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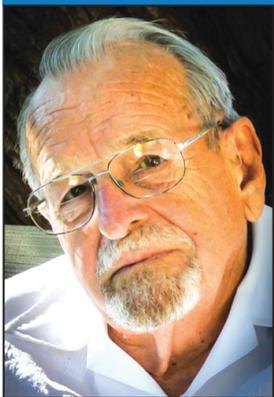
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Community Honor Their Heroes at Annual "Field of Heroes" Event

GLENDORA - The Rotary Club of Glendora held their 3rd Annual "Field of Heroes" event on July 2 through July 5, 2021. This event was to honor our Veterans, Military Members, and First Responders. The event took place in two locations. One location was at the Glendora City Hall, on the corner of Glendora Ave. and Foothill Blvd., and the other location at the Sunflower Alternative School Campus on the corner of Gladstone and Sunflower, in Glendora.

Community members could honor a current Military member or Veteran, a Healthcare Hero, a First Responder or even a Hero you have discovered during the COVID 19 pandemic by sponsoring a flag for \$50.00 in the Field of Heroes. They also had the opportunity to sponsor the event as an individual or business for only \$300.00.

Opening Ceremonies for the Field of Heroes was held on Saturday, July 3 at the Sunflower Alternative School Campus. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Dennis Franklin. Presentation of Colors was performed by Boy Scout Troop 489 led by Scoutmaster Michael Milligan. Invocation was by Everette Brooks, Executive Director for Military Veteran Services at APU & a US Army Veteran. Opening



Community members in attendance at the Opening Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Glendora "Field of Heroes" event take a souvenir photo in front of an oversize American flag backdrop.

remarks was given by Glendora Mayor Karen Davis. Suzanne Bruner sang "God Bless America" to the delight of all the guest in attendance. Guest speakers were Glendora Police Chief Matt Egan, LA County Fire Department Battalion Chief Trent Aronson and Air Force Veteran & APU student Rosalia Heatherton. Taps was played by Sheldon Gordon, Bugler, Bugles Across America.

Funds raised support various community events and projects including these four specifically:
LA County Fire: Currently, the Department is updating its

public education outreach program relating to Fire Safety in the home. To help address the problem of fatality fires, The Los Angeles County Fire Department is introducing a unique, new fire safety program called Family Instructions for Rapid Escape, or F.I.R.E. by providing the public with a guide, coloring books and other marketing materials to provide simple steps to make one's home "Fire Ready," as well as to teach new strategies so that all can escape and survive if fire strikes.

APU Office of Military and Veterans Services: They bring

high school and middle school students to APU for our annual Salute to Heroes football game.

Support for the Glendora Explorer Program, which is chartered through the Boy Scouts of America. Once accepted in to the program Explorers attend a Police Explorer Academy. They participate in things like marching drills, physical fitness, and are taught a variety of law enforcement disciplines. The Explorers work details such as parades, special events, and the police open house, etc. The men and women of the Glendora Police Department encourage and provide Explorers with the opportunity to grow in knowledge and maturity while along the way learn about being respect, taking responsibility for their actions and integrity.

Citrus College Veterans Success Center: Funds will go to help the Veterans Center with students in crisis or emergency



Display of flags at the Rotary Club of Glendora "Field of Heroes" event at the Sunflower Alternative School Campus location.

They are fed dinner and they participate in the academic department's presentations. Then they are present at the game where we honor veterans. Last year 450 JROTC and AVID kids participated, including kids from Goddard. The hope is to expand this outreach event and expose more young people the options before them, while being part of honoring those who serve us.

Glendora Police Department

need situation, providing staples and items in times of need or unexpected events. Also, with their learning resource library at the Center, as they have a robust lending library program.

Any additional funds go to the programs Glendora Rotary supports in our Glendora schools and Community. For more information, visit <http://www.rotaryofglendora.org/field-of-heroes>

Energizing Our Future With The Charm Of The Past

By Steven Bluiitt Flowers
President, 75th Society
Glendora Historical Society

GLENDORA - To dream is an inextricable part of the human experience. It raises our sights, gives us vision, fills us with joy, and webs off into countless pathways for all our dreams which are yet unformed.

"Dreaming" in-and-of itself, however, without clear purpose and action, is often time the same as looking down a dark alley. Actualization requires leadership, effort, and teams of enthusiastic and dedicated people, working together.

One of the Glendora community's shared dreams has been in regard to the antique lights in and around the Glendora Village, which we know as the "Heritage Lampposts of 1914."

The Lampposts were installed and inaugurated coinciding with the 40th anniversary of Glendora's 1st Settlement of 1874. More than icons of the Village, these lampposts stand as a Monument to our history, and a Monument of our shared heritage, the type we pass to future generations.

Upon their completion in 1914, the Heritage Lampposts came to symbolize the brave men and women who arrived in a dry and rocky California wilderness, and transformed it into a garden-paradise of farmland, acreage of vineyards, and mile-upon-mile of citrus groves. The "new" electric street-lighting in the Village and throughout the Old Township was the capstone and legacy of the pioneers' many labors; a standing testament and silent witness that in Glendora the highest standard of achievement, comfort, and scientific progress had reached our rural section of the valley at last.

Over the expanse of time, less



The author with Glendora Councilman Michael Allawos alongside one of the "Heritage Lampposts of 1914".

and less care and resource were committed to the lampposts, resulting in their decommissioning in 2004, for safety concerns. The streets went dark, these extraordinary Monuments were left to decay, and something enormously special became forgotten.

Many people lamented, none more so than the many members of the Glendora Historical Society, who, in 2017, "dreamed big", and initiated the first steps in an awareness campaign to instill a sense of community pride and also thwart the further degradation of these historical treasures.

Hoping to work collaboratively with the City of Glendora, a number of citizens

(including local club leadership, historians, friends & neighbors, and even young Boy Scouts) approached the Glendora City Council in January 2020. At that time, the Glendora Historical Society reiterated its position—"communities that admire and support history need also make real investments in historical preservation." The lampposts were at the very top of the Glendora Historical Society's list.

Following the City Council's endorsement for action, working directly with Councilman Michael Allawos, and with the support of California State Senator Anthony Portantino, a sense of excitement was building as we made real advances in our

efforts to bolster the lampposts rehabilitation movement. Then, most abruptly, in March 2020 the bottom fell out, as the global COVID-19 pandemic placed our project, our society, and our world in a fog of uncertainty.

Historically, the peoples of the San Gabriel Foothills have always been a resilient lot, and together we rose to meet 15-months of COVID lockdown, ambiguity, and restriction with the good old Californian values of community, dignity and fortitude. And all-the-while, our dream of a Heritage Lamppost Project lived on, albeit shrouded in question.

Suddenly, in June 2021, just as our world was re-opening and we all stepped forward into the light, stunning news reached us in Glendora—the California State Legislature supported the retrofitting of the Heritage Lampposts, to the tune of \$1.5 million. Senator Portantino, in his diligent work, had delivered.

Although it has been a generation since they last cast a warming glow, the Heritage Lampposts retain their charm and elegance, and now have a fighting chance to "light up our lives" once more. Undeniably, they remain an icon of the Glendora Village and the collective Spirit of 1914; an anchor of our mutual inheritance. Today, we are a MAJOR leap forward in bringing them back.

This is no longer a simple dream. With many miles to go before our vision becomes a reality, the Glendora Historical Society remains tremendously proud of our continuing preservation missions and our many partnerships, and we reach out to everyone in the Glendora community—and beyond—who are eager and ready to collaborate in our endeavors to "Let Our History Shine!"

Graduate Personifies Success of Dual Language Program



Sierra Vista High School Class of 2021 graduate Victoria Arnold received her diploma during an emotional commencement ceremony adorned with the multicolored sash and bilinguery medallions she earned after completing 13 years in the District's Dual Language program.

BALDWIN PARK - Sierra Vista High School Class of 2021 graduate Victoria Arnold received her diploma during an emotional commencement ceremony on

June 3, adorned with the multicolored sash and bilinguery medallions she earned after completing 13 years in the District's

Please turn to Graduate / A2

EMUHSD Receives 11 Electric Maintenance Carts for Clean Mobility Initiative

EL MONTE - El Monte Union High School District received 11 all electric 2021 Gem Polaris eM 1400 LSV utility maintenance carts on Wednesday, June 23 as a part of the District's participation in the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project, thanks to the \$9.8 million grant awarded by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Up until Wednesday, the District mostly had gas-powered utility maintenance carts in its inventory - the John Deere Gators. Each school has approximately two Gators utilized by the maintenance staff for lawn and field maintenance.

Mountain View High School Plant Manager Danny Herrera is an El Monte High School graduate and has worked at the District for roughly 35 years. Herrera actually alerted the District to a utility maintenance cart deficit. Herrera would walk to destinations, allowing his colleagues to take his own cart, due to a utility



El Monte Union High School District received 11 new utility carts. Those pictured (from left to right) Mike Gazmen, Pape Material Handling, Willie Vargas, EMUHSD Transportation Coordinator, George Cordero, EMUHSD Lead Mechanic and Armando Valenzuela, EMUHSD Bus Driver 5 & Maintenance.

cart shortage.

"The new utility carts are going to make a huge difference," Herrera said. "We take care of the campus, we support our teachers so that they can support the students, and in order for us to do that requires moving heavy boxes, equipment, fixing things

quickly across 20 acres of campus, so we are excited and thankful to the District for getting us the equipment we need."

