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AZUSA – In the shadow of last year's fires, Senator Susan Rubio, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio held a press conference on Friday to discuss how the state is protecting vulnerable homeowners and approved a statewide \$536 million landmark investment for early wildfire prevention, including \$12 million dedicated to projects in the San Gabriel Mountains and the Puente Hills.

Signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in April, the \$536 million budget funding, which includes \$12 million for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy, will be put toward wildfire preventative measures such as upgrades to homes to make them more fireresilient, local projects and more training and deployment of fire crews. Senator Rubio served as Co-Chair of a group of State Senators who negotiated with the governor and State Assembly to hammer out the funding.

"This unprecedented, early deployment of resources will protect our most vulnerable residents, minimize loss of life and property, while investing in forest health, watershed protection and other vital environmental restoration projects," Sen. Rubio said. "In helping all vulnerable

Governor Newsom Signs Bill Giving

Small Business a \$6.2 Billion Tax Cut

In Los Angeles County, Governor visits small businesses supported by federal Paycheck Protection

Program loans and announces new tax relief worth a combined \$6.2 billion

larly proud of securing \$12 million for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to immediately jumpstart critical safety projects that had been stalled for lack of funding. As Chair of the Senate Insurance Committee, I also know this plan will help homeowners struggling to secure affordable home insur-

are drivers of economic growth

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jobs and employing nearly half

of all private sector employees.

California is home to 4.1 mil-

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dition to the support that Gov-

ernor Newsom has already

provided for small businesses

and workers throughout the

pandemic. In February, the

Governor signed into law a

comprehensive package of im-

mediate actions that sped up

much-needed relief to busi-

nesses suffering the most sig-

nificant economic hardship due

to COVID-19 - a package that

provided \$2.5 billion in grants

worth up to \$25,000 each for

small businesses across Califor-

nia, more than half of which

have gone to minority and

underserved businesses.

This new tax relief is in ad-

tal workforce.

The state is doing more than ever to help Californians prepare for wildfires and protect themselves and their loved ones, said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara.

"The money that the Legislature and Governor expedited in the budget is going to save lives, save homes, and make our first responders' jobs easier and safer. Senator Rubio's leadership in securing \$12 million for her constituents will go directly toward preparing for wildfire season," Commissioner Lara said.

Now more than ever, the California Legislature needs to prioritize the safety of local communities, invest in long term solutions, and spread awareness on an issue that affects us all, said said. "These efforts are a down payment in a larger effort to fight wildfires in California."

"In the last 15 years, over half of the Angeles National Forest has burned, and our wildfire mitigation actions have the potential

reaction for every dollar invested, as well as supporting our environment, life and property," said Mark Stanley, Executive Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)



State Senator Susan Rubio, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, State Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, local leaders and conservation workers at the entrance to Azusa Canyon on Friday April 30, 2021 for Wildfire funding press conference. parts of the state, I am particuance coverage." Valley," Assemblywoman Rubio to save several times the cost of



Governor Newsom signs \$6.2 billion tax cut for small businesses, visits local shops with Danny Trejo

ees."

SAN FERNANDO - Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill that will give small businesses hit hardest by this pandemic a \$6.2 billion tax cut over the next six years - a critical lifeline that will help get our small businesses back on their feet and an important component of California's economic recovery strategy.

"California's small businesses have been hampered and hammered by this pandemic, and we are using every tool at our disposal to help them stay afloat," said Governor Newsom. "Help is on the way in the form of a \$6.2 billion tax cut, which will provide support, not to large publicly traded companies, but to the momand-pop businesses - the beauty salons, restaurants and dental offices - which have been resilient during this difficult time. This small business tax relief is exactly what is needed to keep businesses open so they can continue paying their employ-

Under the legislation, AB 80 by Assemblymember Autumn Burke (D-Inglewood), the forgiven PPP loans that businesses received from the federal government during the pandemic will not be counted as taxable income, and these businesses can also deduct the costs of expenses that those loans paid for. This is additional state tax relief for the small businesses that have been struggling most, and may very well make a difference in their choosing to reopen, stay open, or shut down as they look to the future.

The Governor signed the legislation in San Fernando after meeting with local business owners that have utilized federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to keep operating during the pandemic. He was joined by actor, restaurateur and Los Angeles native Danny Trejo.

California small businesses

Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio.

"We are proud to deliver Early Wildfire Prevention resources and services to the San Gabriel

Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, State Senator Susan Rubio, and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara hold symbolic check for Wildfire funding at press conference.

A Happy Ending To A Story 30-Years In The Making

IRWINDALE - In May, 1990, then-Irwindale Police Detective Glenn Purbaugh investigated the case of an infant who was abandoned behind a business on Ramona Boulevard in the city of Irwindale.

The hours-old little girl was found wrapped in a blanket, her umbilical cord still attached, when her cries alerted a nearby worker, Isaac Oliva, who called the police.

Sunburned, but otherwise healthy, the infant was taken to a nearby hospital and later to child welfare workers. The infant was ultimately adopted by a local family and was raised in the San Gabriel Vallev.

Now an adult, Jessica Hicks recently went in search of her biological parents and along the way she discovered the story of how she was found. She was eventually able to connect with some of her half-siblings and recently met with them for the first time.

On April 27, 2021, Jessica returned to the city of Irwindale with her own children and her adoptive family to reconnect with the men who rescued her. At the exact spot where she was found so long ago, Jessica met with Isaac Oliva, the man who discovered her in the bushes and called the police, and Glenn Purbaugh, the now-retired police detective who investigated her case.



Jessica Hicks (center) reconnected with retired Irwindale Police Detective Glenn Purbaugh and Isaac Oliva on April27, 2021.



of the Irwindale Police Dep

courtesy

Newspaper clipping about the story of how Jessica was found.

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Rotary Club of Glendora presents The 3rd Annual Field of Heroes

GLENDORA - The Rotary Club of Glendora presents their 3rd Annual Field of Heroes, to bring the community together to celebrate and thank Military Personnel, Veterans, First Responders, and our Healthcare Heroes, with two displays of hundreds of American Flags. The Field of Heroes will be held from Friday, July 2 to Monday, July 5, 2021 at the Glendora City Hall and at the corner of Gladstone and Sunflower at the Sunflower Alternative School Campus. Viewing will be 24 hours a day between the 2nd and the 5th so please join us.

Also, please join us for the Fourth of July celebration ceremonies which will take place at 10:00am, on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at the Sunflower site on the corner of Gladstone and Sunflower St. in Glendora. Flags may



be purchased and dedicated at http://Fieldofheroes.net for \$50 per flag. Event sponsors may also purchase a sponsorship for \$300.00 at http:// Fieldofheroes.net and receive a flag dedication, promotion on

our site banners, and all of our social media accounts. Please come out and support our veterans, military, first responders and healthcare heroes. Let's show our Glendora Pride by honoring our heroes.

