars idling away just because the owners start

them remotely. This seriously wastes gas and does not help the environment either.

- Make sure your air-filter is clean. A dirty filter can cost you 10% in gas mileage! (This should be inspected every 15,000 miles.)
- Combine trips! Plan your errands and save some dollars.
- Think a higher-octane fuel helps? It does not unless your vehicle calls for it. Otherwise, you are just wasting money.
- Car maintenance of all fluids and fuel injection cleaning is extremely beneficial to your vehicle...in many ways...but it

also helps with fuel consumption.

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*Grants of \$10,000 to support small businesses in the personal care and retail sectors*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Small businesses in the personal care and retail sector located in Los Angeles County can apply for \$10,000 grants starting April 5, 2021.

Eligible businesses include hair and beauty salons, nail salons, estheticians, skin-care specialists, barbershops, dry cleaners, bakeries, and automotive or appliance repair, flower shops, party supply stores, bookstores, apparel stores, bakeries, donut shops, community grocery stores/markets, and variety discount stores.

To qualify, the applying businesses must have:

- Experienced financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 and be able to document it.
- A brick-and-mortar location or storefront in Los Angeles County, excluding the City of Los Angeles.
- Been in operation since September 4, 2019 and still be currently in business
- Annual revenue under \$1 million

The County chose the personal care and retail sector for the grant because those busi-

nesses were among the most impacted by the pandemic, as restrictions forced closures for much of 2020.

Business owners can apply for the grant at [lacovidfund.org/application](http://lacovidfund.org/application). Applications are open April 5 through April 11 and April 26 through May 2.

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## Great Easter Period, or Was It? Nope, I Think Not.

So, the families of 2 Capitol Police officers will have their Easter week from here on out totally destroyed. It seems that Noah Green, 25, a male black from Indiana described himself as a supporter of the Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Louis Farrakhan heads the Nation of Islam, a group he has led since 1977 and that is based on a somewhat bizarre and fundamentally anti-white theology. I guess that means kill the white people. He considers himself an American religious leader and political activist. REALLY? Farrakhan has targeted Jews, white people, and the LGBT community with extreme hate speeches. So, I guess one of his disciples, Noah Green, following the beliefs of Farrakhan went out and killed a police officer and tried to kill a second. Green had all kinds of hate crap on Facebook, however the social media giant took down his account. Where the hell was the Facebook Police before this happened???



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

an elderly Asian couple when they were trying to get into their home with groceries. They were old people. Their son had to come out with a machete to save their lives. A little old lady is attacked by a black dude and knocked to the ground and her face stomped in. This was in front of an exclusive residential apartment with the doorman that worked also a security. Thank God he was there because he simply locked the door with the old lady outside without rendering any assistance to her whatsoever. He just stood there and watch her get her face kicked in. You have white guys and skinheads running around with guns in their cars. All they did was get themselves busted and their guns taken away. You have another group of people that are running around with guns in their cars doing drive-by shootings and ready to take on the world. If we are lucky, they get stopped by the police and their guns taken away and given a ticket and sent on their way.

We look all around us and see all kinds of crap going on. Shootings all over the place, with other crimes going rampant with police being handcuffed and not being able to put these people in jail. People shot gas stations for no reason at all, people found dead in the street. Then we have these gangs of black people that are attacking Asian people for what reason? I saw the video out there of 4 male Blacks attacked

people would have a little respect for this religious week of Easter.

Our borders have been opened up and people are allowed to come into this country basically unchecked. You can see what happened there, a huge upswing in crime including home invasions around Texas. These people have nowhere to go. I hear many of them are carrying the Covid virus with them. I don't know, I'm not a doctor and I am not there. My last article, I talked about the news media being banned from going to the detention centers. Thanks for your comments on that.

You would have hoped that people would've given up drive-by shootings at least for Lent... Well we know that was never going to happen.

