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# West Covina's "No-Confidence" Vote **Against LA County DA George Gascón**

### By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - At the July 20th West Covina's City Council meeting, the council voted 4-1 for issuing a no-confidence vote against Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón making them the 25th city to issue a "No Confidence" vote against Gascón. Councilman Brian Tabatabai cast the dissenting vote.

As of press time, it appears that 27 of 88 cities in the Los Angeles County have voted accordingly and to support the recall efforts for Gascón.

Gascón has made horrible revisions to the justice system and has been releasing criminals who otherwise would have been held in jail for their crimes. Contending that those released are not a threat to the community has obviously been far from the truth with the fact these criminals keep committing crimes. The police have been compromised and as they arrest dangerous felons, they are forced to release them back into the community with only a ticket. Some people feel



West Covina City Council vote on Resolution No. 2021-62 - a Resolution Declaring and Affirming a Vote of No Confidence in Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón

Gascón has blood on his hands. Tons of people appeared before the city council to "pled" that the council move forward with the vote of "no-confidence" for Gascón and his policy. This included parents of murdered children from the area

Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado cited that from January to April there were more than 150 crimes and arrests that was processed and submitted to the DA's office and not one of

them was prosecuted and basically denied due process. Most of these individuals were simply release back into the community to commit more crimes. This was quite alarming to the mayor and most of the city council and the people attending.

The mayor had sent out an inquiry as to "why" nothing was done and a representative of Gascón stated that they would

look into it, and there was no response from the DA's office, not one word.

Letty Lopez-Viado made it clear "it is NOT a race issue, it's a crime issue." It has been implied by Tabatabia that it is a racial issue where he has made it sound as though the criminal are actually victims of the system and shouldn't be jailed. He has been quoted as saying "There's data out there. There's research out there. To maintain the status quo hurts Black and Brown communities. That's the other thing. To maintain the status quo, you continue to tax Black bodies."

As for Lopez-Viado, again she made in clear that it is not racial issue. "Crime is crime, no matter who commits it." She went on... as we have seen, all races have been affected and have been victims of crimes. Crime affects the quality of life. I feel these directives (by DA George Gascón) do more harm to our city, causing more problems to our law-abiding citizens. "It affects the majority of people. Criminals had a choice, victims did not. Law and order should be upheld."

With the action of the council and the final vote (4-1) of "no-confidence" brought a very positive reaction from those attending the city council meeting. Sadly, many realize that this vote will mean absolutely nothing to George Gascón.

# Let's Celebrate Betty McWilliams

### By Joan Schmidt

"Let's Celebrate Betty McWilliams". This special lady was honored three times! The City of Arcadia had a reception prior to their July 20th Council Meeting where they presented her with a special Certificate. Two days later, on July22, Betty McWilliams was honored at a Retirement Party Luncheon by grateful co-workers, many service organizations and local officials. Later in the day, there was another reception open to the public and special awards were given. Lois Gaston chaired the retirement luncheon, and everything was perfect. Décor was beautiful-tables adorned with beautiful blue tablecloths and exquisite centerpieces. The hand fans had Betty's picture and day's program on them. The delicious meal was prepared by Reyna Diaz and daughter Violet. The stage was adorned with beautiful plants, from a co-worker's garden. Greg Vanni and Karen Herrera were Co-Emcees. Gary Kovacic welcomed us by video from Oregon, praising Betty for all her hard work and dedication to the Center. Her goal to move the Center into a much larger building was achieved through Betty's perseverance, determination and never give- up work ethic. Karen Herrera introduced the officials and acknowledged all who made this special event happen. Mike Antenesse, Foothill Unity Center's Chief Administration Officer was everywhere. We sat under a giant tent, but mist and breezes kept us cool. Mike and workers provided a generator, two video screens, and music at different intervals. Everything was so well planned.



**Glendora Kiwaniannes Help The Police Department Pack The Patrol Car** 



During lunch, we were treated to a video; the Center's many workers thanked Betty.

Mike Antenesse, Foothill Unity Center Chief Administrative Officer, Tashera Taylor, New Executive Director, Betty McWilliams, (HONOREE) and Terrence Williams from the Town Council.

They noted her hard work and said she was such an inspiration to them. During the Pandemic, the Center served triple the amount of clients. Betty made calls, got donations and 1000's of meals were served. Karen reminded us that Betty volunteered 22 years at the Center; the last seven as Executive Director and it was she who worked tirelessly for their new building.

Presentations followed lunch. Betty, Greg Vanni and Karen Herrera went to seven tables. Each table represented a special group: They included Foothill Unity Center Volunteers; Foothill Unity Center Staff-Tashera Taylor, CEO; Community Action Agency; Community Groups and Service Clubs; and Non-Profit Organizations. Each table had one speaker who praised Betty.

Among Betty's accolades: "You're an inspiration, a problem solver, you got more volunteers, food and money; you give us confidence and support, always support us, have an open door policy and shared your fruit and vegetables."

Monrovia's Larry Spicer said it best. He thanked Betty for "allowing us to support the

Center through the years. Without your leadership, our partnership would not have been as successful as it was. For your unique vision, unselfish time, never-ending effort, hard work and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation o all community groups and service clubs."

Rita Cruz spoke on behalf of dignitaries and praised Betty's efforts during the pandemic: 2000 turkeys given as one example.

At the end, Betty's two daughters Ann Barrett and Colleen McWilliams spoke of what a role model she was and how they loved and admired her. Their gift was a cruise to Alaska. On behalf of the Center, Gregg Vanni and the Board of Directors presented Betty with a beautiful diamond sapphire necklace and a check. Betty was red-eyed after so much love and kind words from everyone! She thanked everyone, and said she could retire because the Center was in good hands-Tashera Taylor and all the Staff. Betty also will sponsor a garden on the site! Truly an unforgettable sendoff! God bless you, Betty. Happy retirement!

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Kiwanianne Club Treasurer, Kandy Nunn, helps to load school supplies into the back of a Glendora Police Patrol Car assisted by Auxiliary Officers Greg Oberon (right) and Jerry Gervais(left), to help provide paper, pencils, crayons, binders and other assorted and needed school supplies that will be delivered to needy Glendora's students this fall. The Kiwaniannes were one of many groups that supported this service project.

### by Pat Rasmussen **Kiwanianne Publicity Chair**

**GLENDORA** -The Glendora Kiwaniannes, along with other local service clubs, helped "Pack the Patrol Car," this summer, a program to collect donated school supplies for needy Glendora School children. Bags and boxes of pencils, crayons, rulers, ruled paper, and binders were among the many items donated by members of the Kiwanianne Club, a nonprofit service club affiliated with Kiwanis International.

"This last year and a half has been a challenge for service clubs and their many projects," said Debbie Deal, president of the Glendora Kiwaniannes "This program was one way we could help." Kandy Nunn, treasurer of the club chaired the collection of items from club members.

In May, the Kiwaniannes sponsored a virtual wine tast-

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ing event collaborating with the Glendora-Azusa Soroptimist Club and two local Glendora businesses. The event raised \$5,000 for Kiwanianne projects that will assist the Glendora community. "During the pandemic, it's been incredibly difficult to complete our yearly fund-raisers, but these two creative and worthy projects will allow us to serve the community," said Deal.