The purpose of the new carts are not only to fill a deficit, but will also improve efficiency and reduce reliance on gasoline use as a part of the the Clean Mobil-



Eleven all electric 2021 Gem Polaris eM 1400 LSV utility maintenance carts arrive at EMUHSD on Wednesday, June 23 as a part of the District's participation in the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project.

ity in Schools Pilot Project, a green initiative that promotes the use of zero-emission vehicles and clean transportation options for students, parents and staff, made possible by a \$9.8 million grant awarded to the District by CARB.

Mike Gazmen, Territory Manager for Papé Material Handling, said that his company specializes

in providing all electric utility vehicles to school districts, colleges and businesses across the country.

"Papé Material Handling is happy to work with the El Monte High School District and help them replace older gas model vehicles with new electric models, which will reduce their carbon footprint by reducing the

number of gas units on their campuses," Gazmen said.

The active transportation plan also aims to improve school transportation safety and air quality through the acquisition of 10 electric school buses, three electric motor pool vehicles, five energy storage systems as well as charging hardware to support electric vehicles.

"The District is committed to not only supporting our staff by providing them with the equipment and vehicles they need to do their job, but also to renewing our clean energy commitment as we do so, and these all electric Polaris carts are going to do both," Facilities & Energy Manager Lena Luna said. "We thank our partners for their contributions to help make the acquisition of these carts possible and we look forward to putting them to good use for our staff and students."

For more information regarding the School Mobility & Active Transportation Plan, please visit <https://emuhsdmobility.com>.

In the Market for a New or Used Car? Keep These 4 Tips in Mind

If you're in the market for a new or used car... you're not in luck. According to CarGurus, the average price of a used car in mid-May of 2021 was over \$25,000, nearly \$5,000 more than the previous year. The inflated prices are largely due to a global automotive microchip shortage that affected the production of new cars, in turn creating higher demand for used vehicles.

In addition to paying more for a car that is harder to find, your vehicle will almost always depreciate the minute it's driven off the lot. Plus, should your car be damaged in a crash, you might not even receive enough money from your insurance company to replace it, unless you have the right coverage.

Given the current issues with pricing and demand, it's especially important to take steps to maintain as much of your vehicle's value as possible and protect yourself against the inevitable depreciation. Here are four tips that can help:

1. Buy a vehicle with a high resale value. A study from Fleet Financials found that within the same year, mid-size sedans depreciated 17.5% while compact crossovers only depreciated 12%.

2. Take care of your car. Cars in better condition with fewer miles, under 100,000 according to CarsDirect, will re-sell at higher rates. Stay on top of service and maintenance, address any issues as soon as possible and avoid unnecessary modifications such as window lettering.



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3. Opt for used rather than new. According to Carfax.com, the average car will be worth just 40% of its purchase price after five years. By choosing a five-year-old vehicle rather than a brand-new one, customers can save significantly.

4. Upgrade your auto insurance to cover what it would cost to replace your car. In the event of an accident, standard insurance typically covers the amount your vehicle is currently worth, not the amount it would cost you to buy another one. However, certain auto endorsements, such as Auto Security from Erie Insurance, cover the difference between current worth and the amount you owe on your vehicle. For example, if you've owned your new or used car less than two years and it gets totaled, Auto Security will reimburse you the cost to replace it with the newest model year. If there's an accident that's not a total loss, Erie Insurance will pay to repair the vehicle without a deduction for depreciation.

"Being involved in an auto

accident can be incredibly stressful," said Jon Bloom, vice president of personal auto at Erie Insurance. "Should your car be damaged, our Auto Security endorsement can help give you peace of mind by covering more than a standard policy would."

To learn more, or talk with an insurance agent, visit erieinsurance.com.

Any vehicle will lose value over time, but making informed decisions about your car and its insurance policy can save you money in the long run. (StatePoint)

Graduate Personifies Success

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Dual Language program.

As young parents, Regina and Dennis Arnold wanted their children to receive an education that would embrace the diversity of their community and provide an academic advantage.

After extensive research, the Arnolds decided to enroll their children in Baldwin Park Unified's Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program, even though the family lived outside the District.

"Eighteen years ago, we took a leap of faith when we enrolled our firstborn in the DLI program at Margaret Heath," Regina Arnold said. "I remember touring the campus and meeting the principal and marveling at this tremendous opportunity. My husband and I don't speak Spanish, but we knew it was the right decision for all three of our children."

On June 3, the Arnolds proudly watched as their youngest daughter, Sierra Vista High School Class of 2021 graduate Victoria Arnold, received her diploma during an emotional commencement ceremony.

Victoria was adorned with the

multicolored sash and biteracy

medallions she earned after completing 13 years as a DLI student at BPUSD.

From Margaret Heath Elementary to Olive Middle School and then SVHS, Victoria stayed the course, determined to reap the benefits of a program that prepares students for success in a global society.

"I wanted to finish the Dual Language program to be fluent in Spanish and get the biteracy seal on my diploma," Victoria Arnold said. "I knew it would give me an advantage in the future, but it has also given me lifelong friends and memories."

Victoria graduated with the California Seal of Biteracy, the Baldwin Park Unified DLI medallion and certificate, the Sierra Vista High School DLI sash and certificate, as well as an academic distinction cord, tassel and certificate.

"DLI was a challenging, rigorous program, but I never thought about quitting," Victoria said. "At Sierra Vista, my teachers were incredible. Mrs. Torres asked that we keep a daily journal in Spanish, which helped me with my written skills."

With a strong foundation in biteracy, Victoria earned a 4 on the Advanced Placement Spanish exam. She will attend Mt. San Antonio College in the fall.

Baldwin Park Unified's DLI program transformed the lives of the Arnolds as well, who became enthusiastic advocates for the

program and actively recruited

other families to join. In 2018, the Arnolds presented a DLI workshop at the Supporting the Needs of the Gifted national conference, supported by Baldwin Park teachers, administrators, and parents.

"My recommendation to young families who are considering DLI would be to talk to other families and students, both English learners (EL) and English only (EO), to understand both perspectives," Regina said. "As an EO family, we connected with friends who were Spanish speakers, made phone trees and attended parent meetings together."

The Baldwin Park Unified DLI program follows a 90/10 model for kindergarten and first grade, with instruction levels ramping up until fifth and sixth grade, when the instruction is 50/50 in Spanish and English. A fundamental principle of DLI is to have an equal number of EL's and EO's so that students can model their own primary languages for each other.

"The Arnold family exemplifies the successes of Baldwin Park Unified's Dual Language Immersion program," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "The dedication and involvement of our parents, coupled with our talented DLI educators and administrators, creates a tremendous program that benefits our students personally, academically and professionally."

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Public Health Monitors Increases in New Cases and Delta Variant Cases; Nearly 60% LA County Residents Fully Vaccinated

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - With the recent rise in cases, tracking the proliferation of variants of concern remains a high priority as we seek to better understand the factors that may be contributing to increased community transmission. Public Health is watching particularly closely for Delta variants, which were first detected in India, and are now estimated to comprise more than 26% of U.S. cases.

In the last 2 weeks, the number Delta variants sequenced doubled to reach a total of 245, 47% of all sequences reported. The rising proportion of Delta among sequenced variants of concern is consistent with what other parts of the U.S. are seeing and represents increased circulation of the variant. Given that 4 million

residents in L.A. County are not yet vaccinated, the risk of increased spread is very real.

The Delta variant appears to be highly transmissible - that is, it is more contagious even than other highly contagious COVID-19 variants - and because there is concern that it may cause more severe infections than other COVID-19 variants. And while emerging data affirms that fully vaccinated people are well protected from severe infections with Delta variants, people with only one vaccine are not as well-protected, and there is increasing evidence that a very small number of fully vaccinated individuals can become infected and may be able to infect others. Nonetheless, vaccines remain the most important tool to keep COVID-19 transmission and the incubation of variants low, and the pandemic today is almost entirely among unvaccinated individuals.

As of June 27, more than 10,439,634 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people across Los Angeles County. Of these, 5,822,499 were first doses and 4,617,135 were second doses. Among L.A. County residents 16 and over, 68% have received one dose of vaccine and 59% have been fully vaccinated. Among L.A. County seniors 65 and over, 87% have received one dose of vaccine and 76% have been fully vaccinated.

Of the six new deaths reported on July 1, two people that passed away were over the age of 80, two people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and two people who

died were between the ages of 30 and 49. To date, Public Health identified 1,250,717 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,489 deaths. There are 275 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 28% of these people are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Testing results are available for more than 7,035,000 individuals with 17% of people testing positive.

"To those of you who have lost friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers to this virus, please know that our thoughts and hearts are with you during this difficult time," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "At the beginning of the pandemic, we found ourselves in a situation where we knew very little about this virus and had very few tools to combat it. Although we now have three vaccines that we know are extraordinarily effective at preventing serious illness and death against the various strains of COVID-19 and variants of concern, there is still much we don't know about the Delta variant, including whether fully vaccinated people are capable of passing along the variant if they become infected. Our recommendation for everyone to wear masks indoors in those settings where vaccination status cannot be verified will help press pause on viral transmission while we learn more. We have enough risk and enough unvaccinated people for Delta to pose a threat to our recovery, and masking up now could help prevent a resurgence in transmission."