So, was your Easter get together with your family for dinner better than last year? Most likely not. Wouldn't it be nice to sit back and watch the news and find out that nobody's been killed? To have a holiday with peace where there is no drive-by shootings, drunk driving fatalities, crime against the elderly and crimes against children. To be able to sit down to dinner with the entire family and hold hands and pray if you do that. Oh wait a minute, were not allowed to have our family sit together anymore. I'm sorry.

*"That's just the way it is!"*

You would think that these

## Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. Whether the Asians in America were asked to vote on the matter or not, it appears the national news media has forced them into the vague "People of Color" political category -- but, NEWS FLASH, the "Asians in America" are not a homogeneous group... [And, by the way, when and where was the election to become a member of the "People of Color" held, and who counted the votes?]

2. Additionally, along with the White Privilege derogatory term applied indiscriminately to White Americans, Asians in America similarly have had the appellation of Asian Privilege applied to them -- because, it is said, they-are-just-too-successful as students, workers and professionals... Seriously?!...

3. Instead of the current Biden administration discouraging illegal immigration, it has encouraged it under the guise of being compassionate. It is similar to local politicians in Southern California who, supposedly for compassionate reasons, refuse to deal effectively with the problem of homelessness, and the result is the rise in squalid tent cities,

homeless encampments and the overall decline in quality of life.

4. Learning to budget money and time has always been a valuable asset.

5. Some communities throughout the country have poor educational systems, and their political leaders (rather than working to improve the schools so that their "children" will be prepared to achieve a better life), spend too much time lambasting and demonizing anyone who points out their failure in leadership.

6. It seems many in The Valley relish buying foreign vehicles and foreign breeds of dogs to go along with the cars.

7. People are incited, they demonstrate and protest, sometimes violently, and after their local communities are destroyed, the "locals" still remain poor and embittered -- but the rich, loud elites in the community and in the country, regardless of their race, continue to become richer and louder... It seems many of the elites of both the Blacks and the Whites are manipulating the system, using the poor to advance themselves.

8. This year, for the first time

in the country's history, reportedly more than 50% of the people in America are now non-members of a religious group... Maybe because for many the government has become the all-powerful god in their lives?

9. On the Northeast corner of the Foothill Freeway and Irwindale Avenue alongside the freeway, there is a deep gravel pit - which presents a dangerous predicament if any vehicles would get even slightly bumped off the roadway into the pit... Without any roadside barriers to stop them, they probably would tumble all the way to China -- and China does not have an "Open Borders" policy.

10. National news media people often seem to distort the news of the day whenever a human-hurts-other-humans... If the race of the perpetrator is one the national press seems to dislike, the race is mentioned ad infinitum (Yeah, it's a Latin term, sorry)... But if the race of the perpetrator is one the national press likes, the particular race is omitted or only slightly mentioned in the reporting

Comments/Suggestions: honnod1@yahoo.com

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Redwoods

By Joe Castillo

**Acres of Fog...** California has so many fantastic sites and natural resource wonders that it's hard to imagine you're in the same state. From the Mendocino Coast above San Francisco Bay to the Oregon border, California is home to some of the greatest wonders of the world, the ancient and tall California Coast Redwoods. The trees are so tall that accurate measurements have still not been documented and the forests which support these natural wonders date back to the time of the dinosaurs. The forests at one time stretched all the way into Alaska but now hundreds of thousands of years later these magnificent forests have been reduced in size.

Fossil remains have determined that the Pacific Northwest forests dominated the coast area 100 million years ago when the climate was warmer and wetter than the present climate. Within the forests, are the Coast Redwoods. Redwoods usually survive from 500 to 1,000 years but some Redwoods have survived up to 2,000 years of age. In addition to their longevity, the Redwoods can grow to heights of over 360 feet. Today, three primary species of Redwoods still exist: Coast Redwood, Dawn Redwood and the Giant Sequoia. The Coast Redwood or Sequoia sempervirens grows in a narrow area of land from just south of Monterey north to Brookings, Oregon. The Coast Redwoods survive in an area where fog moderates the summer temperatures and plen-

ty of rain falls to nurture the growing trees. The original area was measured to be 500 miles long and 30 miles wide, and in the early 1800's the forest was determined to contain over 2 million acres. Today, the acreage is 84,000 acres of old growth virgin trees with another 1 million acres of commercial trees. The tallest tree has been identified to be 367.5 feet while estimated to be 2,000 years old.