Future Kiwanianne fundraisers will be held in 2022. On November 5, 2022 the Kiwaniannes plan to sponsor a Designer Bag Bingo event which was not held for the last two years due to the pandemic. The club is preparing a funfilled Bingo afternoon where every winning game ends in a participant winning a designer handbag. "Every year we've held Designer Bag Bingo, the event has been enthusiastically received! Food, fun, bingo and handbags will delight all those who attend so mark the date on your calendar," said Deal.

In April 2022, the club plans to host its annual Community Tea. Guests will sit at themed and decorated tea tables and be treated to a traditional afternoon tea. A silent auction will also be held. For more information about these two special events, and tickets check the Kiwanianne website at: www. glendorakiwaniannes.com.

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# El Monte Union Receives 4 of 11 Electric Buses as Part of Clean Mobility Project



El Monte Union High School District receives the first of 11 electric buses on Wednesday, July 21. Those pictured (from left to right) include William Georgie and James Allen from A-Z Bus Sales, and Willie Vargas, EMUHSD Transportation Coordinator and George Cordero, EMUHSD Lead Mechanic.

Union High School District received the first two of 11 electric buses on July 21 and two

**EI MONTE** – El Monte more on July 22 as a part of the District's participation in the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project, made possible by

the \$9.8 million grant awarded by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

This new fleet of electric

# **Golf Carts Recovered by Police**

**IRWINDALE** - Irwindale Police Officers responded to the report of a subject trying to steal a golf cart from a business in the 12900 block of Lower Azusa Sunday night. Once officers arrived at the business, they saw a subject trying to push one of the carts through a huge hole cut into the fence. Upon seeing the cops, ≧ the suspect run onto the 605 # Freeway. Irwindale Police and California Highway Patrol officers searched for the suspect,  $\overline{3}$ however he was not located.

The officers' investigation lead to the discovery of a second golf cart on the nearby street which had apparently been moved from the property



One of the recovered carts push through a hole cut into the fence. by the suspect before the ofered and returned to the busificers arrived. ness owner, who responded to Both golf carts were recovthe scene.

buses is a part of the District's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, creating a healthier environment for students. families and staff. El Monte Union's participation in the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project promotes the use of zero-emission vehicles and clean transportation options for its school community, thanks to the CARB grant.

"Our students deserve transportation to school in buses that are not only safe but also work to eliminate poor air quality in their hometown, and so El Monte Union is excited to see the first buses being delivered because it is the start of new era of transportation for our students," Facility & Energy Manager Lena Luna said.

The purpose of the new buses will be to transport students using state-of-the-art vehicles with the most current safety features that are not reliant on diesel or gasoline. These buses will reduce the District's carbon footprint and help to improve the air quality of the cities EMUHSD services, including El Monte, South El Monte and Rosemead.

Brandon Bluhm, Director of New School Bus Sales at A-Z Bus Sales, Inc., said that his company is 100% employeeowned and the leading distributor of alternative fuel and zero emissions school buses in California. Bluhm explained that electric school buses can save districts up to 80% in fuel costs and up to 50% in maintenance costs over traditional dieselpowered vehicles.

"We are proud to be leading the way for alternative fuel and zero emissions bus sales in the state, and it continues to be a

great experience partnering with the El Monte Union High School District," Bluhm said. "We expect that the rest of the buses will be delivered over the next few months."

The District's project will also add three electric motor pool vehicles, five energy storage systems and charging hardware to support electric vehicles. The District has already received 11 all electric 2021 Gem Polaris utility maintenance carts.

The active transportation plan is another component of this project and complements the electrification of the school buses and maintenance vehicles by generating project ideas that focus on how students and staff get to school and also aims to improve school transportation safety and air quality. The plan takes

a comprehensive look at key issues identified by each school community to understand students' trip from home to school at the community level.

"El Monte Union is excited to receive the first of our electric school bus fleet, marking the beginning of a cleaner and brighter future for our students, staff and school community." Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "Thank you to CARB and all of our partners for helping us to make this transition from gasoline to electric a reality and thank you to our staff who continue to work tirelessly in the best interest of our students and families."

For more information regarding the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project and the Active Transportation Plan, please visit https:// emuhsdmobility.com.



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# **Arcadia And Coalition Cities Prevail In Lawsuit Over Local Control Of Cannabis Sales**

no County Superior Court judge dismissed an appeal by the California Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC) of a lawsuit brought by a collation of 25 cities and counties-including the City of Arcadia-to preserve local decision-making authority over cannabis sales. California counties and cities litigated against the BCC regarding the adoption of a regulation that undermined local control to limit or restrict sales

ARCADIA - On July 7, a Fres- of cannabis in Arcadia-and elsewhere-as a result of the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016.

"California voters passed Proposition 64 with the intent of maintaining local authority on the regulation of cannabis. The Proposition guaranteed Arcadia's right to regulate cannabis sales in our community," said Arcadia Mayor Sho Tay. "This is a great victory for Arcadia and our coalition partners."

During court briefings, the BCC admitted that their regulations did not explicitly override control of local ordinances. The court dismissed the lawsuit on the grounds that the BCC's statement clarified the agency's position on local ordinances which ended all legal controversy. The court's ruling grants California cities the right to regulate or ban cannabis within their respective communities.

# **COVID-Related Hospitalizations** Have Nearly Doubled in Two Weeks

Driven by the more aggressive Delta variant, low vaccination rates in certain communities and more intermingling of unmasked individuals, hospitalizations in L.A. County almost doubled in just two weeks, with



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LOS ANGELS COUNTY - 745 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Two weeks ago, on Monday, July 12, 372 people were hospitalized.

> Almost everyone hospitalized with COVID-19 in L.A. County is unvaccinated; Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 97% of patients who have been hospitalized with COVID-19 since January have not been vaccinated. And while postvaccination infections and hospitalizations can happen, these individuals tend to experience less severe illness because the vaccines are highly protective.

On July 26th, Public Health

reported 4 new deaths and 1,966 new cases of COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths likely reflect reporting delays over the weekend. Of the four new deaths reported today, three people that passed away were over the age of 80, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 29 years old.

Public Health has identified 1,285,771 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,631 deaths. Testing results are available for over 7,261,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. July 26th's daily test positivity rate is 5.2%.

### S.G.V. EXAMINER **A**3 **California Implements First-in-the-Nation Measures to Encourage State Employees and Health Care** Workers to Get Vaccinated

State employees and health care workers must show proof of vaccination or get tested regularly

**SACRAMENTO** - The State of California is taking decisive action to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect vulnerable communities - implementing a first-in-the-nation standard to require all state workers and workers in health care and highrisk congregate settings to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week, and encourage all local government and other employers to adopt a similar protocol.

"We are now dealing with a pandemic of the unvaccinated, and it's going to take renewed efforts to protect Californians from the dangerous Delta variant," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "As the state's largest employer, we are leading by example and requiring all state and health care workers to show proof of vaccination or be tested regularly, and we are encouraging local governments and businesses to do the same. Vaccines are safe - they protect our family, those who truly can't get vaccinated, our children and our economy. Vaccines are the way we end this pandemic."

California will also be requiring health care settings to verify that workers are fully vaccinated or tested regularly. Unvaccinated workers will be subject to at least weekly COVID-19 testing

and will be required to wear appropriate PPE. This requirement also applies to high-risk congregate settings like adult and senior residential facilities, homeless shelters and jails. These steps will help protect vulnerable patients and residents.