Public Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated as COVID-19 Cases Increase

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - While transmission in L.A. County remains low, L.A. County is seeing increases in cases and daily test positivity. On June 15, the day of the full reopening, the County saw 210 new cases and the test positivity rate was around 0.5%. Nearly two weeks after the June 15 reopening, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed a doubling of both new cases and the test positivity rate; today's case numbers are 422 and the test positivity rate is 1.2%.

While the increase in community transmission is concerning, Public Health notes the increases are still far below the surge levels over the winter of over 15,000 new cases and the test positivity rate of 20%.

There are 255 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 25% of these people are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Testing results are available for nearly 7,026,000 individuals with 17% of people testing positive.

Public Health continues to caution there is increased risk of COVID-19 infection for people who aren't fully vaccinated because of increased intermingling and the circulation of more variants of concern like the highly transmissible Delta variant.

The best protection against COVID-19 is getting vaccinated. Public Health encourages those

that are not vaccinated and are eligible to get vaccinated, to get vaccinated without delay.

If you are not vaccinated and around people outside your household, your mask offers the next best protection against the virus. With distancing requirements and capacity limits lifted in almost all settings, wearing a mask is critically important for those not yet vaccinated, including the 1.2 million children between the ages of 2 and 12.

"To the families and friends experiencing the sorrow of losing a loved one due to COVID-19, we send our deepest condolences," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Last year, we didn't have the vaccine and there were increases in cases and hospitalizations that occurred after the Fourth of July holiday. This year we have three powerful vaccines but there are still about 4 million residents that are unvaccinated and at risk of COVID-19 infection. With small increases in community transmission and an increase in the circulation of the Delta variant, your best protection and the best protection for the County's recovery are the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. And while we are increasing the number of people with vaccination protection, sensible public health precautions, including masking and hand hygiene can support our recovery."

People who are not fully vaccinated, including all children between the ages of 2 and 12, are required to wear masks at all indoor public settings and businesses. Because of increased circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant across the country and to protect unvaccinated residents, Public Health strongly recommends everyone, as a precautionary measure, wear masks indoors in settings (such as grocery or retail stores, theaters and family entertainment centers, and workplaces) when you don't know everyone's vaccination status.

Anyone 12 and older living or working in L.A. County can get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccinations are available at County-run sites, LA City run sites, almost all mobile sites and many of the community sites without an appointment. Many sites are open on weekends and have evening hours.

Visit: www.Vaccinate-LACounty.com to find a vaccination site near you, to make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more. If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound.



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Holden's Bills to Establish Private Use of Force Training, and Address Discrimination in the Appraisal Process Pass Senate Committee

SACRAMENTO - Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation, AB 229 which establishes use of force trainings for private security, and AB 948 which address discrimination in the real estate appraisal process both passed with bipartisan support in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development.

"When private security are responsible for the safety of the general public, those private operators must have the proper training in order to apply the appropriate use of force in any particular situation," said As-

semblymember Chris Holden. "We put a lot of attention on our State's peace officers, but private security, who sometimes are in similar circumstances, need comparable training."

AB 229 requires the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to develop curriculum and training courses on the appropriate use of force for private security service employees in consultation with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

AB 948 requires the Bureau of California Real Estate Ap-

praisals to gather data on demographic information of buyers and sellers of real estate property and compile data of homeowners from protected classes who file complaints based on low appraisals. The legislation also requires appraisers to take anti-bias training when renewing their license.

"Black homeowners in predominately white neighborhoods are getting their homes appraised for far less than their neighbors," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "It's just another example of how bias, whether explicit or implicit, creates inequity for Black Americans. This is redlining 2.0."

Both bills will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

2021 Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development for the LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund.

At the direction of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, DCBA, in partnership with the LA County Development Authority (LACDA), designed the Recovery Fund, a public-private partnership that leverages public dollars to increase the amount of funding and resources available for nonprofits and small businesses. DCBA engaged the City of Los Angeles, philanthropy, and the private sector to grow the fund to \$100 million and fund pre-application technical assistance.

"The grant helped my business to pay the rent and the bills and to keep us alive... to keep our dreams alive," said grant recipient Monica Delgado, Owner of CY Fernando Beauty Salon.

A total of 8,500 hours of technical assistance were delivered in up to 15 languages to help small businesses apply for the Fund. The Recovery Fund disbursed nearly \$100 million in relief grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000 to approximately 7,325 entities in the County of Los Angeles. Of these, 43% were women-

owned, 80% were minority-owned, and 203 entities were veteran-owned.

"The recognition for this unique public-private partnership is greatly appreciated, but the greatest reward comes from being able to help the small businesses and nonprofits who most needed it during this pandemic," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. "The goal was to equitably deliver as many resources as possible, in the most expedient manner. It has been particularly rewarding to see the impact of these efforts on those we serve."

DCBA and partners also received a NACo 2021 Achievement Award for launching the LA County Disaster Help Center.

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Redistricting Resets Political Power Grid

November 2008, California voters approved Prop. 11, the Voters First Act, creating a new 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission responsible for drawing the lines for congressional, state senate, assembly and board of equalization district boundary lines. Those lines will be drawn every 10 years based on U.S. Census counts, requiring nearly equal populations and must not discriminate against race and ethnicity.

The Redistricting Commission is expected, based on public input and state law, to create contiguous and compact districts meaning all parts of the district are next to each other and as close as possible preventing gerrymandering and ensuring like communities with like interests and issues are kept in the same district.

For those who don't remember their American History lessons, gerrymandering is a term named after Gov. Elbridge Gerry who signed a bill creating a partisan district in Boston that looked like the mythical salamander. Those lines, drawn so outrageously partial, allowed the Republican-Democrat Party to win that political race. Republican-Democrat Party is neither of our current day political parties, but was once the Jeffersonian Republican Party founded by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

Other considerations are "communities of interest" or neighborhoods bonded together with things like school districts, recreation areas, history, water and important issues potentially impacted by legislation.

In the Gabriel Valley, we will need to consider two Congressional Districts - CD 27 held by Rep. Judy Chu and CD 32 held by Rep. Grace Napolitano. District 27 goes from Altadena south to Monterey Park, north to Mon-



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
rovia, across the foothills through Glendora out to Claremont and the San Gabriel Mountains to just south of Action and Auburn. (S.G. National Monument area.) District 32 goes from Walnut up through El Monte, north to Monrovia, through Duarte and Azusa, south to Charter Oak and Covina and out to San Dimas and La Verne. There are little pieces of that district reaching into the mountains north of Azusa, San Jose Hills and a strip east of the 605 Freeway.

Review of that area and those two districts will decide how they will be divvied up into new equal districts using census counts, demographics, including race and ethnicity, and various services and community assets that link those cities in those districts together. Citizen input will play a major role in the Commission's final decisions.

Anthony Portantino was just re-elected to Senate District 25 which takes in an area from Burbank and the Bob Hope Airport east along the foothill cities out to San Antonio Heights, just west of Rancho Cucamonga, along with a big expanse of the San Gabriel Mountains. SD 25 doesn't seem to meet one of the criteria, the "contiguous and compact districts next to each other and as close as possible" part of the rules. That district has those who are looking hard at it.

Senate District 22 with Sen. Susan Rubio, former Baldwin Park Council Member, whose term ends in 2022, runs from Arcadia south to Monterey Park, east to City of Industry and north to Azusa, including Irwindale but leaving out Monrovia, Duarte and Bradbury creating a wide bubble intrusion by SD 25. When you look at this map it seems to meet the "contiguous and compact" part of the rules.

Speaking theoretically, redistricting is a giant puzzle with the concept of creating a congressional district and sliding into that district, as closely as possible, the state senate district(s) and then slide into each senate district the assembly district(s).

I am in Assembly District 48 represented by Blanca Rubio, former Baldwin Park USD School Board member, whose term is up in 2022. The 48th generally goes from Duarte south to a piece of El Monte and includes Irwindale, Baldwin Park, then east to Valinda, and north to Glendora including West Covina, Covina, Charter Oak and Azusa. The 48th is surrounded by the 41st, 49th, 55th, and 57th assembly districts. All this is hard to visualize so maps are being rounded up for those who are interested in getting involved in this process. You can go to <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/> and that site will provide you with general information, meeting dates/times and schedules for hearings.

Redistricting is a puzzle we're putting together with many pieces to consider. What's at stake are fair, honest elections.

But each political party supports their platform and will fight hard to gain control of congress and state legislatures through the redistricting process. Democrats control congress by 10 votes and with a few boundary adjustments could lose that control.

Azusa Tragedy: They Should've Called A Hippie, Not A Cop

By Ralph E. Shaffer

Think twice, dear husband, before dialing 9-1-1 to report that your wife's running her thumb along a knife blade while eyeing your neck with that Raymond Chandler-like expression on her face. And, unhappy lady, reconsider phoning the local police to report that your husband is drunk and unruly. The price of either call may be far more than you want to pay.

On a recent Sunday, Azusa resident Jerome Barber, distraught and agitated, called local police on 9-1-1 to report a domestic dispute between himself and his wife. In hindsight, he should have called a hippie because when police arrived they shot him dead. Now a four month old baby has no father, and the mother, who also called police, wonders why the cops had to kill him. So should we all.

It happens far too often. A relative or well-meaning neighbor calls law enforcement to deal with someone acting erratically. In the end, officers kill the offender. This week it was in Azusa. Next week it may be in Pasadena or Whittier. It occurs all too frequently throughout Southern California.