Doctors Answer Patient Questions About COVID Vaccination

The American Medical Asso- g ciation (AMA) is urging Americans to get vaccinated as soon as they're eligible and continue precautions against COVID-19 in- ≥ fection. But patients have many 🖁 questions.

"For more than a year, physi- 5 cians and public health officials **5** have asked us to mask up, physically distance and do all we can to stop the spread of COVID-19 in an effort to save lives while scientists developed vaccines to ö help bring us back to normal," ³ says AMA President, Susan R. 2 different conditions, making Bailey M.D. "With vaccines here **g** comparisons difficult. However, and available to all Americans g the best vaccine is the first one over 16, it's your turn."

Here are the AMA's answers to top patient questions.

• How do we know COVID-19 vaccines are safe? COVID-19 vaccines were tested in large clinical trials with participants of different races, ages, ethnicities and medical conditions to ensure they meet safety standards. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reviewed all trial safety data before authorizing vaccines for emergency use and are con-



available to you.

• Should I get the vaccine if pregnant or breastfeeding? There isn't definitive data on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for pregnant women, but no untoward effects have been reported. Data suggest when pregnant individuals contract COVID-19, they have increased risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death, along with risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes. All pregnant individuals should have an opportunity to receive a vaccination. If you have questions, speak with your physician and make decisions based on risk of exposure to COVID-19. • How do I know when I'm eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine? As of April 19, all people age 16 and up in every state are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Additional information about eligibility and timeline can be found at your local public health department website found at www.cdc.gov/

publichealthgateway/ healthdirectories/. Vaccination information changes quickly, so check back frequently.

• Will COVID-19 vaccines be available for young children? Vaccines aren't currently authorized for anyone under 16, as only adults participated in clinical trials. As trials are completed in younger populations, vaccines may become available.

• Once I'm vaccinated, can I stop wearing masks and practicing physical distancing? The CDC has phased out certain prevention measures for fully vaccinated people allowing them to resume some lower-risk activities. The CDC guidance allows fully vaccinated people in non-health care settings to visit other fully vaccinated people indoors without masks or physical distancing. They no longer need to wear a mask outdoors while walking, running, hiking or biking alone, or when in small gatherings, including with members of their own households. However, masks are still necessary in crowded outdoor venues like sports stadiums, the CDC says. Additionally, fully vaccinated people should continue taking precautions -wearing masks, physical distancing and adhering to other prevention measures -- when in public Life insurance and when visiting unvaccinated people at increased risk for severe disease or who have an unvaccinated household member at increased risk. Follow CDC and health department guidance as it updates at www.cdc.gov/

coronavirus/2019-ncov/vac-

cines/fully-vaccinated-

guidance.html. (StatePoint)

"Pack The Patrol Car" With The **Glendora Police Department**

PACK THE PATROL CAR FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!

GLENDORA – The Glendora Police Department, along with the Volunteer Auxiliary Officers and the Glendora Unified School District, are bringing back their "Pack the Patrol Car" program for the 2021-2022 school year. They are asking the public to help them donate school supplies for their district students in need, which will be distributed at the beginning of the 2021 school year. Their goal is to gather enough school supplies to pack a patrol car!

As in all communities, they have students whose families must sometimes make the decision of whether to buy clothes or shoes for their children to attend school, or to purchase basic school supplies such as backpacks, paper, pencils, crayons, and binders. As the Glendora Unified School District opens up and their children hopefully head back to campus this Fall, they want to help fill some of these basic needs...but they need your help. All of the items that they collect will be donated to children within their school district that are in need.

They have placed a donation box in their Police Department Lobby, so supplies can be dropped off with no contact, at your convenience. The lobby is open Monday through Saturday,

from 7 am until 7 pm., and they will be collecting these items anytime through June 15, 2021.

If you would like to see a complete list of items needed, or if you have any additional questions, please contact Community Services Officer Nita Ulloa at 626-914-8268. nulloa@glendorapd.org.

Help the Glendora Police Department

fill our patrol cars with back to school

supplies for Glendora students in need

They appreciate any amount of help that they can get, no matter how big or how small the donation may be. They are confidant that with your help, they may be able to pack several patrol cars.

or

Damien High School Launches Inaugural Week of Giving

From May 3 through 10, support need-based scholarships for students so they can have a pathway to success and realize their dreams.

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To learn more about Damien's

LA VERNE - Damien High School launches its inaugural Damien Week of Giving, an online fundraising event in support of need-based scholarships and financial aid for students who depend on it to realize their dreams.

"Our intention is to celebrate and honor the legacy and ministry of Joseph de Veuster, a.k.a. Saint Damien. This year, we hope to provide assistance to our students and families who are truly in need. Due to the effects of the pandemic, there has never been a greater demand for financial support for our families. Currently, nearly 1 in 3 of our students receive financial aid. We have increased financial assistance to an additional 51 families this year, increasing our unfunded assistance program by nearly 40%," says Dr. Joseph Siegmund, President of Damien High School. Lumen 21, Inc., a leading IT service provider offering managed services, security services, and cloud based solutions to clients throughout Southern California, as well as an anonymous donor have partnered with Damien High School to kick off the campaign with a matching contribution of \$10,000 to inspire more community friends to get involved. The online event will culminate on May 10, the official Feast Day of Saint Damien. Any support regardless of how small or large will change lives. 100% of



tinuing to monitor their safety to ensure even very rare side effects are identified.

• Which vaccine should I get? Three vaccines are now available in the United States: those made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Pharmaceuticals. All are safe and highly effective at preventing severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalizations and death. The vaccines were studied at different times. in different countries and under

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Skilled Nursing Facility Cases Drop as Residents and Staff are Vaccinated

LOSANGELES COUNTY -Cases at skilled nursing facilities have plummeted since vaccines were approved for emergency use. For the week of April 17, nearly 45,000 COVID-19 tests were completed among staff and residents and only 26 people tested positive for COVID-19; 6 new cases among residents and 17 new cases among staff. For com-

parison, the week beginning December 28, 2020, a total of 2,532 people tested positive for COV-ID-19; 1,423 cases among residents and 1,109 cases among staff.

As of April 17, 83% of skilled nursing facility staff and 83% of residents received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Among those who had received the first dose, 96% of staff and 91% of residents have received their second dose and are fully vaccinated. These numbers only reflect reported rates among current residents, not the total number of residents who have been vaccinated. There is high turnover rate among residents in these facilities.