The Dawn Redwood has been identified in China but usually only grows to a height of 70 feet with a width of several feet. It grows in a very unique climate and does not adapt well to harsher climates.

The Giant Sequoia grows in scattered groves in the high Sierra Nevada's, usually at an elevation of 4,000 - 6,000 feet. The Giant Sequoias are the largest bulk size living specimen on Earth and don't grow as tall as the Coast Redwood but are wider, larger and stronger than their coastal counterpart. The tallest Giant Sequoia is known as the General Sherman, is located in Sequoia National Park, and has a height of 275 feet. The age of a Giant Sequoia may reach 2,500 years.

All these trees are magnificent but the number and size on the Coast Redwoods are the most impressive fact associated with these tall trees. And even more impressive is how fog is used to sustain these ancient forests. During the summer months, the Coast Redwoods are protected from warm temperatures by the

cool canopy created by coastal fog. Large Redwoods can release up to 500 gallons of water per day into the air from its needles. The released water in the evening hours will evaporate into the atmosphere to create fog, which will provide a cool environment for the Coast Redwoods and the cycle of growth will continue. The trees will continue to grow, more water will be released, and more fog will be created. If you've not been to Northern California, I suggest you take a long road trip to the Oregon border. I guarantee you'll see more trees than you ever knew existed, you'll see the dense fog roll in, you'll know how the fog was created and its importance in sustaining these ancient trees which date to over 2,000 years in age ....

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*All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.*

Arthur Schopenhauer

### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE OSCARS

- ACROSS**
- Hedgehog of video games
  - And so forth, acronym
  - \*Oscar-nominated black and white movie
  - Treeless plain
  - Grazing field
  - Moses' mountain
  - Sty sounds
  - Nelson Mandela's org.
  - Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
  - \*Posthumous nominee
  - \*Anthony of "The Father"
  - "What's up, \_\_\_?"
  - Huge pile
  - Protestant denom.
  - Feed storage cylinder
  - Load again
  - Relating to ear
  - Flighty one
  - Proclaimed true without proof
  - Musician David Lee
  - Ascetic holy Hindu
  - Eastern European
  - Plural of #10 Down
  - 500 sheels
  - Looking for aliens org.
  - Kitchen whistler
  - Wails
  - Bad-mouth
  - Medieval torture device
  - Pied Piper follower
  - Politburo hat fur
  - \*Daniel of "Judas and the Black Messiah"
  - Raspberry drupelets
  - Fuss, to Shakespeare
  - Void, as in marriage
  - Defective car
  - Given name of Jack Kerouac's Paradise
  - \_\_\_ of Honor
  - Adam and Eve's first residence
  - Money in Myanmar
  - Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.

- DOWN**
- Undesirable roommate
  - Medley
  - Grannies, in UK
  - Tattooed
  - Universe
  - Panache
  - \*Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9
  - Across
  - Secret storage
  - Stole fur
  - One opposed
  - Indian restaurant staple
  - U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
  - Soaked
  - DNA and RNA
  - Argonaut's propeller
  - Shared work surface at an office
  - \*Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
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- Necklace lock
- Radio receiver
- Nutritious leafy green
- Got A+
- Ice on a window
- Happening soon, old fashioned
- Caffeine-containing nut tree
- Editing arrow
- Chinese monetary unit
- Friend in war
- \*Nominee for Billie Holiday role

### April 1, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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# Jerry Burgan of We Five's "You Were On My Mind" Fame Passes

By George Ogden

GLENDORA - Jerry Burgan, a founding member of the '60s folk-rock group, We Five, best known for their pop hit "You Were on My Mind," died March 29th, 2021. He was born February 3rd, 1945. He was 76 years old at the time of his passing.