Back in the 'sixties the law and order crowd mocked police critics with the slogan: "Don't call a cop, call a hippie." Now, in light of the alarming number of victims killed by questionable police responses, an alternative conflict resolution agency is needed, one that doesn't approach a domestic disturbance in the cavalier manner demonstrated by law enforcement in Azusa.

In essence, it's time to call a hippie.

The old standby - "The officer, in fear of his life, opened fire" - doesn't cut it anymore. On the one hand, police apologists con-

stantly laud the heroism of the force. After all, we are told, at the World Trade Center while many civilians lost their lives, police and firemen gave their lives by entering the buildings without thought for their personal safety.

In one Southland case a handful of officers standing outside a parked car with a sleeping woman inside were so fearful that they killed a startled victim when she awakened and allegedly reached for a gun to protect herself. In Willowbrook the "gun" held by a distraught woman turned out to be a sandal, but an officer fearing for his life fatally shot her. In both cases relatives had called for police assistance.

This scenario is repeated all too frequently. All that's necessary to document it is to read the daily papers and keep score. The usual routine is exonerating of all involved. If fired, the courts can often be counted on to rule for the police and order rehiring, back pay and punitive damages.

Since the police mentality begins with a reliance on weapons and the use of deadly force (and not just guns), let's turn the handling of domestic disturbances over to an entirely different agency with a fresh mindset. Not a group of hippies, but a professionally trained contingent of persons with advanced degrees skilled in conflict resolution.

Sending a uniformed, armed cop to the home of a raging, ranting spouse only invites trouble. Trained professionals, on the other hand, would have a far better chance of bringing the matter to a peaceful conclusion.

The place to start is in Southern California, where a disproportionate number of these incidents occur.

Transfer some law enforce-

ment positions to a conflict resolution department outside the police force, with enough money and personnel to properly handle domestic cases that call for immediate action. Seek out individuals with the sensitivity required to deal with such cases. Staff the agency with a rainbow of personnel, knowledgeable about the various racial, ethnic and otherwise identifiable communities within the city.

"The police can do no wrong" crowd will launch their usual bitter attack on such a plan. Let them rave. Southern Californians have reached the point where they know that if they call the police in a domestic disturbance there is a good chance a loved one - still a loved one even though in the midst of a drunken rage - will be killed or injured, or that the responding officer will suffer that fate.

Until this new agency is created, you may actually be better off during a domestic disturbance if you call a hippie.

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Candidate Filing Opens for the Sept 14 Gubernatorial Recall Election

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced the candidate filing period is open for the September 14 California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Candidates looking to file may request to receive their paperwork in-person at the Norwalk Headquarters.

Our offices remain closed to combat the spread of COVID-19. All candidates must call 800-

LAPD Fireworks Explosion, What Were They Thinking?

Back on June 30th, LAPD was working an investigation at a residence in the 700 block of east 27th street, which had a large inventory of illegal fireworks. This investigation failed badly when LAPD decided to blow up the illegal fireworks in their Containment Vehicle that was at the crime scene.

So how did that work out? As you saw on the news, not well.

There are so many people blowing off illegal fireworks, it has become a big business for some. People would go to other states and buy illegal fireworks and bring them back to California, mainly the L.A. area.

As is the case with this guy who had 32,000 pounds of improvised explosives stored in his property in a residential neighborhood. This was where Arturo Ceja III was doing his business.

Well, it appears that people in the neighborhood were concerned and someone tipped off the authorities.

So LAPD shows up, then the fire department, the bomb squad and the Fed's ATF. LAPD brings in a million dollar truck that is a Containment Vehicle used to blow up explosives safely. This thing is huge, but I am sure you have seen some on TV that are much smaller. This is like a big rig truck. They say it can handle 15 lbs. of explosives. Remem-



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

ber that. Now they have 32,000 lbs. that they need to get rid of. I have no idea how long it takes to put 10 lbs. of explosives in the truck, and then detonate it and then do it again, let us say it take 15 minutes. Well, at that rate and working 24 hours a day it would take 33 days. They have the entire neighborhood locked down; I would figure there could be a better way.

Now, for some crazy reason, they decide to detonate the explosives inside the Containment Vehicle with what they said had about 10 lbs. in it, right in the neighborhood with tragic results. They blew up the one-million-dollar truck and it injured 17 people including 10 police officers. It also destroyed cars and homes around it. In fact, the 500 lbs. hatch from the truck slammed into a house 4 blocks away. Unbelievable.

Why would LAPD detonate

this in a populated area? What were they thinking? They could have driven this thing to an empty parking lot or field in the area and make sure it was safe before pushing the button and nearly killing some people.

In my opinion, all these experts from LAPD, the Bomb Squad and ATF were not all that expert after all. Why didn't they contact a pyrotechnic company like Pyro Spectacular in Rialto? These are the real experts. They have vehicles that transport ordinance like this. They ship truckloads of this stuff all over safely. Now there will be a ton of lawsuits.

Then this guy, Arturo Ceja III, who had all these illegal fireworks was arrested on all kinds of charges. He was able to post a \$500,000.00 bond only to be arrested again by the FEDs as he walked out of jail. They are showing that he needs to post another \$500,000.00 but they may have a "hold" on him until his court date on the federal charges as well. It looks like the federal charges have statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison if convicted.

Sadly, this is not the only guy doing this and hoarding explosives. They are all over the place putting all of us in danger.

"That's just the way it is!"

MY TURN: Independence Day

We have heard about the 364,511 Union soldiers who died in the Civil War freeing the slaves by providing the much-needed Union victories that would make an Emancipation Proclamation more than just words. We know that slavery has existed in many parts of the world and continues to exist in some parts of the world to this very day. It is not a question of what countries have slavery, it is a question of what countries abolished slavery, and that would be very small group. And significant in that group was The United States of America. But in the beginning, on the day we recognized as our nation's birthday, July 4th, some sacrifices were made by the men that the 1619 crowd wants to claim were wealthy rich white men. The critics act as though these men had no skin in the game, because their skin wasn't quite dark enough.

**Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.



Charles Lopresto

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that they penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning

home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

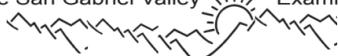
Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor".

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free!***

So, when spoiled modern entitled "critics" of our founding fathers' gripe about having no connection with a bunch of old white guys in powdered wigs, think of these men who signed a document that meant freedom for all of us while it was a death sentence for all of them.

***The stats for this article were provided by Clinton & McKain, Attorneys -at- Law.

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Market Volatility Could Continue For Quite Some Time

The primary takeaway from the latest FOMC meeting is that it expects booming Q2 consumption as well as GDP growth. However, concerning economic growth during the remaining six months of this year, Wall Street expects growth and inflation to moderate. There is nothing certain about either forecast.

Since no one can say with certainty what economic growth is likely to do even during the next two or three months, how can the Fed possibly know what the entire economy is going to do in the next two or three years? As Chair Powell implied, we'll have to be patient and watch the data to see whether the FOMC forecast is even close. For now, the Fed is content to make policy on a meeting-by-meeting basis. That means we will have to watch the data, listen to the speeches, and focus on one thing at a time, starting with trying to pinpoint the meeting when the Fed announces monetary tightening, and when interest rate increases will begin.

Many of my Wall Street colleagues believe the market is in a very fragile, emotional state. We should expect markets to be a quite rocky and unpredictable. It could get bumpy while pronouncements from central bankers are likely to be followed by very quick, knee-jerk responses.

Recent comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell continued to reassure markets (after major averages closed higher). Not only did the Fed Chair soothe investors who were worried about price pressures, but he said that fear of inflation alone would not be enough to prompt interest rate increases. But, what about real,

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Economic Analyst
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significant inflation?

Powell strongly believes all this radical growth is transitory (meaning temporary). "What we're seeing now, we believe, is inflation in particular categories of goods and services that are being directly affected by this unique historical event that none of us have ever lived through before", he told the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis. Inflation is being caused by "extremely strong demand for labor, goods and services," compounded by a "supply side caught a little bit flat-footed" though it's "very, very unlikely" the U.S. will see 1970s-style inflation.

One of the tricky things about "trading the Fed" at the moment is that the Fed is less certain about the short-term economic and inflation outlook than it usually is, though it is sure about its short-term policy choices. As a result, traders have to contend not just with trading the taper and eventual increases in interest rates, but also the inflation the Fed might choose to ignore in the interim.

Another problem that has received a lot of media attention are the bottlenecks throughout the globe that have created mas-

sive supply shortages. Plagued by the coronavirus pandemic, as well as the Suez Canal blockade and significant west coast port delays, the shipping industry was still trying to get back on its feet before being dealt another blow. One of the biggest ports in the world called Yantian was recently shut down because of a COVID-19 outbreak. That Chinese port happens to export 90% of the world's electronics. It's causing massive headaches across the maritime shipping world, as well as complicating recovery efforts throughout the global economy.

While it's difficult to compare the two latest incidents - one is a port, the other is a chokepoint - the amount of cargo that was affected at Yantian was even larger than the Suez obstruction seen in March. The fallout could stimulate another rise in the price of goods, which have already been significantly impacted by inflation and shortages in recent months. Container shipping companies have needed to conduct massive logistical exercises to re-adjust their routes, but backups impacting America remain significant.

A Wall Street colleague of mine recently said: "This is a precarious time - stocks have gone a relatively long period without any major sell-off, and there is heightened sensitivity to every utterance from the Fed as it attempts to transition to the start of normalization".