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substance use) therapeutic and

educational support groups, such

as Alcoholics or Narcotics Anon-

Indoor Arcades and Indoor Playgrounds to Reopen with Safety Measures

Hour Restrictions Removed for Bars, Breweries and Wineries

LOSANGELES COUNTY -The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order was updated to align with the change in CDC recommendations around masking for fully vaccinated people. Additional modifications to the Order also included allowing indoor arcades and indoor playgrounds (bounce centers, ball pits, laser tag) to open at 25% maximum indoor capacity with safety modifications. Bars, breweries and wineries



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hours of operation limitations due to the pandemic have been removed, and employees who are fully vaccinated at food service facilities have the option of wearing a face shield in addition to a face mask when in close contact with customers; wearing a mask is still required.

Employers must verify and document an employee's full vac-

ymous or Patient Education groups, may return to typical participant levels with specified safety modifications.

DUARTE - On Thursday, April 22, 2021, Temple Station deputies took an attempted report of theft by false pretenses. A local dentist reported that sometime in February, 2021, a company (Do-It-All Fire Services) purporting to be a fire inspection service working on behalf of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, showed up at their business and stated that they were there to conduct a fire inspection of the building. The office manager asked them if the service was free and they replied that it was. A few weeks later the dentist received an invoice in the mail for \$500 for the fire inspection. The den-

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tist did not pay the invoice and they were not going to report the incident until Los Angeles County Station Fire Department Station 44 showed up at their business to conduct a "real" fire inspection. The office manager showed the fire fighters the invoice and they stated that it was a scam and that they do not contract out fire inspection services to private companies.

Call Temple Station at 626-285-7171 if anyone other than fire fighters from the Los Angeles County Fire Department show up at your business to conduct a fire inspection.

Gov. Newson To Release 76,000 Prisoners

By George Ogden

SACRAMENTO - California is giving 76,000 inmates, including violent and repeat felons, the opportunity to leave prison early. The changes were approved this week by the state Office of Ad-

endanger the public and our police.

Under the change, more than 10,000 prisoners convicted of a second serious offenses under the state's "three strikes" law will be eligible for release.

County Library Reopening Additional Libraries for Select In-Person Service

30 Additional Libraries will Reopen for In-Person Service on May 10

LOSANGELES COUNTY -LA County Library announced it will reopen an additional 30 of its 85 libraries for select in-person service beginning May 10, as Los Angeles County nears the yellow tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The scheduled reopening will raise the total number of reopened libraries to 60 across LA County.

LA County Library will safely reopen its libraries at 75% capacity, while also maintaining 6-feet of physical distance for customers. In preparation for reopening additional doors to the public, LA County Library is working diligently to ensure safety protocols are met and appropriate preventative measures are in place.

The additional libraries that are scheduled to reopen are part of a

May is Bicycle Safety Month: Share the Road and "Go Safely"

GLENDORA - May is National Bicycle Safety Month, and the Glendora Police Department is encouraging drivers to slow down when passing bicyclists, and asks bicyclists to be visible, predictable, and safe on the road.

"Bicyclists are safest when they act like and are treated the same as drivers," Captain Matt Wiliams said. "Please share the road with bicyclists and think of them as your closest friends or family. We all want to get where we need to go safely, whether that is in the car or on a bike.'

The Glendora Police Department suggests the following safety tips for bicyclists and drivers:

Drivers

• Slow down. Give at least three to five feet of space when

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

Additional libraries across the county will be added to the Library's reopening plan. To view the current list of reopened libraries, please visit the Library Reopening web page https:// lacountylibrary.org/reopening. Outdoor programming for a limited number of participants will begin in early summer 2021 and

will be available at select libraries. A schedule of upcoming events will be added to the library's website and will be disseminated to Library newsletter subscribers. County residents are encouraged to visit LACountyLibrary.org for details regarding library hours, services, additional openings, safety protocols and scheduled events and programs.

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

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Funding for this program is

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Traffic Safety Administration.

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• Wait for a safe place to pass when driving behind a bike, especially on narrow roads. California law requires drivers to provide at least three feet of space between a vehicle and bicycle.

• If making a right turn, assume a bicyclist is traveling through the intersection unless they signal otherwise.

• When making a left turn, yield to oncoming bicyclists as you would for other drivers.

• Look for cyclists before opening a car door.

• Never drive distracted or impaired.

Bike Riders

• Be predictable, safe, and seen: obey traffic laws, use hand signals, use lights at night (front

LA County Parks Reopens Junior Lake Lifeguard Program

Summer 2021 program teaches life-saving skills and water safety to youth ages 9-17

(LA County Parks) announced that the Junior Lake Lifeguard Program will be reopening for Summer 2021. The popular summer program offers a wide range of co-ed activities for youth ages 9-17 at three LA County freshwater lakes located at Castaic Lake Recreation Area, Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park and Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. After having to forgo last year's sessions due to the pandemic, the 2021 program reopens with COVID-19 safety protocols and smaller class sizes to ensure the health and safety of staff and participants. Avoiding a long drive to the beach, the Junior Lake Lifeguards program provides a space for youth who live many miles from the coast to learn water safety at their nearby lake, con-

The Los Angeles County Depart- The three lakes are located locations and pre-registration is ment of Parks and Recreation across Los Angeles County and required easily accessible by major high-

ways. Additionally, LA County

lakes allow training within a calm

freshwater environment without

Program is overseen by trained,

certified lifeguard staff who

serve as mentors and impart their

experience by leading hands-on

activities that introduce youth to

water safety, athleticism, team-

work and a career in aquatics.

Youth participants learn from var-

ious activities that range from

first aid, CPR, rescue skills with

paddleboards, rescue cans and

2021 Junior Lake Lifeguard

Online registration for tryouts

is open. Youth participants are

required to try out for the pro-

gram and must pass to register.

more.

Tryout Schedule

The Junior Lake Lifeguard

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - nect with each other and have fun. Free tryouts will be held at two at http://

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ministrative Law.

"The goal is to increase incentives for the incarcerated population to practice good behavior and follow the rules while serving their time, and participate in rehabilitative and educational programs, which will lead to safer prisons," department spokeswoman Dana Simas said in a statement. Simas said the department was granted authority to make the changes through the rulemaking process and under the current budget. By making them "emergency regulations" the agency could impose the new rules without public comment.

More than 63,000 inmates convicted of violent crimes will be eligible to be cut loose which includes nearly 20,000 inmates who are serving life sentences with the possibility of parole. The new rules took effect Saturday that started the process of releasing these prisoners. Critics have made it clear that the move will

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Republican state Sen. Jim Nielsen, who once headed the state parole board, criticized Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration for unilaterally deciding to make the changes.