The new policy for state workers will take effect August 2 and testing will be phased in over the next few weeks. The new policy for health care workers and congregate facilities will take effect on August 9, and health care facilities will have until August 23 to come into full compliance.

Despite California leading the nation in vaccinations, with more than 44 million doses administered and 75 percent of the eligible population having received at least one dose, the state is seeing increasing numbers of people who refused to get the vaccine being admitted to the ICU and dying. This increase is heavily due to the Delta variant, which is more contagious and kills people faster:

• As of last week, California's statewide case rate more than quadrupled from a low in May of 1.9 cases/100,000/day to at least 9.5 cases/100,000.

• Our testing positivity was at a low of 0.7 percent in June, now it has risen to 5.2 percent.

we are now approaching 3,000. · The vast majority of new cases are among the unvaccinated, with 600 percent higher case rates among the unvaccinated than for those who are vaccinat-

ed. "California has administered more vaccines than any other state, with 75 percent of those eligible having gotten at least one dose, and we were weeks ahead of meeting President Biden's 70 percent goal. But we must do more to fight disinformation and encourage vaccine-hesitant communities and individuals," said

Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. "The Delta variant is up to 60 percent more infectious than the Alpha strain but many times more infectious than the original COV-ID-19 strain. If you have been waiting to get vaccinated, now is the time."

a low in June of under 900, and

The State of California remains committed to keeping the state's economy open while ensuring that employees feel safe in the workplace. To that end, the state is encouraging employers to ensure that their employees are vaccinated, and will lead by example by implementing new vaccination measures for state and health care workers.

• Our hospitalizations were at

# **Senior Dies After Being Hit by Pickup Truck**

### By George Ogden

**EL MONTE -** On Thursday morning, July 22, just after 5 a.m., an El Monte man in his 80 was hit by a pickup truck as he was crossing Durfee Avenue just south of Schmidt Road and north of Klingerman St. This is a commercial area with a lot of auto repair businesses. Authorities have no idea why the man was crossing in the middle of the block dent is still under investigation.

at that time of the morning. He was hit by a pickup that was heading south on Durfee. The driver remained at the scene and was not cited.

The elderly man was treated at the scene and transported to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center where he later died. His identity was not disclosed as the next of kin has not been notified. The acci-

# **City Of Azusa To Host Annual 'National Night Out' Event**

### Azusa Police Department to Lead Community Presentations and 'Walk Against Crime'

AZUSA – The City of Azusa and the Azusa Police Department will again be observing 'National Night Out' with a special event and community 'walk against crime' on the evening of Tuesday August 3rd, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The event is set to begin directly in front of the Azusa Police Department at 725 N. Alameda Avenue. The Azusa Police Department is the official sponsor of the free event which is designed to promote crime prevention awareness throughout the city. 'National Night Out' is a campaign by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law

enforcement agencies throughout the country. Over 20 agencies, city departments, public officials and community organizations will be highlighting their services to the Azusa community through booth presentations, demonstrations and small promotional giveaways. An exciting community draw will surely also be 'Hailey', the City's new K-9 who will be making an appearance. Following a short program, attendees will also be invited to join Chief of Police Mike Bertelsen, who will lead the community on a short walk around the Azusa Civic Center complex at

ite here in Azusa, so we hope the community will join us again this year as we promote crime prevention awareness in our community." said Mayor Gonzales. "The National Night Out program has proven to be an effective, free and fun event for people of all ages, which promotes neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our campaign for a safer Azusa," added Police Chief Mike Bertelsen. "We welcome all Azusans and look forward to a great interactive and engaging evening!"

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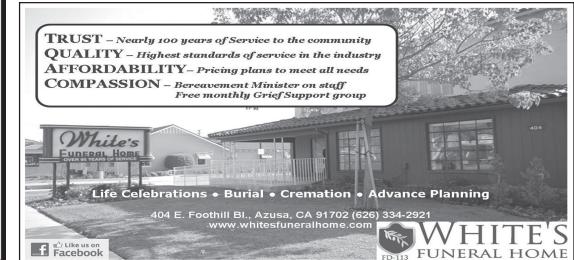
# **Arcadia Launches Homelessness Program And Perception Survey**

**ARCADIA** – The City of Arcadia has launched a Homelessness Program and Perception Survey designed to solicit feedback from the Arcadia community about homelessness in the City. The purpose of the survey is to help inform the City and residents on the community's preferences for homeless support services.

A special edition newsletter on homeless issues will be mailed to Arcadia residents this week. To view a digital copy of the newsletter prior to taking the survey, please click here or visit the City's Homeless Forum page at ArcadiaCA.gov/ homeless for more information.

The 31 question survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available to anyone who is interested in providing feedback to the City on this important issue. To take the survey, please visit: https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/arcadiahomelesssurvey

Survey results will be presented at the Community Forum on Homelessness on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, and will also be posted on the City's website. For more information about Homeless Services, the survey, or the Community Forum on Homelessness, please visit ArcadiaCA.gov/homeless.



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### **Worse Infection: COVID or Government**

While Recall Gascon 2020 is taking over social media and newspapers, we mustn't forget we still have issues with Recall Newsom 2020 on the front burner. It is critically important Newsom stay our main focus until the September 14th vote is taken and confirmed. We have loads of good candidates who have the ability to run this state, not into the ground, but back to the Golden State of old.

People are furious with L.A.D.A. George Gascon, who slid into office with \$2.5 million from George Soros's checkbook. Gascon wrote Prop 47 legalizing theft and turning felonies into misdemeanors including possession of hardcore drugs. Getting signatures for his recall is as easy as getting signatures to recall Newsom because people have had enough, are angry and want California back on track and our state house in order.

Getting our state house in order means it is time to take a hard look at our education system beyond the discussion of mask up or not to mask up in schools when kids return to in-person learning this fall. One group of parents has decided to organize and go to work finding new school board members who are willing to fight back against the progressive agenda occurring silently behind closed doors in Sacramento. Two objectives: Get rid of Critical Race Theory (CRT) mandate and what I call Early Sex Education 101.

CRT is defined as a program examining social, cultural and legal issues as they relate to race and racism, but in practice many believe is the road to distorting American History, promoting a disastrous psychological impact on our kids and creating more anger, frustration and hostility in our communities than we are seeing now. What happened to history and civics classes?

Health Education Framework, April 2019 revision, Chapter 3, Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 3, reads in part: "While students may not ful-



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

ly understand the concepts of gender expression and identity, some children in kindergarten and even younger have identified as transgender, or understand they have a gender identity that is different from their sex assigned at birth. The goal is not to cause confusion about the gender of the child but to develop an awareness that other expressions exist" Do parents approve of this in our public education system?

The 11-member California Board of Education (CBOE) is the K-12 policy-making body for academic standards, curriculum and instructional materials who have an indelible effect on our children through their policies and standards. We, the people, don't elect them, they are appointed by the Governor, and right now, that's the Governor who is being recalled for failed leadership and policies driving people out of California and have left 6.8 million people lacking resources to meet basic needs, not including housing costs. Those are pre-virus-pandemic numbers.