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I read where Social Security cost-of-living increase might be really great this coming year. Is it true?

The big word in your question is "might." What you've read is premature and speculative. To calculate COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) in Social Security income, the government looks at CPI-W (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) figures for July, August, and September for the current year and compares that with the figures from the previous year. Although the cost of goods and services are rising, their calculations give less weight to housing and health, two of the areas where prices have greatly increased. Even a 4-percent "raise" would not match inflation. Also, the government will probably, as usual, increase the cost of Medicare premiums.

What's happening with mortgage interest rates?

Mortgage rates are incredibly low. Rates could go a tiny bit lower, but they could also jump higher. My advice is don't be greedy! An online mortgage calculator can easily show you the difference in payments at different interest rates. If you are thinking about refinancing, please check with a non-bank, non-credit union, independent mortgage broker. They are quicker to make changes, and have access to many more loan programs with numerous lenders. Go to: Findamortgagebroker.com

I lost my job, and my 401k is still sitting there with my previous employer. You say I can move that money - how? And, will I have to pay all the taxes



Julia Yoder

on it?

Qualified funds are tax-deferred - you pay taxes when you take the money out. "Moving" your money from one tax-deferred account (your 401k) to another tax-deferred account (an IRA, fixed or fixed-indexed annuity), is not considered accessing the money. Therefore, no taxes. You can talk to your financial professional, or your insurance agent, about different fixed or fixed-indexed annuities. You can walk into your credit union or bank, and they will guide you into opening an IRA. (Your bank or credit union will probably also talk to you about annuities. Don't be deceived into believing that your annuity is FDIC insured just because you get it from a bank or credit union.) It is best to make an institution-to-institution transfer. Remember, you must pay taxes on any money you take out of your qualified fund. This is most easily done at the same time you make the withdrawal. The government recently changed the age for Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), (forced withdrawals on all qualified funds), from age 70-1/2 to age

72. *Will MediCal take care of my long-term care needs when the time comes?*

If you qualify for MediCal, (aka MediCare) it will take care of some of your needs, for a limited time period, and possibly not in a facility where you'd like to spend your final years. Be aware of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, signed on February 8, 2006, which includes ways for the government to get reimbursed for the money they spend taking care of you. This includes putting a lien against your home and making you name them as beneficiary on your insurance and investments. To control seniors from 'spending down' their investment dollars at the last minute, this law also lengthened the look-back period to 5 years (it used to be 3 years). Any transfer of assets in the past five years could disqualify the individual for nursing home care for a period of time. Keep in mind that many long-term care insurance claims are a result of long-recovery time for injuries suffered in auto or personal accidents which can happen at any age.

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- Fire extinguishers also need a 6-month check!
- Clean the gutters!

• Service the furnace/air conditioner systems and don't forget to have the chimney cleaned!

Our vehicles also require a complete semi and/or annual physical checkup. Many drivers think all that they need to do to keep their car healthy is change the oil. While that is vitally important, that isn't all your vehicle needs. Not only does your car need the fluids and tires checked, it also needs a health scan and an analysis of the "class 2 communication systems" on board your car.

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Assessor Prang Helps Small Businesses Impacted By COVID-19

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has taken proactive steps to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The Assessor is proactively reviewing real property and business property to determine if they are entitled to property tax relief.

Although home prices have skyrocketed during the pandemic, many small businesses and retail property owners have struggled to hang-on despite significant losses. In Los Angeles, as of January 30, 2021, total small business revenue decreased by 34.9% compared to January 2020.

"So many have suffered

through the pandemic and may not be aware that my Office has a process that may provide temporary tax relief," said Assessor Jeff Prang. "I am sending letters to small businesses that may qualify with information about the Decline-in-Value review program."

A decline-in-value occurs when the current market value of a property is less than the current assessed value as of January 1. The 2021 Decline-in-Value filing period is July 2, 2021 through November 30, 2021. Online applications will be available beginning on July 2, 2021.

"Once we have completed our review, those properties re-

ceiving reduced assessments will be issued a corrected bill," Assessor Prang said. "This has been an incredibly difficult time for business owners and I urge businesses to avail themselves of this program, if their real property or business personal property was negatively impacted."

A property owner can reference the current assessed value of a property at the Assessor's website at www.assessor.lacounty.gov. For more information about filing a Decline-in-Value review, visit <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/decline-in-value/>

Christian Community Credit Union Re-Opens Newly-Remodeled San Dimas Branch And Closes Covina Branch

SAN DIMAS - Christian Community Credit Union will re-open its newly-remodeled branch in San Dimas on July 19, 2021. It will also close its Covina branch at the same time. The San Dimas branch, located in the corporate headquarters, has been closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic. It has undergone a complete interior remodel with a fresh and updated design. In celebration of the San Dimas branch grand re-opening, Christian Community Credit Union will host an open house celebration on July 22, 2021.

The Credit Union's Board

and senior leadership team saw a strategic opportunity as the pandemic has shown that the Credit Union can effectively serve members with a single branch location.

"By consolidating the branches, we will be able to reduce annual operating expenses and allow the Credit Union to invest in new technologies to enhance product solutions for members," said Blair Korschun, Christian Community Credit Union President/CEO. "The realignment was prudent to better serve and meet the needs of our members locally and throughout the

United States. We praise God for His continued faithfulness and guidance in Christian Community Credit Union's growth."

The two-story office building where the Covina branch is located, is currently up for sale. The Covina branch first opened to serve members in 1973.

Matlock Design Build, Inc. served as the architect and general contractor for the branch remodel, located at 255 N. Lone Hill Ave. in San Dimas, California

Christian Community Credit Union has over \$800 million in assets and over 30,000 members nationwide. For over 64 years, the Credit Union has served as a financial partner of Christian ministries, churches, and their members.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

Azusa Unified to Offer Free Meals to Youths This Summer

AZUSA - The Azusa Unified School District will offer free meals this summer to youths ages 18 and under as part of the federally funded Summer Food Service program...

Meals are available to any child residing within Azusa Unified boundaries. Children do not have to be Azusa Unified students to receive free meals.

Azusa High School Only - Curbside meal distribution Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 15,

2021 to August 3, 2021.

Summer School students will be served Grab and Go breakfast and lunch at their sites. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 14, 2021 to August 3, 2021.

Walnut Valley USD Hosting Job Fair

Top-notch school district is looking for top-notch employees!

WALNUT - The Walnut Valley Unified School District will host a job fair on Monday, July 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Diamond Bar High School gymnasium.

The award-winning school district has a variety of employment opportunities including: Bus Driver, Child Care Attendant II, Clerk Typist, Custodi-

an I Substitute, Instructional Aide II and III - Special Education, Instructional Aide II - Bilingual/Bicultural Mandarin, Mechanic II, Nutrition Services Worker I, Preschool Teacher, and Substitute Teacher.

Come and meet with a hiring manager! Bring an updated resume and proof of graduation in either hard copy or dig-

ital version on a thumb drive.

For more information or to apply, please contact Brenda Guerrero in Human Resources at (909) 595-1261 ext. 0. You may also visit www.edjoin.org to view a complete listing of available positions. Diamond Bar High School is located at 21400 E. Pathfinder Road in Diamond Bar.

Pizza Bingo for Republican Women Federated is Back

WEST COVINA - As everything begins to open back up post-pandemic, East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated (ESGVR-WF) has announced a return of their Annual Pizza-Bingo event. This year the event will

be held at the West Covina VFW, 2328 W. Merced Ave, West Covina, on Saturday, July 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$20 includes Red Devil Pizzeria pizza, salad, drinks, dessert and bingo cards. Please

bring a \$5 gift in a brown bag for winner's gift exchange. Everybody wins at this bingo event! Please call Gayle Mason by Thursday, July 29th at (626) 966-1339 for a reservation.

Three Injured in Azusa Shooting

AZUSA - On July 5th, 2021 at approximately 3:10 AM, Azusa Police Officers were dispatched to the 300 block N. Calera Avenue regarding a shooting which had just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers located three shooting victims, an adult female and two adult males. Azusa Police Officers

and the Los Angeles County Fire Department rendered immediate aid. All three shooting victims were transported to an area hospital where they are expected to recover.

Additionally, at least one of the fired rounds entered a residence where children were sleeping, though fortunately none of them were struck.

Upon investigating this incident, Azusa Police Detectives learned that the suspect(s) fled the scene. As of this press release, no arrest has been made. This incident is still under investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to call Detective Jon Rush at 626-812-3252.

Ask a Lawyer: Do I Still Owe My Landlord for COVID-19 Back Rent?

As life begins to return to normal, those who suffered financial problems during the COVID-19 pandemic will need to address them, including renters.

Lawyers at JustAnswer, the leading online provider of expert advice, recently answered some common tenant questions.

Question: We currently owe past rent because COVID-19 affected our income. We didn't receive any stimulus money yet. We were just approved for a new apartment and plan to move. In our building we were protected under the eviction moratorium. The manager said anything we haven't paid would go to collections. If this isn't paid before we move out, would this affect our new apartment when we sign the new lease? - Jesse R.

Lawyer: You are responsible for the past due rent once the moratorium ends. What will happen is the current landlord will file for eviction against you, even if you have vacated the property. An eviction is not just removal of a tenant, but also the lawsuit a landlord files to obtain a monetary judgment against a former tenant for unpaid rent. If you do not pay your unpaid rent, a monetary judgment will be issued against you.