"He's doing it on his own authority, instead of the will of the people through their elected representatives or directly through their own votes," Nielsen said. "This is what I call Newsom's time off for bad behavior. He's putting us all at greater risk and there seems to be no end to the degree to which he wants to do that."

Meantime, officials announced in mid-April that they will close a second prison as a result of the "dwindling population", fulfilling a promise made by Newsom. California Correctional Center in Susanville will close by July 2022. Officials announced last fall that Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracy, east of San Francisco, will close by this October.

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Location: Norman Johnson Aquatic Center 405 S Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia, CA 91006

• Saturday, May 8, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

• Sunday, May 9, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

2021 Junior Lake Lifeguard Program Schedule

The 2021 Junior Lake Lifeguard program offers three 2week sessions to accommodate Public Health protocols for smaller classes. Youth participants who pass the tryout can sign up for the morning session or afternoon session or opt for a full-day experience which includes an extra hour for lunch time. Two-week programs are offered at all three lake locations during the following weeks:

• June 21 - July 1 (Monday -Thursday)

• July 12 - July 22 (Monday -Thursday)

• July 26 - August 5 (Monday - Thursday)

Participants can choose from the following session times:

• AM session: 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. (\$241)

• PM session: 12:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. (\$241)

• Full day session: 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. (\$482)

For more information, please visit parks.lacounty.gov/juniorlifeguards.

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Troika Subverts Criminal Justice System

Troika is a Russian vehicle drawn by three horses, a team for that vehicle. And the English version is an administrative or ruling body of three. It seemed an appropriate word when we see three recalls moving ahead in California - Gov. Newsom, L.A. District Attorney Gascon and San Francisco D.A. Chesa Boudin with the commonality of those three established by the agenda to reform the criminal justice system in this state.

The fuel driving the troika team appears to be New York Hungarian immigrant billionaire, George Soros, and his Political Action Committees (PACs) who over the last five years have contributed \$17 million to district attorney races in nine states. Those states are Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, California, and Texas.

PACs are a way of raising money from various sources to support candidates or initiatives or other political causes and there are limits placed on that money by law. There is another animal out there call Super PACs or independent-expenditure only committees. These PACs can raise unlimited amounts of money from unions, corporations, and even wealthy individuals with no restrictions. Super PAC money does not go directly to the candidate or the cause but is spent independently and overtly through communications, like TV, radio, flyers and mailers. They do have to file regular federal reports.

In California in 2018, Soros and his big checkbook PACs were held off in three district attorney elections but look at those dollar signs.

• Anne Marie Schubert, Sacramento County District Attorney, opponent, Noah Phillips, who received \$400,000 in contributions from Soros' California Justice & Public Safety PAC. She won, but changed her party registration from Republican to no



Shade's Perspective Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora party preference to get the target off her back. She contributed \$23,194 of her campaign money to the initiative to fix Prop 57 that failed.

• Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney, won the seat over civil rights attorney, Pamela Price. Price received \$416,000 in campaign mailers and advertising from Soros' California Justice & Public Safety PAC. O'Malley received \$34,000 from ten police unions and money from a PAC, Californians United for Safe Neighborhoods and Schools opposing Pamela Price for District Attorney 2018, fortified with \$105,000 from LAPD union, \$75,000 from California Correctional Peace Officers Association and \$40,000 from Oakland police union.

• Summer Stephan, San Diego District Attorney was challenged by Genevieve Jones-Wright who supported the Soros agenda of no cash bail, tough on police use of force and easing up on sentencing for "lesser crimes." Stephan spent her time and money targeting attacks against the George Soros and his PAC as outside money. Stephan won the election 2 to 1 over Wright. She too gave up her Republican Party registration and changed to no party preference.

In the November 2020 election, the Soros PAC money provided \$2.5 million to the George Gascon campaign to defeat incumbent D.A. Jackie Lacey. A last-minute drop at the end of the campaign was too much for Lacev to overcome and Gascon took the seat.

Gascon, appointed San Francisco District Attorney by thenmayor Gavin Newsom, put his agenda out on his first day as Los Angeles County District Attornev announcing:

• No cash bail required despite voter approval to retain cash bail.

• Misdemeanor charges dismissed before arraignment (consistent with Prop 47 Gascon cowrote).

· No enhancements or additional years added to sentence of current crime.

(prior convictions, use of a gun, hate crimes, killing a police office, gang member - not to be considered)

 D.A.'s office will not support the death penalty approved by voters and will review thoroughly existing judgements with a goal of overturning them.

· Re-evaluate sentencing of those who have served 15 years in prison with the goal of early release.

• Down grade the gang enforcement unit.

San Francisco D.A. Chesa Boudin, replacing Gascon in San Francisco, announced the same agenda just about his first day in office also and the COVID 19 pandemic certainly has provided the right scenario for more releases through Gov. Newsom's executive orders.

Recall Gavin Newsom has qualified for the ballot and there will be an election, but no date is set yet. San Francisco recall of Boudin is underway with an August 11th signature count deadline. Others, including retired L.A. County deputy district attorneys, are organizing and creating the recall George Gascon petitions set for circulation shortly.

Will George Soros and his PACs show up for these three recall elections?

The Recovery Of Religion

What place will American religion have in tomorrow's world? Evangelicalism enjoyed a popular run in the last generation. When, however, it was taken over by conservative politics and became just another weapon in Trump's arsenal, it dishonored itself. Jerry Falwell Jr. fell into a moral swamp. Franklin Graham shamed his father. Many mega churches lost their appeal, and evangelical super-stars were reduced to being bit players in the Trump carnival.

This religious hiatus left the door wide open for a regeneration of Christianity's authentic practices. I speak here of American Protestantism, much of which no longer seems to play a vital role in the American religious landscape.

Less and less attention is currently being paid to doctrine. When was the last time you either participated in or observed a debate about the virgin birth or whether Jesus is fully God or just similar to God?

More and more attention is given to understanding the way of life Jesus held out to his disciples-a discipline that still offers religious authenticity to this generation. While this ethical dynamic has a relationship to more liberal politics, its followers have been careful not to identify Christian ethics with party politics.

Now what about a vital religious perspective that is focused neither on doctrine or ethics? I think that there are two other significant forces that may increasingly constitute a reborn religious landscape.

1.Ritual and Communit

I recently read an extended conversation between two Jewish scholars. Here is part of their dialogue.

Judaism is distinctive in that it places such a great emphasis on religious practices, often to the exclusion of any great worry



Charles H. Bayer

about belief commitments. If you go into any shul, the number of people there who will say they believe in God might be rather minimal, but they're all there participating in observance. Interestingly, it seems any concern with halachic practice has now become secondary to one's commitments to the State of Israeltoday Spinoza might never have been expelled from the Jewish community for his identification of God with nature, but had he said one word against Zionism, the herem would have been pronounced again.