It had been reported that he may have had a stroke and fell backwards striking the back of his neck on a sharp corner of an object, possibly a piece of furniture on Friday March 26th. He was treated and transported to Pomona Valley Hospital. It appeared that he severely damaged his third vertebrae which paralyzed him and there was massive swelling causing nerve damage. This caused his system not to react to treatment and the prognosis was very dim that he would ever recover from his paralyzes. Sadly, he slipped away and passed away on Monday the 29th. His family was there.

His services are still being arranged at the time of this printing. The family is trying to set up a "live stream" so people can be part of the final tribute. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers to please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association: Alz.org.

Burgan, a tenor and acoustic guitar player, co-founded the San Francisco-based group "We Five" with Michael Stewart (brother of



Jerry Burgan of We Five

John Stewart of the Kingston Trio), Beverly Bivens, and two others in 1964. By 1965, We Five which also included Bob Jones and Pete Fullerton, had move up in the pop charts with "You Were on My Mind," written in 1962 by Sylvia Fricker. We Five's version, with Bivens singing lead, reached #3 on the Billboard Hot 100 (and #2 on the Record World chart) on Sept. 25.

Jerry put together Songs & Stories working with Debbie and Tholow Chan, or accompanied by

other musicians. This show blended the acoustic folk, roots and original music that shaped them with anecdotes about how the songs and musical styles of the past have evolved into what many today call Americana.

He had a great following, with some people going way back and were still following him to this day.

The San Gabriel Valley Examiner offers its condolences to his family, friends and the fans. Jerry will be missed by so many.

# City of West Covina Awarded \$3.1 Million Dollar Grant for Highway Safety Improvements

ATTACHMENT 2: VICINITY MAP / LOCATION MAP  
City of West Covina (Sponsoring Agency)

**LEGEND**

- City Boundary
- HSIP Countermeasures Selected:
  - CM #1: S02 - Signal Modification: Improve signal hardware: lenses, back-plates with retroreflective borders, mounting, size, and number.
  - CM #2: S07 - Signal Modification: Provide protected left turn phase (left turn lane already exists).
  - CM #3: S17PB - Ped & Bike: Install pedestrian countdown signal heads.

**PROJECT LOCATIONS**

- Sunset Avenue & Merced Avenue
- Cameron Avenue & Orange Avenue
- Vincent Avenue & Puente Avenue
- Lark Ellen Avenue & Badillo Street
- Lark Ellen Avenue & Rowland Avenue
- Hollenbeck Avenue & Cameron Avenue
- Azusa Avenue & Fairgove Avenue
- Amar Road & Temple Avenue
- Amar Road & Shadow Oak Drive
- Sentous Avenue & La Puente Road

Highway Safety Improvement Program | HSIP Cycle 10

Location map of the 10 intersections that will receive improvements.

WEST COVINA - Caltrans announced that the City of West Covina has been awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 grant for funding in the amount of \$3,184,700 in HSIP Cycle 10 Funds. This Highway Safety Improvement Program funding is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction

in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads. "This grant was approved because we focused on a data-driven strategic approach to improving highway safety on city roads" said Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado

The West Covina grant will be used for safety improvements, including installation of left turn phasing at signalized locations with existing left turn pockets, installation of signal hardware improvements to the lenses, back-plates with retroreflective borders, mounting, size, and number. In addition, installation of updated audible pedestrian countdown signal heads at signalized intersections in the City of West Covina

based on collision data outputs from the UC Berkeley SafeTREC Transportation Injury Mapping System, a platform which uses California crash data that has been geocoded to map out crashes.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant is a competitive grant application program open to all jurisdictions in the State of California that is based on collision data and the benefit cost ratio in relation to the improvements. The City's Engineering team, Transtech, has extensive experience in securing state and federal funding, as well as, complex funding management for grant writing, grant preparation, and submissions.

# Los Angeles County, Governor Newsom And Blue Shield Come Together To Secure \$15 Million To Expand Vaccine Infrastructure In Communities Disproportionately Impacted By COVID-19

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County is announcing \$15 million in state funding that will be granted to local partners critical to vaccinating residents in communities most highly impacted by COVID-19. These funds will enable the state's most populous county to equitably and efficiently vaccinate residents as state eligibility guidelines expand.