At that point, it will be up to your new landlord as to whether this affects honoring your new lease. It should not, unless there is a provision in the contract you signed that allows the new landlord to cancel the contract. The new apartment will not be notified. They will only find out if



Photo Source: (c) AndreyPopov / iStock via Getty Images Plus you tell them or if they run a background check. If you have already moved in then you will not have to move out. This could only happen if the landlord wants to cancel before you move in. In addition to the unpaid rent, you could also be ordered to pay the court filing fees and attorney's fees. It usually comes to a couple hundred more.

Question: Must I pay an unreasonable rent increase? - Cindy H.

Lawyer: In short, yes, it is within your landlord's right to legally raise your rent. However, there are a few stipulations surrounding rent increases, and they can vary by state. Unless otherwise stated in your lease agreement, your landlord cannot raise your rent before your lease is up. So, if you have signed a year-long lease, your landlord is only allowed to increase your rent once that period is up. On the other hand, if you have a month-to-month lease, your landlord is allowed to increase it every month, given that they provide you ample notice (usually 30 days).

If you are wondering how much a landlord can increase your rent, you might not like this

answer. In many states, there is no maximum amount. This means that, unless you are in a rent-controlled city or building, your landlord can raise the rent by as much as they want per year or month, depending on your lease duration. Check your local laws to see if there is a set amount or maximum. Most states require your landlord to serve you the rent increase notice in writing. If it is given verbally, look up your specific state's law to see if that is the legal way to do it. The rent increase must not be done in a discriminatory or retaliatory manner. For example, if you have complained about habitability conditions to an outside organization, your landlord cannot retaliate by raising your rent.

Need affordable advice on a legal problem with your home? Chat live with a tenant lawyer at JustAnswer. JustAnswer has over 12,000 experts available to answer questions 24/7. Visit justanswer.com to get started.

As eviction moratoriums begin to lift nationwide, protect yourself by understanding your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Affordable legal resources can help. (StatePoint)

"Time Jockey" - Great Brink's Robbery

By Joe Castillo

Record Haul... In January, 1950, one of the greatest robberies involving an armored car operation occurred in Boston. It was a crime so well planned and executed that it was nearly the "perfect crime". For nearly six years, eleven robbers had escaped undetected and federal agents were no closer to arresting any possible suspects. Federal statute of limitations laws had expired and only State of Massachusetts's statute of limitations remained active but within one week, those too would also expire.

Brink's armored car services would collect, transport and deliver large sums of cash and securities from Boston area banks and business to a safe vault protection facility managed by Brink's. An eager crime-minded person took a special interest in innocently watching and documented how Brink's trucks would deliver collected cash and securities to the central storage facility. He shared his newly obtained knowledge with some of his like-minded friends. Soon a collection of common friends was diagramming and documenting the entire delivery operation at the central processing facility until they identified the perfect time for performing a planned robbery. Recruitment of a team of 11 men

specialized in various nefarious skills took place and when all the pieces were in place, a plan was implemented.

For two months, the robbers would break into the facility and remove a number of door locks, have keys made of each lock, re-install the door lock until all the door locks at the facility had been duplicated. As they waited for keys to be made for each door lock, the group made meticulous diagrams of the inside of the building. Eventually, all keys had been made for all the locks in the facility and the band of robbers initiated their plan.

Arriving in a covered truck which would also be used for their getaway, the men walked 400 yards from their parked truck to the doors of the facility and unlocked the doors. They donned Halloween masks, wore the same clothes, even their shoes were the same and surprised the four clerks at the facility, forced them to unlock the vault, tied them up and proceeded to empty the vault. The robbery took 17 minutes, and over \$2.6 million in cash and securities were stolen. The group returned to their meeting location, hid their booty, and agreed to stay low for 6 months.

Nearly \$1.6 million in securities and \$100,000 in new cash was destroyed as these were

traceable instruments. The men were sworn to secrecy and eventually the money was distributed as planned under the provision that excessive spending would not be allowed. Even though most of the group was brought in to be interviewed by the Feds, no one was identified as a key suspect. The plan was going nearly to perfection, but one member was deemed to be a weak link and after five years of not being exposed, attempts were made on his life.

Fearing an eventual fatal hit, the member broke down and informed the Feds of his knowledge of the robbery. In a Grand Jury hearing, 47 indictments were handed down and all ten members were arrested just days before state Statute of Limitations expired. Almost the perfect heist, almost the perfect plan, almost the perfect team. But even being 99% perfect, still leaves that 1% that something may go wrong, and in the case of the Great Brink's Robbery of 1950, the one weak link resulted in the perfect crime being imperfect. ...

Joe Castillo is a freelance historical writer who has been covering Southern California history for 11 years and has written 5 books on the topic. He can be reached at joeacastillo@aol.com.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD ACROSS

- 1. 1965 march site
6. Bottle top
9. Dried up
13. Can't see the forest for this?
14. * ___ You Need is Love
15. ___-upper
16. End of a poem
17. Filmmaker Spike
18. Like a good athlete?
19. *"Tastes So Good, Cats Ask for It by Name"
21. *"The Quicker Picker Upper"
23. Duke of Cambridge to Prince of Wales
24. Blood vessel
25. The Jackson 5 1970 hit
28. Plural of velum
30. Havanese or Pekingese
35. High school formal
37. What the phone did
39. Abrupt increase
40. * ___ John's: "Better Ingredients. Better Pizza."
41. Working shoelaces
43. Island east of Java
44. Shockingly graphic
46. Hurtful remark
47. Design detail
48. Canine's coat
50. Law school prerequisite, acr.
52. a.k.a. Tokyo
53. Muscovite or biotite
55. Uber alternative
57. *"Let's Go Places" advertiser
60. *"Can You Hear Me Now?" advertiser
64. On the fritz
65. Wharton degree
67. Upholstery choice
68. Bell-bottoms bottom
69. Emergency responder, acr.
70. Prenatal test, for short
71. Medieval Northern European
72. Be obliged
73. Reconnaissance, for short

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1. Part of a flute
2. Marine eagle
3. What malevolent and levorotary have in common
4. Jellicles' cries
5. Isaac of science fiction fame
6. Burnt metal residue
7. India pale ___
8. Annapolis frosh
9. Leo or Virgo, e.g.
10. Sign above a door
11. Count on
12. Before, poetically
15. Floras' partners
20. Apathetic
22. Crude fuel
24. Flavoring from Madagascar
25. *"Think Different" advertiser
26. Former Milwaukee Brewer All Star Ryan
27. Dried coconut meat
29. *"Betcha Can't Eat Just One" advertiser

THEME: MOTTOES AND SLOGANS

CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-73. Includes a 'Blazing Fast Internet!' advertisement for \$19.99 and a '2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE' advertisement for \$64.99.

Advertisement for 'Blazing Fast Internet!' and '2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE' with contact information for StatePoint Media.

- 31. Drinking establishments
32. Blind alternative
33. Checked out
34. *"So Easy, a Caveman Can Do It" advertiser
36. Disfigure
38. African migrants
42. Actress turned princess of Monaco
45. Lower a rank
49. Ignited
51. Tooth decay agent
54. Tarantino in his own movie, e.g.
56. Biotic community
57. Story "of Two Cities"
58. October stone
59. Nomad's round house
60. Flower holder
61. Dietary mineral
62. Medley
63. Ne
64. *"It's Finger Lickin' Good"
66. *"The Ultimate Driving Machine"

July 1, 2021 Puzzle Solution

A 12x12 crossword puzzle grid with the solution words filled in: CORGI, JUS, AYES, OBEYS, ASH, SWEEP, BIER, BAA, HOLLY, ST LOUIS, PHELPS, SEC, GEAR, CBS, RIGA, SPRINT, RUHR, ELLS, AUDIO, OREO, RELAY, DINK, AMASS, NOGO, DOTY, KARATE, WAUL, THO, UKES, RUE, POMMEL, FENCING, JULEP, ICE, GORAL, ALIAS, TIE, ELOPE, BLOT, EST, RINSE.

A Celebration of Life Rev. Charles H. Bayer

The Rev. Charles H. Bayer believed in justice, peace and love - and in fighting the good fight for all three ideals.

Charles, a longtime minister, professor, newspaper columnist and author, died June 26, 2021, at Pilgrim Place Health Center in Claremont, Calif., after a brief illness. He was 91.

Known for his thoughtful and inspiring sermons, Charles was the senior pastor of churches in Chicago; St. Joseph, Mo.; Alexandria, Va.; Washington, D.C.; and Enid, Okla. Everywhere he went, people who had never found a church they liked discovered in Charles the honesty, questioning spirit, intelligence, and rebellious streak they didn't know their souls needed. Charles met people on the outs with the law - civil rights marchers, Vietnam protesters, and even the Chicago 8 - with an open door and an open heart.

Charles spent much of his career in St. Joseph, where he was the senior minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a member of the St. Joseph City Council, a columnist for the St. Joseph News-Press and a founding member of The Open Door Food Kitchen, The Ecumenical Corporation for Housing Opportunities, the MO/KAN Regional Food Bank, and Citizens for a Better St. Joseph. He won numerous awards for his civic advocacy and humanitarian works.

He was a gifted writer, who wrote eight books and regular columns his whole life on current events and politics - and how decent people should respond and think. His columns were so good that Bill Moyers saw them, liked them, quoted them, talked about Charles in his own writings, and began a friendship with him.