Ritual and practice are both deeply ingrained in human experience. Perhaps the age of individualism is coming to an end, and the recovery of common purposes is gaining renewed strength. Getting the self into heaven is the preoccupation of a more limited number of believers.

We were born needing the protection and intervention of the group. Community is in our blood. Having come out of the isolation of the recent pandemic, conversations have centered on a need to return to ritual, even if it is no more than sharing meals. Nobody likes sitting alone at a baseball game. The greatest satisfaction is generated in what we do together. *Ritual practice may again break* down the walls of isolation. No institution is better prepared to recapture community than the

congregation. We will not come together to recite creeds but to experience communal bonding, perhaps around a common table.

2. The recovery of the "nones"

Surveys that ask for "religion" have recently recorded significant numbers of responders listing "none." Others categorize themselves as "no longers." Conversations indicate that the vast majority of nones and no longers maintain an active interest in values, purposes and ultimate concerns, but without an omnipotent deity who rules from the sky. Ultimate values may be captured in events and their inter-relationship. Many attuned to philosophy may be attracted to the Process Thought introduced by the British philosopher, Alfred North Whitehead, and detailed by the American theologian, John Cobb. Others finding traditional theological categories unhelpful, may see themselves as atheists or agnostics, or they may find meaning in what they call "spiritual practices" such as meditation, yoga, Buddhism, and other forms of encounter with the "Mystery" that gives their lives meaning.

If more traditional religious thought can break out of a preoccupation with the supernatural, a significant body of these "nones" and "no longers" may create new meaning in America's churches, and may be attracted by rituals and the communities they generate.

None of this will come suddenly, but it will spring up here and there, now and then. More traditional religious communities may attract a new generation of seekers hungering for community and meaning. If American churches become open to a religion without traditional doctrine or an omnipotent sky-God, religion may find fresh significance.

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MY TURN: Pres. Biden And Company Is Apparently One Of The Few That **Can't Find A Roadmap To The Border**

It is quite something. Many Fox News programs are really covering the border. Jesse Watters had Lara Logan on his show. She went to the border, and brought back chilling stories of the drug cartels, MS-13 and the death cult they have become. Maria Bartiromo went to the border as well and looked at the now deteriorating wall and was talking to law enforcement officials from Texas including Governor Abbott and the Texas Attorney General, Ken Paxton, who described the stressed-out resources and personnel dealing with the flood of immigrants. Judge Jeanine Pirro was in Arizona talking to law enforcement and ranchers about the increased crime. Others including a contingent of Senators including Ted Cruz, have been down there as well. Oddly there is no transparency as government officials have stopped local officials from giving news media and Congressional guests any access.

allowing migrants to stay in

Is America In The Throes Of A Revolution?

My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

One country, two peoples. Two visions of this nation's future.

constructed in fidelity to four principles: popular sovereignty; limited government; balanced

(Article VI)

I would be amiss if I only blamed the Democrats, in power, government; and democratic par- for the destruction of America. Other protagonists of Socialism fill the rosters of schools, news rooms and boardrooms across this nation. Schools and teachers have chosen to indoctrinate our children by touting such destructive ideologies as 'critical race theory' (CRT), police are the enemy, America is systemically racist and equal opportunity must be replaced with equal outcome. These divisive thought cleansing tactics are no less destructive and the antithesis of our American principals than was the frequently cited Jim Crow Laws of yesteryear. Any discrimination based on skin color should be abomination and an insult to every American regardless of ethnicity. Let us not ignore the main stream media and anti-American globalists of the social media outlets, they too are out to destroy our liberty. Those who control the media control the people. In light of the ubiquitous anti-American rhetoric emanating from the media and DC today, only an originalist revolution will bring back an America based on the concept that "we the people" rule this nation. A revolution that returns America to a nation 'of the people, by the people'. The government(s) of the states must take the lead in battling the oligarchs in DC; the patriots will follow. The Constitution and the Tenth Amendment is forfeit if they don't. If the founders of this great nation were alive today they would be ready to load their muskets and go to war.

We Americans are confronted ideals of Constitutionalism versus Socialism.

In one Camp are the Constitutional Conservatives; a group that believes this nation must return to the tenants of the original Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Is it an impossible dream to think that this country can return to a nation based on; 'We the People endowed with unalienable rights given to them by nature and nature's God'?

The other, the Darwinian camp is comprised of progressive Socialist peoples who believe that the Constitution must become a 'living document' easily changed by the dogma of the day.

This nation is besieged daily by the Progressive Marxist Socialist Democrats. If anyone dares to confront the purists of this 'woke' religion, in any way, they are branded with the title of "racist". When all else fails, like logical and rational thinking, just play the race card - this is always a winning hand.

We are in the throes of a new, not-yet shooting, revolution that has as its objective turning this nation into a Marxist Socialist regime where the National Government controls everything.

I enclose here an excerpt from the Claremont Institute "The American Mind' that discusses a revolution of conservative principals with eloquent accuracy.

"Crucially, the goal of conservative revolution is to reclaim what is ours by tradition, authority, and right-not revolution for the purpose of transformation or destroying in order to create afresh."

"A Republic in Practice" "By republic I mean a regime

ticipation. These were a part of with a decision. A decision of the the American constitutional regime from the beginning and remain, theoretically, essential to our self-identity as a "democratic" people. ... Our revolution, therefore, must concentrate on reclaiming these four principles as the necessary condition for a free and self-reliant people to practice the art of self-rule. Because these four principles of republicanism have been subverted, and because a free people will never tolerate being ruled without their consent, the test we

face is both constitutional and existential. One of the most important questions about the fate of any republican form of government is whether the citizens are, by habit, disposition, and especially virtue, self-governing. No constitutional or governmental structure alone can turn a disor-

dered people into a functioning republic. ... A revolution to reclaim our constitution will not to make us a free people-rather, it is the logical and necessary action of a free people."

Any anti-Socialist counterrevolution must have as its linchpin a return to the Constitution of these United States of America. This document, in its original form, defined the powers specifically granted to of the Federal Government. The Tenth Amendment, to the Constitution, stipulated that all powers not explicitly given to the government were to remain with the states and the people. How far we have removed ourselves from the ideal of the founders. The power hungry government in Washington D. C. has blatantly chosen to ignore the Constitution; a document that is the "Supreme law of the Land"

One last thought; 'people who vote control nothing; People who count the votes controls everything.' Joseph Stalin

Maria Bartiromo asked Abbott if he had heard anything from the White House and he said "nothing." Not a word, not a call.

Meanwhile Kamala Harris, the so-called "border czar" has failed to go to the border, saying she has more important things to deal with. She must think she can solve all the border problems from 2000 miles away. That is if you can get her to recognize a crisis.