Announcing kids must mask up to attend school made parents irate knowing Newsom's children have been attending private school all year while their students were required to distancelearn on a computer. Two friends told me their children, enrolled in private schools, have been inperson learning, non-stop, since the virus started. Gov. Newsom, sporting his double standards, has

provided a huge round of support for private education, homeschooling and school choice options. Public Education Systems are bound by union contracts while being dictated to by CBOE, who are under the thumb of progressive legislators' legislation and appointed by the Governor with a political agenda. That leaves administrators and unified school district board members, already dealing with declining enrollment, with the challenge of trying to figure out how many students will return to in-person learning beginning shortly. Their budgets depend heavily on average daily attendance (ADA) so administrators' best guesses have to be accurate.

In California we don't fix problems, we find a suitable band aid to apply to the "boo-boo" making it invisible and therefore problem solved. Such is the case with children affected by California poverty levels. Gov. Newsom has just allocated \$54 million for the Universal School Meals Program to provide 6.2 million students with free breakfast and lunch beginning this month for the school year 2021-22. Next year's allocation will be \$650 million and no guarantees mentioned beyond next fiscal year. Local school districts will be responsible to implement and Newsom is home free to find the next band aid.

As I mask up to go to the grocery store and my partisan political party board meeting, two lawsuits have been filed against Gov. Newsom concerning masks when our kids go back to school. Let Them Breathe and Reopen California Schools believe it is time to return to a "normal" school year from distance learning and allow students to recover from months of isolation that may have caused mental and physical health problems. How much mental stress and fatigue will be caused by two new irrelevant education programs in our schools? Apply a little of that stress to teachers and board members too.

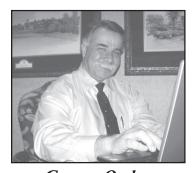
# Here are Some Dumb Questions to Have Fun With

Often we get people that throw some riddles or dumb questions at you and you're supposed to respond. When you do, you often make yourself look pretty dumb with the answer you give because it is wrong. Naturally there is a logical answer for what is thrown at you.

Sometimes you can pop up some funny answers to question that are asked of you. One example was when a large motorcycle club was meeting at a facility I basically manage. There were a number of chapter presidents along with other officers from their chapters attending this event that had their National President running the show that dav.

The National President yelled out to me from across the room... "Hey George, how do you turn the lights on in the hall?" I loudly velled back, "with a light switch" which brought a lot of laughter from the members while getting that dumb look from the National President.

I will toss some of these at you that maybe you can use and get even.



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

One dumb question that actually got me was... Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world? Answer: Mt. Everest, it just wasn't discovered yet.

So you get the idea. What goes up but never comes down? Your age.

You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible? All the people on the boat are married. (Oh brother).

I thought this one was a little clever for those of you that eat Rice Krispies... David's parents have three sons: Snap, Crackle, and what's the name of the third son? Hope you didn't mess this

one up. It is David.

This is an old one and it still gets people... If you're running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in? You are now in second place.

This belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it? Your name.

Let's test your math on this one. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet? Did you get the answer? There is no dirt because it is a hole.

Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly? The word is incorrectly.

What part of the chicken has the most feathers? The Outside.

Why would a lady living in New Zealand would never be buried in Australia? Because she is still living.

What two things can you never eat for breakfast? Lunch and dinner.

Okay enough of this nonsense... Sadly there is more of this stupid stuff out there.

"That's just the way it is!"

# I've Always Spoken Indiana **English... Unknowingly**

### By Ralph E. Shaffer

I grew up in a rural part of the state, way out in the country. We moved there when I was three. At five, I started kindergarten at George WaRshington Elementary school. That capital R is not a typo. The R belongs there, but it really should be a small letter r. I capitalized it for emphasis, because, until not long ago, I always pronounced the last name of the nation's first president as WaRshington, and that's the way the name of the school came out of my mouth, too. My brother went to the same school and proudly told everyone he went to WaRshington.

We were consistent. At home each morning we waRshed our faces with a waRsh cloth. On Monday mornings our Mom put the clothes into the waRshing machine, then hung the waRsh on the line.

But it wasn't just variations of the word "wash" that we altered. How about squaRsh? As I said, we lived in the country, on a half-acre. Our neighbors raised chickens. We grew squaRsh. When a rabbit was run over on the street, it was squaRshed. Yep, that intrusive R seemed to be everywhere.

wrench the soap out of the waRsh rag. And dump the wrench water on the squaRsh plants." "Wrench" was apparently widely used in Midland American English. I just thought it was a normal word.

When she needed cooking instructions, my Mom always looked for a "re-SEEP," not a recipe. My brother and I never said "re-seep."

I taught at a state university for 30 years, and in the k-12 for 6 years before that. Taught American history, and I'm sure George WaRshington was our first president when I lectured. Until, at some time, without anyone pointing it out to me, I realized that I was garbling names and other nouns. Before I retired - a long time ago - I carefully spoke of General Washington, without the R. But I'm sure that in casual conversation that R is there where it shouldn't be, along with the intrusive I in maIsh, as in malshing potatoes.

Only recently did I get a clue as to why I added the R and I. All my life I spoke Indiana English, but I never lived in Indiana. The rural area I lived in was 10 miles from downtown Los Angeles. My parents, however, were raised in Indiana, leaving rural Dana and Quaker in their early twenties after World War I. They grew up with the Indiana dialect, officially called Midland American English because it's found in several states in the heartland of America. I learned to talk from them, and to talk like them, as did my brother. I'm afraid my own kids may have picked the intrusive R and I from me, but not as completely. I'll have to ask them who the first president was, and what you call a 100-yard race. At 91, it probably doesn't matter that I still occasionally add that R and I. I'm nearing the end of a very long marathon and I'm about to make that daIsh to the finish line.

# **MY TURN: All Lives Are Cheap to Some People**

Larry Elder is running for Governor in California. But a lawsuit over some technicalities in his registration and application to run threatened to keep him off the ballot. He went to court and he won. It seems as though the Democrat Leftists have a problem with elections. They find the need to insure their victories by finding ways to marginalize and handicap those that run against them that they fear will certainly beat them. Elder is a long time California resident and no "carpet bagger" like so many candidates the Democrats feel inclined to enter in the races. His years on the radio make him a great communicator and his day to day discussions with regular listeners keep him on track with the thoughts of the people. Ronald Reagan had a media background and a film career that taught him how to "message" to the people and Donald Trump was effective well, due to his experience in reality TV. Candidates like these are unique because they care about the people and they come to the forum with authenticity. The best way to read the room is to not treat people like a "cheap suit." All too often life in general has become "cheap." A lady wrote a concise and

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short letter in my local paper,



### **Charles Lopresto**

the Arizona Republic that said a lot. "In a land that says it's OK to kill unborn children, why are we surprised that there are mass killings? Could we say that when some life is cheap, all life is cheap?"

Life in America these days has become cheap in all corners. When we have radical Islamic leaning politicians ignoring 911, then 3000 lives lost on 911 are cheap. When we have uncontrolled and open borders, the lives that take a risk are cheap because of false promises. When we marginalize and defund police, allowing them to take risks and then punish them if they react in self defense, then law enforcement lives are cheap. The crimes that take place in cities that get ignored so that we can focus on January 6th, also represent lives that are cheap. People who are accused of insurrection in that same January 6th incident who are denied due process and exempt from Constitutional protection are also lives that are cheap. When we have military personnel and first responders who are put in jeopardy by clueless politicians, those lives are cheap. And when the people that shed blood for our country are ignored by athletes and people of influence supposedly representing our country and our flag but are still allowed their megaphone with no pushback, then the lives they insult are cheap.