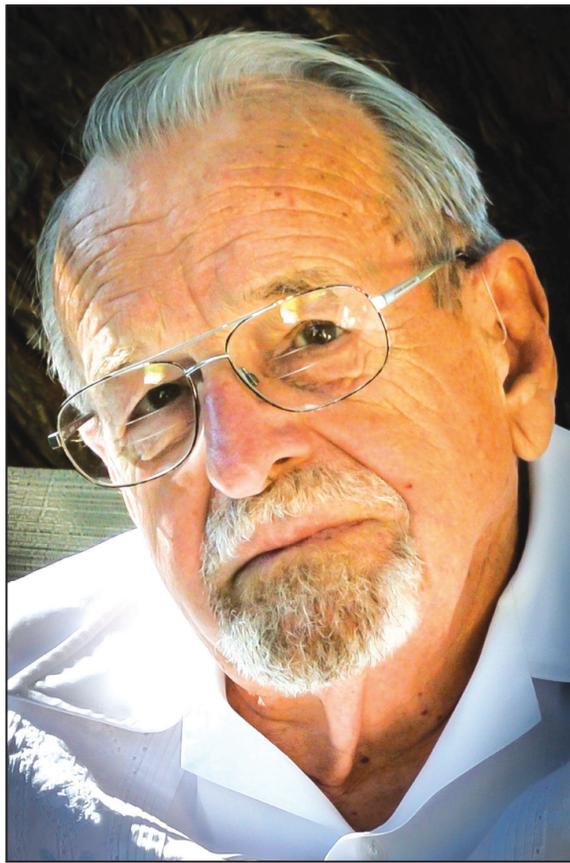
His books include: "Hope for the Mainline Church," "The Babylonian Captivity of the Mainline Church," "A Resurrected Church: Christianity After the Death of Christendom," "A Guide to Liberation Theology for Middle-Class Congregations," "Reclaiming the Christian Faith," "When It Is Dark Enough: Sermons for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany," and "Building a Biblical Faith: A Seeker's Guide to Christian Theology."

From 1996 to 2001, Charles was a professor at the Melbourne College of Divinity in Melbourne, Australia. Before that, he taught at the Lexington, Ky., Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary and The Disciples Seminary Foundation in the fields of theology, missiology and homiletics.

Prior to moving to St. Joseph, Charles served as the COO of the Chicago Urban Corp., and was the senior minister at the University Church of the Disciples of Christ of Chicago, First Christian Church in Alexandria, Va., and Shepherd Park Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Washington, D.C. He also served as president of the Washington, D.C., Area Council of Churches, frequently gave the opening prayer in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and was a founding member of the Disciples Justice Action Network.

Charles was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1948. He received his bachelor's degree in 1952 from Phillips University in Enid, Okla., and then attended seminary there.

In 1951, he married Carole Davis. They had three children, Carol, Beth and John, and took long family vacations every year "so the children could see the depth and breadth of the U.S.," Beth said. "They negotiated raising three kids in inner-city Chicago and kept them in public schools, despite the dangers. They created a space in the basement of our house in Chicago to



*As the marsh-hen secretly builds on the watery sod,
Behold I will build me a nest on the greatness of God.*

*-- Sidney Lanier,
"The Marshes of Glynn"*

give draft dodgers respite on their way to Canada." They divorced in 1973.

"The end of graduate school in the 1950s brought me face to face with America's struggle to secure civil and voting rights for all her citizens," Charles wrote in a column published in 2017. "Then came the persistent call for me to do what I could to help bring an end to the war against Vietnam. That summons consumed me for the next decades, and took me to the legal boundaries - and even beyond."

One of Charles' conditions for taking the position at University Church in Chicago in 1967 was that he be allowed to unlock the door and spend a significant portion of the endowment. "The moment the key was turned in the lock, we were inundated by students," he later wrote. "It was the high point of the anti-Vietnam war movement and they quickly became a center for the radical students - thousands of them. We probably had 500 people in the building every day. I became their pastor, was gassed at Michigan and Balboa during the 1968 Democratic Convention, and was called as a suspected conspirator by the grand jury that led to the trial of the Chicago 8."

While at University Church, he started a campus ministry, opened the church to rival gangs and draft dodgers alike, and taught a course on preaching that had Jesse Jackson as a student.

In 1977, he married Wendy Matson Divine in St. Joseph, Mo. She also had three children: Jennifer, Mary and Sean Divine. The couple celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on June 19.

Charles lived much of his life with the pain of having lost his son John, who died in a plane crash in 1985. He responded with grief that he continued to express not infrequently. But he faced the pain by learning to sail, like John, and even learning to fly a small plane like the one in which John lost his life.

"Perhaps each of us is given a tiny, trifling bit of space and a smidgen of time in which to live, and while what we do with it does not determine how we shall come out at death, it may influence how this life will be better for a few others trying to make it in an often hard world," he wrote in a column after John's death.

Charles loved technology and learning new skills. Each year, he

set out to undertake three new challenges. Among his achievements: learning to ride a motorcycle; learning the rules of Australian Rules Football; restoring the George Hax House in downtown St. Joseph; and teaching himself to paint when he was in his 80s.

After John's death, Charles and Wendy bought an old lobsterman's shack in Castine, Maine, and spent summers sailing the John Mark on Penobscot Bay.

In 2001, the couple moved from Melbourne to Pilgrim Place in Claremont. He was a member of the city's Committee on Human Relations, co-founder of the Claremont Homeless Advocacy Project and served on the board of Uncommon Good.

Charles loved baseball, bad jokes and good stories. He was a ready conversationalist on topics far and wide.

In 2017, his life was marked by another tragedy: the death of his daughter Carol, a prominent psychiatrist in New Orleans and the first woman to be elected as a delegate from Louisiana to the American Medical Association. Charles and Carol had spent a week playing golf together every summer in New Mexico.

A few weeks before he died, Charles, an avid Los Angeles Angels fan, got to go to his last game with Beth and her husband. Sadly, the Angels lost, Beth reports, but the hot dogs were delicious.

In his memoir, published in 2004, he wrote this of his children: "Somehow they all understood the meaning of inclusion, compassion and the ordering of a peaceful, just world. And that, I believe, is what Jesus meant when he talked about God's reign. I like to think I have played some small part in the development of that notion of the well-lived life."

Charles is survived by his wife, Wendy; his daughter, Beth Bayer; three stepchildren; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Disciples Justice Action Network, P.O. Box 35887, Tulsa, OK 74153; Uncommon Good, 211 W Foothill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711 or the Pilgrim Place Residents Health and Support Fund, 625 Mayflower Road, Claremont, CA. 91711

Citrus College's Veterans Success Center Facilitates Academic Success

By Dr. Anthony Contreras
Citrus College Governing Board Member

When Missael Cuevas Chavez returned from his deployment to the Middle East and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps, he immediately enrolled in classes at Citrus College. Although he was nervous about transitioning to an academic setting, the Azusa High School graduate knew he wanted to "switch gears" and hoped Citrus College could help him reach his goals.

Fortunately, Missael had come to the right place. Recognized as a Military Friendly School for more than a decade, Citrus College has a reputation for meeting the unique needs of students who have served in the armed forces. The wide array of available services are managed through the Citrus College Veterans Success Center (VSC), a physical resource on campus where members of the military can receive information, seek assistance and interact with peers.

"The time I spent at the Veterans Success Center was beneficial, especially the alumni meet-and-greet. Student veterans discussed what they studied and what their lives were like after college," Missael said. "That's where I met a fellow veteran who had successfully completed the exact academic path I was planning to pursue. His insights motivated me to continue working toward a mechanical engineering degree."

Missael's experience demonstrates the importance of peer interaction for student veterans. Thanks to a recent anonymous grant of \$26,500, the VSC will soon be able to provide more opportunities like this one. These funds will be used, in part, to launch a new peer mentor program that will connect current student veterans with veterans entering college for the first time.

However, networking with peers is just one benefit of the VSC. Additional benefits include academic counseling, tutoring, mental health support and vocational rehabilitation. Student veterans also receive help navigating military and veteran education benefits. Veteran dependents also have access to the VSC and support services.

"The Veterans Success Center staff run the program optimally," Missael explained. "They were extremely helpful, and it felt great not having to deal with any additional stress on top of the classes I took. As a result, I have been able to solve any issues I encountered."

Even in the midst of a pandemic, the VSC has operated efficiently, albeit in a remote environment. Through the extensive use of technology, the center has ensured that all of its services continued.



Missael Cuevas Chavez enrolled at Citrus College after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He would like to use his education to help veterans, immigrants and other minorities gain upward mobility in life.

Daily drop-in virtual lounges, virtual orientations, online tours, a weekly mental health virtual lounge and virtual counselor walk-in hours have enabled the VSC to maintain its commitment to veterans despite the campus closure.

Using a holistic approach to help eliminate barriers, the VSC makes it possible for student veterans to succeed academically and graduate from Citrus College in increasing numbers. In fact, I am happy to report that the Citrus College Class of 2021 includes 57 student veterans. Many of these students will continue their education and transfer to four-year colleges and universities in the fall.

This is the path Missael chose. After completing his time at Citrus College, the 25-year-old transferred to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and hopes to eventually earn a master's degree.

"I wouldn't have been able to accomplish my goals without the support and guidance provided by the faculty and staff at Citrus College," he said.