This is truly irresponsible or the part of the Biden Administration. Harris thinks she can deal with a problem from afar, while she makes out the act of visiting the border to sound like a trip to the moon if she actually did decide to go.

Joe Biden won't go. I guess it is too far from Delaware. Sadly, none of this would have

ever been necessary if Joe Biden



Charles Lopresto

had just left things alone and maybe had done what Trump had intended all along--secure the border, stop the bleeding, make agreements to stop the influx and keep unprocessed illegal migrants in Mexico to ease the burden on border officials. The "Cliffs Notes" of what happened to get us to this point could simply be said this way:

Send a message that coming across the border illegally will not be welcomed....President Trump.

Set up agreements with Mexico and Central America, including one that keeps illegals being detained in Mexico, referred to as the "Remain in Mexico" policy....President Trump.

Stop using "catch and release"

America and unaccountable....President Trump.

Begin completing the wall, which is paid for, that gives support to the idea of illegal crossings being enforced and controlled, and provides jobs and security....President Trump.

But as Dana Perino said one day on "The Five," Biden needs to swallow his pride and acknowledge what Trump had working and use that as stepping off point to begin looking at DACA and what to do with citizenship for existing aliens. But now we are back to square one, bleeding and all. And the wall with its technological surveillance features is now useless.

It all seems logical to everyone, except, of course, the Biden administration who are unable to accept any accomplishments of the Trump administration and will scrap them at the expense of the American people. If this is what leadership is supposed to look like, count me out.

We don't have a President. We have a Sesame Street puppet playing "Dr. Kildare." The mask Joe is wearing is the one that covers the border "challenge."

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Who Will Pay for Growing Federal **Government Spending?**

Certainly, the rich are expected to pay heavily! So much tax increase news quickly and significantly hurt sentiment on Wall Street. The markets turned south towards the end of what had been a positive session (due to unemployment claims reaching a pandemic low). All of the major stock indexes ended that day down 1%, though some cautioned it may be a "knee-jerk reaction" because the upcoming proposal could be hard to pass in Congress.

"We're still finalizing what the pay floors look like" (whatever that means) White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters in response to questions about deterring long-term investing. "The president's calculation is that there is a need to modernize our infrastructure, invest in childcare and early childhood education, and he should propose a way to pay for it." She went on to say: "His view is that it can be on the backs of the wealthiest Americans, as well as corporations and businesses, who can afford it, and that won't have a negative impact. There are alternative views, and there are proposals that don't exist yet on how to pay for it. That will be part of the discussion."

Biden's proposals on capital gains tax increases would only affect the federal rate. Wealthy individuals who live in California and New York, which tax capital gains as regular income at 13.3% and 11.85% (plus 3.88%) in NYC), could see total capital gains duties of nearly 60%. How much will these much higher tax-



es shake up markets? While the wealthiest top 1% have always controlled 70% to 80% of stock market value in the U.S. (according to the Federal Reserve) the top 10% of households by net worth owned 87.2% of American equities in 2020, the highest level of such ownership ever.

To stay ahead of the stock market curve and net after tax benefits humans have thought about fast money opportunities ever since money was invented. Even the most conservative types dream of a sudden windfall. As they say, "You've got to be in it to win it!" It follows that when the stock market doesn't do what we want it to do, we get impatient. That often turns to frustration, which leads to impulse... then, we often do the wrong thing at the wrong time. Recently stocks have been frustrating. Those we want to rise don't, and ones we think shouldn't go up do.

So, what do we do now? My answer is always the same: Look at the data. I learned the hard way that my emotions are my single worst investing indicator. The best advice I can offer is let your

emotions cool off before reacting. Stocks trade radically due to the overreaction of emotional sellers. Traders know this and they let their bids drop more than they would normally when they see an emotional sell wave coming. Traders will usually bring stocks back with a stronger offer (price) based upon their position, understanding reasons why the weakness occurred as well as the future outlook in that stock.

All this tax talk is targeted to pay for Biden's \$2.25 trillion socalled "infrastructure" plan and if the money doesn't come from corporations, then it will come from other sources in the form of higher individual income taxes, eliminating qualified dividends, eliminating step-up basis for estates, taxing unrealized capital gains, new gas/carbon taxes, and possibly a national Value-Added Tax (VAT) at some point.

Whatever the end game is for policymakers, taxes for corporations and for individuals are about to increase by varying degrees. To date the stock market has paid little attention to this soon-to-be reality. At some point, it would seem that this transformational change in tax policies will matter to the stock market - but then again, maybe not.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Happy Mother's Day!

What are you doing to make this a special day for your mom, or someone who is like a mom to you? If you are alone, as a single mom, or because your spouse serves in the military, or is away for work, celebrate you, Mom.

When should I expect my tax refund?

The IRS has announced that they are very behind in processing tax returns. You can go online to irs.gov and click on 'Where's my refund?" You'll need to know the exact amount you expect refunded just as it appears on the tax return you filed.

I'm 62, lost my job to Covid-19, and have bills. Can I get money from my 401k or IRA?

My advice is to avoid taking money from any of your retirement accounts. However, if it is your only option, read up on the CARE Act provisions. The maximum amount you can withdraw is \$100,000. Under the CARE Act, the 10-percent early-withdrawal penalty (usually at age 59-1/2) is waved for those affected by Covid-19 (sick, lost job, etc.). You will have 3 years to pay the taxes on the amount you withdraw. Borrowing from an IRA is not allowed, but the CARE Act allows you to pay the money back into your IRA, and avoiding paying all the taxes due (sum is prorated). Check with your 401(k) provider. You should be able to borrow from your account, or possibly withdraw up to \$100,000.

Is there a way for us to help our children pay the tax when inheriting our estate?

Self-Confidence

Five methods of how to act and be self-confident. There are many reasons why people need to have self-confidence; however, making sure that you show your self-confidence when you go to that job interview, selling to customers, and so on is the key to your success. You will want to think about what you will need to truly understand the product, the needs of the customer or the jib position to personally believe and never fake it. Even if you do



Julia Yoder

Couples who want to help protect their legacy from estate taxes often use life insurance. The life-insurance settlement (death benefit) is typically paid out income tax free, and can provide heirs with the finances to help with final expenses and estate taxes that exceed the prevailing exemption amount. Some life insurance policies have benefits, accessible to you as supplemental retirement income.

We are so tired of renting, and really want to buy. What do we do first?