If a baby actually does make it out of the womb, they will be burdened with parents who are constrained and ridiculed for trying to be parents, teachers who care more about their activist union desires than the students and an education system that will teach them ideological crap instead of the skills they will need to compete. In short, the children's lives will all be cheap.

We have now said that the lives that matter come with conditions and when the conditions don't meet the narrative and the desire of our cultural warriors, then all those lives are cheap.

Maybe Larry Elder will be popular because he comes from the cheap seats. Not the stylish, trendy "French Laundry" expensive seats or should I say, expensive boxes. Our country and the state of California in particular, don't need another clueless politician that makes the rules that he or she doesn't feel the need to hold themselves accountable to. If you want a real "feel" for the game, sit in the cheap seats.

The lives you find in general admission are anything but cheap.

I've checked with my brother's four sons. They all agree- he used that intrusive R just as I did.

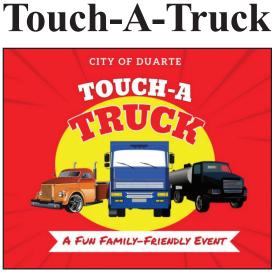
Except when the intrusive I replaced it. The R only occurred in a very few words. The intrusive I seemed to be everywhere, but you had to know whether the word called for an R or an I. Actually, you didn't even think about it when you said the words. The R or I was automatically there,

When cars were in a wreck, I called it a "craIsh." A one syllable word became two syllables. I removed the alshes from the fireplace. An obnoxious guy was braIsh. I caIshed a check. I always lost in the 100-yard daIsh. You get the picture. But the question is why wasn't an R put in all those words instead of an I?

It's my theory that we learned this dialect from our Mom. It's from their mothers that most kids learn to speak since they are - or at least were in my youth - around the house all day with the kids. I've often wondered if my distant cousins - the Fortners and McCools - use the R and I as well.

And it's still unclear if c'mere, c'mon and c'min, for come here, come on and come in, are simply slang or dialect brought over from England or Ireland. But I use all of them.

Then there was "wrenched." We never "rinsed" anything, we "wrenched" it. "Ralph, don't forget to



DUARTE - Grab the kids and come out and explore in-person vehicles of all kinds! From trucks, to fire engines, tractors, and city buses. Food trucks will also be on-site offering lunch and snacks for purchase.

Event will be on Wednesday, August 4, at 1 PM at 751 Encanto Pkwy, Duarte.

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## **Baldwin Park National Night Out**



turns Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Baldwin Park Police Department

The Baldwin Park Police Association will be donating backpacks and school supplies to Baldwin Park students to help them start this year of school off on the right foot.

Due to limited supplies, BACKPACKS ARE AVAILABLE BY RESERVATION ONLY, while supplies last. (Student's family must live in Baldwin Park. 2 backpacks max per household.) Backpacks must be picked up during National Night Out.

To reserve yours today, please call the Baldwin Park Police Department Community Relations Bureau: CSO Cynthia Espinoza at (626) 813-5235.



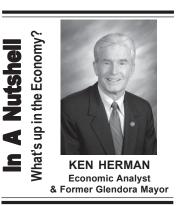
# **Consumer Price Index - A Big Surprise**

June statistics provided another huge jump in (CPI) inflation numbers! While June may also have been another month where excluding this and that might make inflation look transitory, the Fed's patience will likely be tested. Headline CPI rose 0.9% in June (from May) for a 5.4% year-over-year gain. This was well above the 0.5% consensus inflation expectation for June. Core CPI (ex-food and energy) also rose 0.9%, for a 4.5% yearly increase, also above that respective 4.0% consensus.

These statistics represent the largest monthly and yearly gains in these headline inflation indexs since 2008, as well as the biggest year-on-year core increase since 1991. How long will it take for these price increases to subside if this is transitory? If it takes many more months (before inflation quits dramatically increasing) could inflation expectations become unanchored?

Every month of bottlenecks and capacity issues also fuels doubt that increased inflation is temporary. Does it make sense that some of what has been driving high inflation so far this year has yet to work itself out? For example, it should be no surprise that the ongoing chip shortage hasn't been resolved, nor is it likely to be any time soon.

Members of the FOMC who already think it's time to slow inflation expectations down (by setting a taper timeline) should find new ammunition in this (CPI) report. One notable thing about this market is that it can't seem to make up its mind about whether inflation is going to really take off or has already peaked. If you listen to the Fed, the second quarter will mark the highest rate for inflation we'll see. They apparently think it



should cool off in the months ahead.

But if you listen to some other notable pundits - like major fund managers Ray Dalio and Mohamed El-Erian, or former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers - then inflation is growing. It took some time, but the Fed has finally acknowledged rising inflationary forces, as they raised their 2021 forecast to 3.4% from 2.4% in May.

Mohamed El-Erian, chief economic advisor at Allianz, told CNBC last week, "If you were actually to look at the numbers on inflation, you would start having serious doubts in your mind as to how transitory inflation is. But as long as the Fed believes it's transitory, that is what matters for markets". Even as the stock market has apparently overcome its inflationary fears by setting new records, there are concerns in America about input costs, wage pressures, as well as Fed policies. The Fed's favorite price gauge, the personal consumption expenditures price index, excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, rose 3.4% in May from a year ago, the highest level since 1992 and well above the central bank's 2% target.

As investors look to the second half of 2021 for clues, expected positive economic data may provide the fuel for a rally to carry us higher (despite ongoing inflation). The notion of massive Congressional spending, which coincides with further QE and the tempered structural inflation expectations, provides a long glide path for stocks to continue to rally. Either the bond market is wrong or Ray Dalio, Larry Summers, and Mohamed El-Erian are wrong on the inflation picture, or there is just too much money which needs to go somewhere. Low yield bonds may be an uncertainty hedge.

The evidence is growing that this market knows no fear. There has been no 5% correction (on a closing basis in the S&P 500) since before the last election. The S&P 500 has set seven alltime record highs in a row - the longest streak since 1997. We recently saw new highs to the once-struggling NASDAQ and Dow Industrials; and, record breaking is anticipated to continue. Plus, we are beginning to hear from major companies regarding their second-quarter earnings. How good will they be? Very good!

Analysts were way off the mark in forecasting the first quarter of 2021. At the beginning of the year, the consensus was that S&P profits would be up 16% in the first quarter (vs. the same quarter in 2020), but first-quarter profits for the S&P 500 were up over 48% in the opening quarter. At one point, Wall Street thought that would be the all-time high growth rate, but it looks like this quarter will surpass Q1 by a long shot.

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and comments: kenherman46@hotmail.com

Your Money - Ask Julia What is causing prices of gasoline, building supplies, and so many other products to keep

going up? Production, imports, and exports were greatly impacted by the pandemic. Now that things are opening up, demand is rising, while supply is really struggling to catch up. Meanwhile, our government is still on a wild spending spree. The current annual federal budget is a little over \$3 trillion. Add to that the allocation of \$4.5 trillion spent over the last 15 months for Covid-19 relief. Since Biden has been President, he signed the American Rescue Plan (\$1.9 trillion), and is pushing his American Jobs Plan (\$2.7 trillion), and his American Families Plan (1.8 trillion). Where's the money coming from? The Federal Reserve just keeps printing more. Usually, the Feds raise the interest rate of money they loan to lending institutions and those lending institutions raise the rates on loans (mortgage, credit cards, automobiles, etc.) to borrowers. However, the Federal Reserve has not raised the interest rate. As long as the government is spending abundantly more than they are acquiring, our nation digs further and further into debt. Digging our way out of monumental debt is often a slow process, is always difficult, and is often painful.