As the Azusa area's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud of Citrus College's commitment to helping student veterans like Missael. His journey is a shining example of the great work taking place at the college on a daily basis.

Doctors of Hearing Inc. Now Open in Glendora



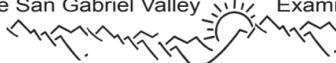
Dr. Norma Camacho (left) is the owner and CEO of Doctors of Hearing and she is also an Audiologist. On the right is Dr. Reynita Sagon-Alcisto, the Senior Audiologist at Glendora and Pasadena.

GLENDORA - Doctors of Hearing, Inc. was founded in 2013 by Dr. Norma Camacho and Kevin Townsend. Dr. Camacho earned her doctorate degree from Salus University in Elkins Park, PA. Kevin earned his Master's Degree in Audiology from Northern Illinois University. Their primary goal for Doctors of Hearing, Inc. was to create a clinic that focused on the patient-centered approach to hearing healthcare. The hearing aid industry has become such a sales-driven business with dispensers earning a commission based on sales. D.O.H. does not agree with this model. The business was built around the patient-centered approach and providing hearing healthcare which includes diagnostics, treatment and follow-up. Doctors of Hearing, Inc. works closely with other healthcare providers (General Physicians, Ear, Nose & Throat

Physicians and Speech Pathologists) to provide a complete picture of each patient's hearing health. Doctors of Hearing, Inc. has expanded to 3 locations. In these 3 locations you will find all services related to the field of Audiology. D.O.H. provides comprehensive hearing evaluations for adults and pediatrics, vestibular testing, cochlear implant evaluations/programming/follow-up, hearing aid fittings/follow-up and bone conduction hearing solutions.

D.O.H.'s most recent expansion is in the city of Glendora. Dr. Reynita Sagon-Alcisto is the primary audiologist at this location. Dr. Alcisto joined D.O.H. in February 2020. She has been an audiologist since 2007. Dr. Alcisto earned her doctorate degree in Audiology from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Her experience includes working at House Ear In-

stitute in Los Angeles, Cochlear Americas and UCLA. Along with diagnosing hearing loss and fitting hearing aids, Dr. Alcisto is a cochlear implant specialist. She works closely with local neurologists to help identify, recommend and fit cochlear implants. Dr. Alcisto is one of a few audiologists in Southern California who is part of the Cochlear Provider Network through Cochlear Americas. At each of their 3 locations you'll find a qualified audiologist to serve your needs. Glendora - Reynita Sagon-Alcisto, Au.D., 237 South Glendora Ave, 626-250-6642. Pasadena - Norma Camacho, Au.D., Reynita Sagon-Alcisto, Au.D. 65 N Madison Avenue, Suite 201, 626-639-3182. Rancho Cucamonga - Kevin Townsend, M.A. 8221 Rochester Avenue, Suite 130, 909-466-7722.



Citrus College Included In National 2021 'Best For Vets' Rankings



(Photo courtesy Citrus College.)

For the first time, Citrus College was ranked as a 'Best for Vets' college by Military Times, a news source for service members and their families. The organization's annual rankings were released in June. Note: this photo was taken before the campus closed due to COVID-19.

GLENDORA - Military Times, an independent news source for service members and their families, recently recognized Citrus College as one of the nation's top community colleges for veterans and members of the military.

After surveying more than 300 colleges and universities nationwide, the organization released its "Best for Vets" rankings in June. Citrus College was ranked fourth among the western region's community colleges and 25th among community colleges nationwide. It was also ranked 16th in the western region's public education category and 23rd among all colleges and universities in the western region.

While the student veteran programs at Citrus College have received notable acclaim for several years, this is the first time the college has been recognized as one of the nation's "Best for Vets" by Military Times.

To create the annual rankings, Military Times gathered information about student veteran policies, academic outcomes, military-supportive cultures and more from hundreds of colleges and universities across the country. Each institution answered questions about their operations, while federal data from the U.S.

Department of Education, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Defense was also considered.

The wide array of resources Citrus College offers its student veterans are what earned the college its place on the 2021 "Best for Vets" list. Managed through the Veterans Success Center, these services include academic counseling, tutoring, mental health support and vocational rehabilitation. In addition to providing student veterans with a relaxing place to gather, the center serves as a central location where they can receive information, attend workshops, meet with veteran service organizations and more.

"The Veterans Success Center team uses a holistic approach to remove many of the barriers that can occur when transitioning from military life to an academic culture," said Dr. Richard F. Rams, vice president of student services at Citrus College. "They are dedicated to helping veterans achieve success and, as a result, Citrus College student veterans are earning their degrees in increasing numbers. Being included in the 'Best for Vets' rankings is a great honor that speaks to the extraordinary work taking place in the Veterans Suc-

cess Center, as well as to the extensive support provided by the entire Citrus College community."

The Military Times recognition is the latest in a long list of accolades earned by Citrus College. Most recently, the college was designated a Military Friendly School by VIQTY for the 11th consecutive year, as well as a Military Friendly Spouse School for the second consecutive year.

"On behalf of the board of trustees, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this recognition," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "It is an honor for Citrus College to be included among the Military Times rankings, which are extremely helpful for veterans hoping to pursue higher education. It is a privilege to help these brave men and women pursue their goals, and I am proud that Citrus College is doing so in such an effective way."

Monrovia Unified School District Dedicates District Office Lobby in Memory of Monrovia Activist and Former Board Member



Mimi Mency, Monrovia activist and former Board member, was honored by the Monrovia Unified Board of Education and her family during an event on June 29, which dedicated the District Office Lobby in her name.

MONROVIA - Community activist and former Monrovia Unified Board Member Mimi Mency was honored during a dedication ceremony on June 29, when the Monrovia Unified Board of Education officially named the District Office Lobby in her memory.

Mency, who was the first African-American to hold a seat on the Board of Education, died in 2011 at the age of 74.

"We are honored to hold this ceremony, celebrating the life of Mimi Mency and the heroic efforts she made here in Monrovia and in our schools," Board President Maritza Travanti said. "Naming the District Office Lobby in her name is a way to recognize the positive impact she had at Monrovia Unified and the role she played in ensuring all of our students had access to the tools and resources they needed to be successful."

The Board, alongside Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian, administrators, and

Mency's family and friends, remembered Mency during the ceremony as a strong advocate of having love and respect for others.

"Mimi Mency was a very significant person in the Monrovia community," Board Member Rob Hammond said. "She was a force in our town for good and was always willing to step up to have important dialogue. As a community, we benefit today from those conversations 50 years ago. This dedication will enlighten future generations as they come in and ask the important question of who Mimi Mency was. We will get to tell the story all over again about a very important person in our community."

Joined by Travanti, Hammond and Thorossian, Sheri Parent - the daughter of Mimi Mency - thanked those in attendance while recounting her mother's life, as well as the positive impact Mency had on the Monrovia community in her role as a civil rights leader.

"I have always lived my life in the same manner my mother did and that is by loving and respecting our neighbors" Parent said. "Thank you to the Board of Education and the District for honoring my mother, I am very proud."

Mency served on the Board of Education from 1972 to 1984, leading the Board as president twice during her term. During her time on the Board, Mency was instrumental in the desegregation of Monrovia schools and led the effort in establishing Monrovia High School's Black Student Union, a club that is still running strong today.

"Monrovia Unified has always been made up of individuals who are passionate about ensuring a quality education for all of our students," Thorossian said. "Mimi Mency's leadership is still felt today, and her activism and role in our school district and lives of our students will never be forgotten."

Stabbing At Citrus Train Station, Suspect Arrested

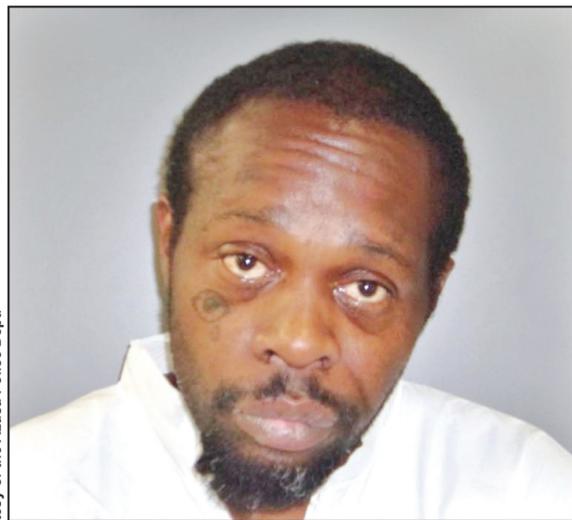


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WILLIAMS, JAMES P.

AZUSA - On June 28th, 2021 at approximately 3:53 AM, Azusa Police Officers responded to a stabbing which

had just occurred at the Citrus Train Station, 905 N. Citrus Avenue, Azusa. Upon arrival, officers located one male victim suffering from stab wounds to the neck and face. He was immediately provided aid and transported to an area hospital where he is expected to recover.

Azusa Police Officers began working with deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to locate evidence of the crime, identify the suspect, and locate witnesses. Their efforts resulted in the

identification of suspect James Paul Williams, a 39 year old resident of Los Angeles.

On June 30th, 2021 deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department recognized Williams when he returned to the Citrus Train Station. Azusa Police Officers responded, continued their investigation, and ultimately arrested Williams for the stabbing. He was subsequently booked at the Azusa Police Department for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The Azusa Police Department encourages anyone with information regarding this incident to contact Detective Sloniker at 626-812-3282.

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