Your loan amount and interest rate depend on your finances, credit scores, and ability to repay the loan. First, take an honest look at your finances. Do you have enough money saved for the down payment, property inspections, closing costs, property tax and insurance reserves, and several months' payments? Next, take a look at your credit report. Your 'Mortgage' credit scores are often lower than your 'Consumer' credit scores due to different determining factors. Of the 3 scores, lenders look at your mid-

dle score, not the highest, nor the lowest. If you decide to pay off a credit card, do not close that account. It looks good if you are using 30-percent or less of the credit available. If you haven't used a card for a while, use it, and pay it off before the due date. Do you have your tax returns for 2019 and 2020? Second, apply for, and get loan approval. By having your loan approval letter in hand, you'll know how much you qualify for, and therefore the price range to be shopping. To locate a mortgage professional, online go to: findamortgagebroker.com

I have almost \$100,000 saved. What investment(s) do you suggest? I'm in my mid-50's and would like it to be safe and make the most interest.

If you qualify, there are several safe avenues you could take with your money, including, but not limited to an IRA, an annuity, or life insurance with potential of a cash accumulation. There are many choices, so it's a matter of figuring out which product is best to meet your needs.

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you are trying to sell or for that position you are trying for will make you feel good about yourself that will lead to your selfconfidence. When you get the proper education, you will feel confident through the power of knowledge. You will want to make sure that you try to deal with all your education needs so that you become the "know it all" (without showing it) at work and see all the advancements that you can get from being a well-educat-

Ready For Warmer Days?

Hot summer days are coming our way. Many of our customers' thoughts are turning to...air conditioning. At Certified Automotive Specialists we get countless calls asking us how much it costs to fix. There is no one simple answer to this question but I'll give you some industry-wide estimates so you have something to go on. Generally, if you drive an older vehicle it will cost more to fix because the parts will be harder to find.

Testing the A/C System: A technician must test the system to determine what is wrong with it. This requires a test for leaks and an inspection of the parts such as the compressor, condenser, hoses, and valves. The most help a consumer can be is to give as much information about when the condition occurred.

Evacuating & Recharging the A/C System: This is the most common fix of the A/Csystem. Refrigerant will naturally seep out over 3 to 5 years and will need attention.

Leaking Hose: We use a leak detection unit to test for leaks.

Compressor Failure: This is the most complex of all to fix and will be the costliest. The compressor is the pump that keeps the Freon flowing.

Replacing the Complete System: The cost of this is determined by the make and model you drive. Usually this occurs when someone tries to save money and adds the off the shelf sealer as a quick fix, it always causes grief later.

Working on air conditioning systems is not easy. The system itself is built in and around your car's engine making it difficult. Specialized equipment is required and a technician that is certified in this area is a must. In some countries it is illegal for a non-authorized technician to work on A/C systems. A nonexperienced technician can inadvertently cause problems and contaminate the environment.

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not feel like you are going to make the sell or feel like you are going to get the job, you still must walk in the room like you own it.

When it comes to thinking that you may have to fake self-confidence, think twice. There are many things that you can do to overcome this, so that you feel more like you really do have the confidents.

• The first thing that you will want to do is act with confidence by raising your head high and walking with a stride. You must make sure that you don't stick vour nose too high, or you will end up looking like you are snobby, and no one will take your advice to buy or higher you. You need to walk the walk, but can you talk the talk?

• Confident people do not say fillers like "umm." You need to learn how to think on your feet. You will want to take into consideration that when you learn how to quickly think on your feet, the words will simply just pour out of your mouth. Be careful not to ramble on and on and really say nothing, the interviewer or the customer will discount you in a heartbeat. This is a great way to show others that you are confident, by remembering, less is more. You will want to make sure that you keep yourself in line when it comes to the speaking aspect, always on subject.

• Also, think about your nonverbal skills. Facial expressions will give you away almost 100% of the time, so stay engaged and attentive. You will soon find out that there are a lot of people who will judge you because of what you are wearing or not wearing. You will want to make sure that you dress appropriately. You do

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not want to show off more of you than you need to. Keep in mind that there is appropriate attire for the nightlife and appropriate attire for the job. Make sure that you check yourself at the door before you go to that interview, greet a customer, or go to a meeting.

• Think about the cues that you are giving off. You will want to lean into the interviewer or the customer keeping your appropriate distance of course, if your excited about getting the job or making that sale. You may also want to sit back like there is nothing to worry about when you are making a sell or made your point. You will want to make sure that you try and consider all of your body language that you exhibit by practicing in-front of a mirror so that you can work on yourself image and that will help

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Duarte Community Clean-Up & Shred Drive-Thru Event

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Around the Valley & Senior News

If this an Example of Our "New Norm" You Can Have It!

Today I went through a fast food drive through. I wanted to have two double bacon cheeseburgers with two orders of fries. I get to the menu board and start looking at it. It has all kinds of combinations with drinks. A voice comes on and he asks for my order. Double bacon cheeseburger and fries is all I wanted, so I ask for it. He comes back and says "Jack" with some other stuff with the word burger in it... Couldn't really understand him because of his thick accent and traffic noise in the back ground. I told him "I am not Jack, my name is George"... It sounded like he repeated what he said before and I repeated that "my name is not Jack" and that about the time I realize that they were using the word "Jack" in front of all their menu items. Then it hit me, I am at the "Jack in the Box". I tried to explain what I wanted again. He asked "Do you want two patties on a cheese burger?" I "SLOWLY" repeated what I wanted again. He finally got it. I think he told me the total price but I couldn't understand what he said but he said something about the 2nd window. While waiting in line I pulled out \$20 to pay for this stuff.

I get to the window and he says it will be \$21.64... I asked if he had the right order and he re-



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

peated my order back to me. I had to take out another \$20 to add to the \$20 I already had out. I got the fries, but they were already leaking grease through the paper bag. I asked for more napkins and she said they are already in the bag as she in now trying to hand me the hamburgers. I was in my Corvette and explained that I did not want to set the greasy fries on the seat. She grabbed a handful and handed them to me.

I was a little shocked at the price... is this the "New Norm" that everyone is talking about?

So, I get two burgers and two fries only. \$21.64. I am going to break this down a little high on the prices... The two buns maybe a dollar each. 4 Burgers, maybe a dollar each. That's \$6 total. The fries, maybe a dollar fifty each, that makes it total to about \$9. The little boxes that they put it in and the bag probably \$0.30 so let's just make it a total dollar for

all of it. Now we're at 10 bucks. Now for the skilled laborers (now \$15 per hour) that are working this order to put the stuff in a bag and to cook that pre-made stuff or basically warm it up took about 5 minutes. The charge time for all four employees that are in there would be only \$5 at \$15 an hour per employee. I know I escalated the prices on everything but I just wanted to be safe.