I'm a landlord and have not been able to evict my tenants due to the Covid law against evictions. It's a real hardship for me. When will this end?

Many do not understand that landlords, due to the eviction moratorium, have been losing over \$13 billion monthly! Last



Julia Yoder

week, a federal court ruled that the CDC overstepped their authority by establishing the eviction moratorium (passed into law by Congress). The court did not immediately put a stop to the moratorium because it is already set to end on July 31. The CDC has gotten extensions in the past, but has yet to file an appeal.

Housing prices are so high that we're thinking we should sell ours and buy a smaller place. The problem is that prices are so high, we're thinking it's a bad time to buy. Can you shed some light on this quandary?

Housing goes through cycles for sellers and buyers. Basically, it boils down to this: Sell high; buy high, OR Sell low; buy low. Being a buyer in this current market can be very frustrating. It can make you feel like you're in shark-infested waters during a feeding frenzy. Of course, that's great for sellers because there are many ready buyers vying for your property. Some homeowners decide to sell while the market is high, rent a smaller place for two to five years or so, and then buy when housing prices take a dip. (After 2 years, you could

qualify to be a first-time homebuyer.) Others decide to sell now and move out of state. Right now, the inventory of homes for sale is low. It is a great time to put your home up for sale. Be ready to move!

### I've got a debt that has gone to collections. I feel bad, but I can't pay it. What can I do?

Answer their call. Since your credit is already harmed, ask them if they can offer you a lower "settlement" amount. When they tell you a dollar amount, hesitate, groan, and tell them it'll take you a couple of days to figure out if you can come up with that amount. Sometimes they'll come back with an even smaller settlement, and often they'll postdate the payment until the end of that month, or freeze the account and let you make steady, small payments. If they refuse to negotiate, consider a balance transfer to another credit card with zero or low interest. Then review your budget and pay it off as quickly as possible. This will take discipline, but you can do it! I do not recommend debt consolidation as those companies rarely guarantee what they say in their sales pitch.

### Ask Julia by email: juliayoder@yahoo.com

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### **Get Ahead LA Connects County Residents** in Need with Free Financial Resources

LOSANGELES COUNTY-The COVID-19 pandemic has brought significant financial challenges to many residents of Los Angeles County. To combat these challenges, the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' Center for Financial Empowerment (CFE) is pleased to announce Get Ahead A, a campaign to safely guide LA County residents to the financial resources they need to reach their financial goals. "As COVID-19 expanded throughout LA County last spring, hundreds of thousands of County residents lost jobs and income," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. "Many of these families are still working hard to pay down debts, hold on to their homes, and recover financial stability. Get Ahead LA is a one-stop shop for financial advice. It's totally free, and available to any County resident who can use a financial hand up right now." "As LA County's economy is

making positive steps toward recovery, there are still many residents struggling to get by," said Rafael Carbajal, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. "That's why we have launched Get Ahead LA, delivering free financial resources at your fingertips."

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• Housing stability;

- Safe financial products; and
- · Health services.

Get Ahead LA is a free, userfriendly online service available today at GetAheadLA.org.

Users can also take advantage of the LA County Financial Navigators program, operated by CFE in partnership with Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund). LA County residents can access the LA County Financial Navigators program today by simply completing a short online request form at dcba.lacounty.gov/financial-navigators. The call center is also available to provide assistance in completing the form at (800) 593-8222.



### What You "AUTO" Know

### By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

### What You Need To Know About ADAS!

sistance Systems) is a sensor program available in a lot of new cars. These sensors are there to help you in many ways, such as:

• Adaptive cruise control

• Adaptive headlights that steer with the vehicle

• Automatic emergency braking

• Automatic headlight highbeam activation and dimming

- Blind spot monitoring
- · Forward collision warning
- Lane departure warning
- Lane keeping assist
- Parking assist/self-parking
- Rear cross traffic alert
- These sensors sure make life



ADAS (Advanced Driver As- easier and safer...unless they get damaged. Obviously if you are in a major accident, you might think about the sensors and their need for replacement/ recalibration. If you do not think about it, hopefully your collision repair shop will.

Something you might not be aware of is that if you have a windshield replaced or a slight fender bender, the sensors will fail to be reliable. A suspension repair or a wheel alignment can also upset the finely tuned sensors. Once a driver realizes that something "isn't quite right" they often never trust ADAS again.

These systems can be fixed, however. It is a time-consuming process to calibrate, which significantly raises the cost of the repair, but it can be accomplished.

We just want you to know what ADAS is, how it works, and what to do if you notice a change. Being aware helps keep you, and those you share the road with, safe! At Certi-

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LA County residents can find important resources to help them manage their unique financial challenges. Get Ahead LA will help residents find free resources including:

• Debt management and wealth building;

Income boosts;

A comprehensive social media toolkit for Get Ahead LA can be accessed here.

For more information on the Center for Financial Empowerment, visit dcba.lacounty.gov/financial-empowerment.

### What to Expect When You Return to the Office

As life returns to normal, many companies and organizations are heading back to the office using a hybrid model or are beginning to talk about doing so.

Under these plans, employees split their time between working in-person and working from anvwhere, and if your employer has announced this will be happening soon, you may be feeling apprehensive about the transition. Here are a few things to expect:

• Flexible workspaces: With fewer employees coming to work in-person at any given time, your company may reduce the size of the physical office as a cost-saving measure. Whereas you may have previously been assigned a personal workstation, you may now find your company "hot-desking," in which workstations are shared and used by different employees at different times.

• New tech tools: Employees can expect to see new tech tools enter the picture, according to

"Tools that provide business leaders with insights, not oversight, and build out on the tools your company already uses, are going to smooth out communication, collaboration and workflow issues during the transition," says Michele Havner, director of marketing at Eturi, the maker of Motiv, an app for smalland mid-sized businesses.

experts.

In the case of Motiv, a mobile dashboard that delivers important productivity metrics to CEOs, managers and leaders, the tech integrates with Google Workspace and Microsoft 365. Because team leaders are provided with information like conference call activity and email summaries, they are able to more effectively manage their hybrid workforce. Available through the iOS App Store and Google Play Store, you can learn more by visiting motivapp.com.

• Watercooler talk: Some people will return to the office



ready to pick up right where they left off, scheduling lunches, coffees and happy hours with their colleagues, whom they consider friends. For others, the inperson socialization that was once a staple of office life may take longer to adjust to. Know that everyone will have their own feelings about returning to the office and try to be empathetic to others, wherever they stand on the issue.

• Additional change: As your employer learns what is and isn't working with the new hybrid model, they may make additional adjustments in the weeks and

months ahead. Whether it's introducing a new rule that all staff members be in the office every 5 Monday, or the addition of a ; weekly team meeting every Wednesday morning, being prepared for such potential changes can help you avoid being thrown off guard down the line.