Forty-one organizations currently in the field supporting local vaccination efforts in the most in-need communities in LA County have expressed resource constraints limiting their ability to increase capacity and reach more individuals in the hardest-hit communities.

These entities are also more likely to have the infrastructure to absorb a surge in funding, ranging from \$250K to \$500K to deploy resources and enhance capacity quickly.

The entities listed fall into the following categories:

- Community Health Providers that are existing vaccinators who have a readiness to scale up vaccination capacity, but have not fully benefitted from the recent funding federal opportunities (i.e., HRSA American Rescue Plan funds for FQHCs).

- Mobile Vaccinators that are working with County teams to identify and deploy mobile clinic activities in most in-need communities in collaboration with local organizations. These agencies do not often receive significant government funding since they are not formally designated as a health center.

- Community and Faith-based Organizations assisting with federal, state, local vaccination efforts by providing outreach, registration assistance, and support (transportation, interpretation) for community residents. As trusted messen-



gers, these organizations have pivoted their operations to meet community needs and require additional support to sustain and augment their services.

- Home Health Care Agencies actively serving homebound seniors and family members in the most in-need communities. These entities have the relationships and mechanisms (i.e., home food delivery, health care services) to support vaccination efforts; the lack of dedicated resources has limited their ability to bring efforts to scale.

- Independent Pharmacies are providing critical vaccination support in areas where there may not be health centers or registered providers.

Starting as soon as next week, for all partners that have signed a contract with the third party administrator and onboarded to the state's My Turn system will begin to receive the funding.

"Throughout this pandemic, my response has been driven first and foremost by equity, working to ensure that those communities hit hardest by the pandemic are prioritized with testing, protective equipment,

and now, vaccines. That is why I thank Governor Newsom and Blue Shield for partnering with us here in Los Angeles County and providing this critical funding to expand upon our collective efforts to ensure that equity remains our guiding principle. This \$15 million fund to partner with trusted organizations in the community like federally-qualified health clinics, community- and faith-based organizations, home health care agencies, and mobile vaccinators, will go a long way toward building the infrastructure needed to close the racial and ethnic disparities that this pandemic has laid bare. And as we approach April 15, with all adults in the County becoming eligible for the vaccine, it is more important than ever that programs are in place to make sure everyone has equal access to the vaccine and no one is left behind. Only by ensuring everyone has access to these vaccines can we fully put this pandemic behind us, and by coming together, we can make that shared goal a reality," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First

District.

"We appreciate the partnership with the State, our County Board of Supervisors and Blue Shield of California to ensure this critical funding for local partners who are best able to meet the needs of the community," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

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## Century 21 Citrus Realty Receives 2020 President's Award for Commitment to Quality Service and Productivity

SAN DIMAS - In recognition of its outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, CENTURY 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored CENTURY 21 Citrus Realty with the 2020 CENTURY 21 President's Award. The annual award is bestowed upon those independent CENTURY 21(r) offices that earn the Century 21 CENTURION award and the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle award in the same calendar year.

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the work of CENTURY 21 Citrus Realty 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 C21(r) franchisees in the United States receive this award."

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## \$30K Reward Offered In The Shooting Investigation of Gabriela De Haro-Perez

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Sadly, Gabriela Elizabeth De Haro-Perez tragically lost her life due to the gang-related violence that occurred on January 2, 2021 at approx 10:15 PM at the intersection of Amar Rd & Azusa Ave, at the city border lines of West Covina / La Puente. In an effort to bring about justice The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor First District Hilda Solis is putting forward a reward of \$15,000, along with a funded \$15,000 by the family and community making a total reward of \$30,000 to assist in the investigation and to ensure those responsible are held accountable. Those with information about the suspect(s) are urged to contact the West Covina Police Department at (626)-939-8500. Tips can also be left anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 1(800)-222-TIPS

WEST COVINA - On Sunday, January 3, 2021, Gabriela De Haro-Perez died after she was shot in a car-to-car shooting, involving unknown individuals who were suspected to be gang-involved. The heinous crime took place near the intersection of Azusa Avenue and Amar Road in the city of West Covina.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors establish a \$15,000 reward, along with another \$15,000 from Perez's fam-

ily and the community, in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of this heinous crime.