After over a year of working from home, the prospect of returning to the office can be exciting, nerve-wracking or both. Knowing how and why things may look different from pre-pandemic office life can help you prepare for the new, new normal. (StatePoint)



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# **Around the Valley & Senior News**

# La Verne Community Yard Sale

ne Chamber of Commerce with the City of La Verne and Bonita High School are sponsoring a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 31 from 8:00am until noon, in the Bonita High School Parking Lot (3102 D

LAVERNE - The La Ver- Street, La Verne). This year will include a Health & Fitness Expo. Health and fitness professionals, practitioners, services and product providers will be on hand to educate about the multitude of health and fitness practices that can benefit

all stages of life.

There is no admission to attend, and everyone is invited to browse, shop and think fit! Spaces are available for purchase. For more information, please call the Chamber at (909) 593-5265.

# **Parking Enforcement to Resume**

Friday, August 6, the Monrovia Police Department will resume parking enforcement for timed parking. Please pay attention to all posted signs when choosing your next parking spot, espe-

**MONROVIA** - Beginning cially noting the time allocated for parking.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parking Enforcement Office at (626)256-8000.

ample free parking, including on-street parking, designated public parking lots, and public parking garages. Visit the link for more information on parking in Monrovia Old Town Monrovia has cityofmonrovia.org/parking

### **Robbery Suspects Wanted for Shooting**

LA VERNE - On Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at about 3:30 PM, La Verne Police Officers responded on a report of a robbery involving a victim who had been shot.

On arrival, Officers located a 45 year old male victim with a gunshot wound to the left foot.

Two male Hispanics approximately 25-30 years old pulled into the construction site in an older model grey Chevrolet Suburban. They exited the vehicle and entered a construction worker vehicle at the construction site.

The victim along with a couple additional workers confronted the suspects. One suspect pulled out a gun and the workers attempted to run. The suspect fired one shot striking the victim in the left foot. Both suspects fled the location in the Suburban heading east on Arrow Hwy.

The shooting occurred in the 2300 block of Arrow Hwy.

Anyone with information about the suspects or suspect vehicle is encouraged to contact the La Verne Police Department Detective Bureau at 909-596-1913.

day through Friday from

7:30am to 4:30pm. The Com-

munity Center adheres to all current LA County CDC pro-

tocols for its visitors and em-

ployees.

### By Joe Castillo

Jayhawkers... The great Gold Rush of 1848 brought more seekers of prosperity into California than any other event in US and possibly world history. Settlers from throughout the United States sought any way they could to reach the goldfields of the Mother Lode country. Most came overland, usually in wagon train parties, but the chosen route was usually different based upon the time of year. The early arrivers in 1848 usually found large amounts of gold without much effort and news of their great success would eventually bring even greater numbers of emigrants west in the following year.

In late 1848, a young 17-yearold named John B. Colton from Galesburg, Illinois decided to go west so he acquired a wagon and started to purchase supplies for the long haul. He talked with a couple of his friends also from Galesburg, and they talked to a couple of more friends and before anyone realized it, there were four wagons in the caravan. Word spread throughout Illinois eventually bringing the total party size to 36 adventurers and 12 wagons. The Illinois group led by Colton organized themselves into a fraternal order even taking an oath to stick together and support one another. They named their group "Jayhawkers" and together they declared they would reach California's goldfields even sharing the last drop of water.

By the spring of 1849, the

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group reached Salt Lake with great excitement but ahead of them lay their greatest challenge. The season was getting late and the group had heard of the disastrous fate of the Donner Party which had tried to cross the Sierra late in the season. The only other route was to take the Southern route using the Old Spanish Trail, come into Los Angeles, and then trek to Northern California. A guide was hired to take the party into Southern California, more supplies were acquired and the party made plans to go south.

"Time Jockey" - Goodbye Death Valley

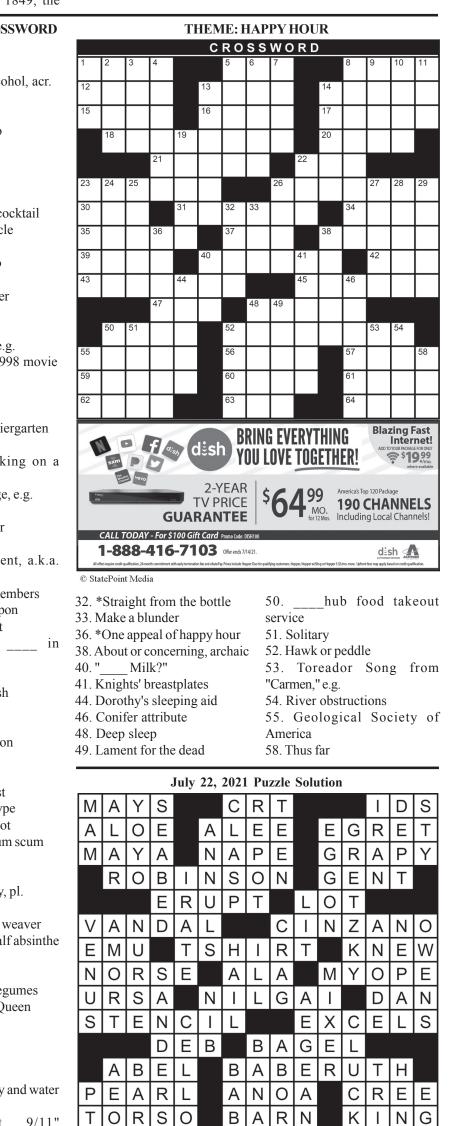
Even though the route would take them more than 400 miles away from the California goldfields, it would also allow the party to move north from Los Angeles to San Francisco during the winter. As the wagon caravan moved south, it had been traveling at a slower pace than anticipated and when an opportunity came to take a short cut, the party leaders were interested in learning more. The short cut would cut through a desolate area in the Panamint Mountain Range east of the Sierras through Walker Pass. The short cut had been mapped by Ute chief Walkara who was rumored to have drawn the path in the sand and it was memorized by other wagon train captains.

When the time came to decide which way to go, the group split with one group choosing to follow the original path and the other group seeking to follow Chief

Walkara's short cut. The group that followed the short cut would being going into a place which was not yet called "Death Valley" but soon enough the young Jayhawkers would realize that the trek was harder than anyone would image. With dwindling water supplies and even less water sources to replenish, the group eventually lost their way and were forced to transverse terrain much more difficult than anticipated. Members became disoriented and even had to abandon their wagons, oxen and supplies just to travel faster. The group struggled and eventually each staggered along at their own pace. The original oath to "stick together" was strained but enough assistance was given to weaker members that only two members died from the arduous trip.

Eventually the group reunited and reached Rancho San Francisco (Rancho San Francisquito) today named Castaic, when one Jayhawker declared "we made it through that Valley of Death". It had taken over 6 months to reach Southern California and the desolate area now known as "Death Valley" has a reputation of being one of the harshest places in the entire world .....

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# **Community Center Reopening**

**ARCADIA** - The Arcadia Community Center is now open to the public. We are happy to announce the re-opening of the Senior Lunch Program. Limited dine-in seating is available and lunch tickets are sold

on a first-come, first-served basis. There is also limited in person classes available, weekly movies, ping-pong, and billiards.