If the public has any information about this case or those responsible, we urge them to contact the West Covina Police Department at 626-939-8500.

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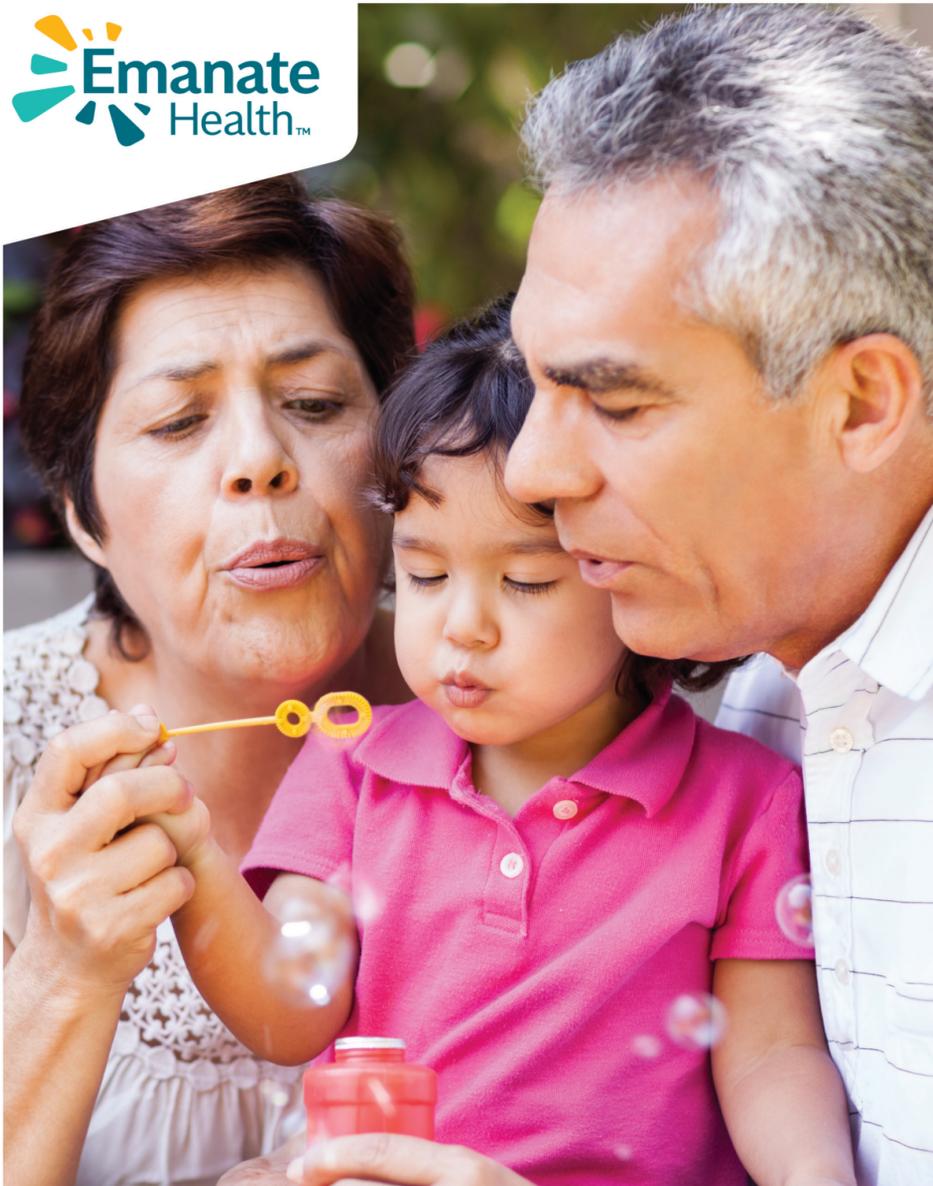
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