The Community Center Senior Services hours are Mon-

# **Azusa Hills on Fire Again**

### By George Ogden

AZUSA - On Thursday, July 22. smoke from a fire in the hills above Azusa could be seen across the San Gabriel Valley. According to Samuel Kang, line crews were on scene chopping lines and helicopters have



been dropping water on hot spots. Although there wasn't much vegetation due to the last fire(s), he didn't believe that was going to be a big threat at the time.

Azusa was assisting with controlling the fire.

The fire appeared to start in the river bed between the cities of Duarte and Azusa in the Fish Canyon area along the Swiss Trails.

No structures were lost or damaged and there were no injuries. After a few hours the

### Fire Above Azusa.

fire was brought under control. throughout the night. Fire crews stayed on scene

# **Monrovia National** Night Out

MONROVIA - Join Monrovia Police Department on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 6 to 8pm at Library Park (over by the bandshell) for National Night Out!

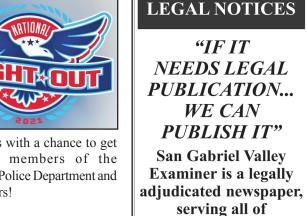
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police / community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This year's event will feature music, food,



and raffles with a chance to get to know members of the Monrovia Police Department and our partners!

**Arcadia Woman's Club Celebration of the 90th Anniversary** of the Dedication of Our Clubhouse

> **OPEN HOUSE** 324 South First Avenue, Arcadia Friday, July 30, 2021 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Presentations at 2 p.m.)



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## La Verne Prioritizes Children's Health with Ban on Sale of Flavored Tobacco

LA VERNE - On Monday, July 19, the La Verne City Coun- vored tobacco products, vapes cil unanimously passed an ordi- and e-cigarettes, smoking has nance banning the sale of flavored tobacco within the City. While California Senate Bill 793, which banned the sale of flavored tobacco, was technically passed in 2020 it was placed on hold so it could be brought before voters in the November 2022 statewide ballot. Rather than wait, the La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee requested that the City ban the sale of flavored tobacco through a local ordinance. The La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee is composed of citizens, law enforcement personnel, school district employees and local non-profit groups.

Flavored tobacco has been shown to increase the likelihood that someone, especially children, will try tobacco products and remain long-term users. In fact, 81% of minors and 86% of young adults who have used a tobacco product report that their first tobacco product was flavored. The child-friendly flavors are marketed with bright colors and lower prices to entice children to purchase and use these also formally expands the defiharmful flavored tobacco products. Flavored tobacco masks the strong taste of tobacco, making smoking seem less harmful. In just two years, from 2017 to 2019, e-cigarette use has doubled among high school students.

"Since the emergence of flabecome an epidemic among young people throughout the country," said La Verne Mayor Tim Hepburn. "The coronavirus pandemic has only further revealed the negative impact of using such products, especially at a young age, when their bodies should be more able to fight off infections, but smoking youths were left more vulnerable to COVID-19. We are proud to pass this ordinance to protect our community's children."

According to numerous studies, including one published by the Tobacco Induced Diseases Medical Journal, people who smoke were 1.4 times more likely to have severe COVID-19 symptoms and 2.4 times more likely to be admitted to an Intensive Care Unit compared to those who did not smoke. The damage done to lungs by smoking and vaping actually leaves individuals vulnerable to a variety of respiratory infections, from COVID-19 to bronchitis and pneumonia.

The new La Verne ordinance nition of "smoking" to include electronic smoking devices and vaping devices. However, the new ordinance exempts the sale of flavored shisha tobacco, which is used in hookah pipes. Similarly, menthol cigarettes are not included in the list of banned tobacco products due to the outstanding legal challenges on the subject.

"The role of the La Verne Police Department is to protect the community through the enforcement of law; however, an extremely important part of these efforts is also connecting with and educating residents about these laws," said Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez. "In fact, the La Verne Police Department received a \$211,000 two-year grant for tobacco-related education, programming and enforcement, allowing us to increase public awareness of both the new law and dangers associated with flavored tobacco to help keep our residents safe and healthy."

As of July 1, 2021, 215 municipalities have enacted laws restricting the sale of flavored tobacco. In cities with similar laws, the ban on flavored cigarettes correlated with a 17% reduction in the likelihood of middle and high school students becoming smokers and a 58% decrease in cigarettes smoked by young people. Overall, there was a 6% reduction in the probability of adolescents smoking any kind of tobacco product.

The second reading of the new tobacco ordinance will take place at the next La Verne City Council meeting on August 2, 2021. The new ordinance would go into effect in January 2022.

The Historical Society of West Covina & The Tennant Foundation Invite you to Summer Fest Saturday, August 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. Social Hour-7:00 p.m. Dinner Hamilton's Steak House Cost: \$40 per person

# **BPUSD Students Receive Chromebooks** to Narrow Digital Divide



Baldwin Park Unified students and families receive Chromebooks, donated by The California Emergency Technology Fund.

BALDWIN PARK - The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) donated Chromebooks to 79 Baldwin Park Unified students in need, helping address the digital divide to ensure that every student receives an equitable education.

CETF supplied the Chromebooks, while Baldwin Park Unified's team of technology service technicians worked

with school staff and home liaisons to identify families and assign devices to students.

Each Chromebook has been enrolled in the District's Google Management account for content filtering, and the devices have been added to TipWeb, which will allow the District to keep track of the devices.

"We must ensure that all of our students are provided the necessarv tools to succeed," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "Thank you to CETF for the generous donation, and to BPUSD staff for their hard work in distributing the devices to students."

CETF provides leadership statewide to close the digital divide by accelerating the deployment and adoption of broadband to underserved communities.

# **CAL FIRE Secures 12 Additional Firefighting Aircraft to Support Statewide Fire Response**

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE) has secured 12 additional firefighting aircraft for exclusive use in its statewide response efforts. Within hours of securing these critical resources, nine of the 12 aircraft were immediately dispatched to new and emerging fires.

"Climate change is the driving force behind the extreme weather we see across the globe - creating hotter, drier conditions in Western States and contributing to unparalleled risk of catastrophic wildfire,"

projects and home hardening will ensure California is more

prepared than ever to face an increasingly severe wildfire sea-

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over \$2 billion to combat and prepare for wildfires and advance emergency response, the ready the largest civil aerial largest investment in our state's firefighting fleet in the world.

60 fixed and rotary wing aircraft, augmenting what is al-The 12 additional firefighting aircraft join CAL FIRE's world-renowned aviation program, which responds to thousands of wildland fires throughout California each year.





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history. It also includes \$5.1 billion over four years for immediate drought response and long-term water resilience.

The new aircraft bring CAL FIRE's aerial fleet to more than

# **Sex Offender Arrested By Irwindale Police**



Joshua Lorenzo By George Ogden

**IRWINDALE** - A sex offender who was in violation of his parole was arrested near an Irwindale Park by the Irwindale Police on Friday, July 23 around 1:30 p.m. Joshua Lorenzo, a 53-year-old transient formerly of Los Angeles,

was arrested for a no-bail parole violation. He was processed at the West Covina Jail before being transferred to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Inmate Reception Center in Los Angeles, where he is being held without bail.







# Welcome Christopher Siplon, M.D.

We are pleased to announce the addition of **Christopher Siplon, M.D.** to Emanate Health Medical Group Pediatrics' Kidz Kare office. Dr. Siplon has a diverse background in pediatrics and most recently completed his Fellowship at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Call **626-332-2860** to schedule your child's first appointment with Dr. Siplon.

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