I want to thank Jack in the Box and the employees for my lunch and taking away half of my pay for the day (just kidding here). I want to leave my skilled labor job and make more money at Jack in the Box at \$15 an hour. I am practicing, "Would you like fries with that order sir?"

Oh, I forgot all about that cheese. That's got to be a couple of bucks a slice, right? Also, there was no bacon... they forgot or didn't hear it. I know I singled out the Jack in the Box, but they are not alone. I am sure all others are charging accordingly.

The food was good and it hit the spot for the both of us, but at that price, I was wondering if I should have eaten the packaging as well.

There you have it folks, one example of the "New Norm!" "That's just the way it is!"

"TIME JOCKEY" - Beginning **Of The Mission**

By Joe Castillo

History in Southern California... The Mission San Gabriel was founded on September 8, 1771 and was the fourth of the 21 California Missions. The original site was identified by Father Junipero Serra and was located along the Rio Hondo River five miles to the Southeast but in 1775 Father Fermin Lasuen chose to relocate the Mission after constant flooding made it difficult to build more permanent structures. Using the labor of the local indigenous Kizh people, construction of the Mission started in 1791 and was completed in 1805. But in 1812, the San Juan Capistrano Earthquake caused severe damage to the Mission structure and two weeks later the Ventura Earthquake caused even more damage. The damage was so extensive that it took 16 years to repair the effects of the double earthquakes.

The architectural design of the Mission is unique among California Missions with its capped fortress-like buttress structure following the same Moorish style of the Spanish Cathedral of Cordova. Father

Antonio Cruzado, chief designer of the Mission San Gabriel, designed the Mission after the Cathedral of Cordova, a site where he trained and the city where he was born. The bells of the Mission were brought from sites in the United States, Mexico and Spain, and still remain in the campanile which was constructed after the original bell tower collapsed in the Earthquakes of 1812. The altar was originally built in Mexico City and delivered to the Mission in the late 1790's.

Eventually, the rich agricultural lands of the San Gabriel Valley resulted in the Mission becoming the most prosperous of all the California Missions. Travelers along the El Camino Real brought new goods and traded for other needed goods with the Mission thereby allowing the Mission to acquire more materials and supplies it needed to further its growth.

Known as the "Birthplace of the Los Angeles region", settlers known as Los Pobladores traveled from the Mission San Gabriel Arcangel nine miles to the west to establish the Pueblo de Los Angeles in 1781. After a destructive fire in July 2020, the Mission is being rebuilt again, just like it was rebuilt after the Great Earthquakes of 1812, and the Whittier Narrows Earthquake in 1987, and soon it will be repaired and a new beginning will start for the next 250 years of the Mission San Gabriel

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As you navigate today's lessons, may your entanglement be not chains of burden but golden threads of opportunity...

Claremont Center for Spiritual Living (CCSL) Reopens Sanctuary for Sunday Services Beginning May 2, 2021

CLAREMONT – The Claremont Center for Spiritual Living announced Sunday services will resume and will adhere to all CDC requirements including masks, 6-feet social distancing and temperature monitoring. All who attend are asked to follow these guidelines.

our website, we miss the fellowship of this close-knit congregation," said Rev. Tracy Senior Minister at the Center. "Our intention is to reopen for services

now and bring back activities such as fellowship lunch, Sunday school, on-site classes and workshops by summer, to best ensure the safety and well-being of our community."

The Claremont Center for Spiritual living is located on S. College Avenue in Claremont, "We are excited to be able to and has been serving the commumeet once again as a communi- nity for over 70 years. As a supty. Although services have been portive spiritual center, we offer ongoing online and accessible on practical ways to live a spiritually grounded life. The Center includes residents from neighboring cities to include Pomona, La Verne, Upland

and neighboring counties. It is conveniently located 3 blocks from the Claremont Metro Station.

"Our goal last year was to kickoff a new member campaign, reintroduce our beautiful campus and facilities to the surrounding colleges and local residents," said Rachelle Kepler board member. "In light of the pandemic these efforts were put on hold. Now we intend to resume our

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- 1. Like Annapolis Academy
- 6. Pine juice
- 9. One in a manger
- 13. Like a good athlete
- 14. Modern address
- 15. Printer cartridge contents 16. Cate Blanchett's movie
- on a Scandal" 17. 2nd largest living bird in
- world 18. U in UV
- 19. *Honoré de Balzac's "Le
- Père " 21. *Nemo's dad, named after a
- sport fish 23. " of the morning!"
- 24. Seaside bird
- 25. Tax accounting specialist,

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efforts, reach out to spiritually minded seekers who are looking to find God in a open minded, friendly and diverse setting."

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28. Back of the neck

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- 30. Chew the fat
- 35. Country dance formation 37. Greek goddess of fertility
- 39. Waterwheel
- 40. *Drunk and, incidentally, Huck Finn's Pap
- 41. Metallic sounding
- 43. Quite a stretch
- 44. Place to dry out
- 46. Like the White Rabbit

47. Dr. Robert Bruce Banner's green alter ego

- 48. Sun-
- 50. Toothy wheel 52. Bad-mouth
- 53. Made a rug
- 55. Low- image 57. *Simba's father in "The
- Lion King" 60. *Luke's and Leia's father
- 63. Golfer's sun protection
- 64. Romanian monetary unit
- 66. Introverted one
- 68. Follow as a consequence
- 69. Pooh's wise friend
- 70. Territory in China known as Las Vegas of Asia
- 71. Young woman
- 72. *"That '70s Show" dad
- 73. One-room school house
- "notebook" DOWN
- 1. A Bobbsey twin
- 3. *The Godfather's given name
- 5. Wound 6. Cooking grease
- 7. Hammer holder?
- 8. D'Artagnan's hat decoration
- 9. Weevil's target
- 10. Not in favor of

- 22. Rainbow shape
- 19 years old
- 25. *Griswold family patriarch





Poppins" and father in "Father

of the Bride"

42. Pine

36. Unfledged hawk

45. _____ of dog! 49. "I _____" at the altar

51. Middle Earth and Kingdom

38. Casino chip

- 60. Old in Scottish
- 61. Cuzco valley empire
- 62. Straight pour from the
- bottle
- 63. Chill in front of TV, with
- 'out'
- 65. Ovine mom
- 67. Beluga yield

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Arcadia Virtual May Presentations

reation and Community Services Department, Senior Services Division is offering free informative virtual presentations in May. On Friday, May 14 at 10am, Laura Henneforth, a volunteer with the Gilb Museum will provide you with "who was who" in Arcadia. This "Arcadia Walk of Fame" will feature some established favorites like Stevie Nicks

ARCADIA - The Arcadia Rec- and George Takei plus other talented celebrities you may not have heard of yet. On Tuesday, May 18 at 12pm, Dr. Katharine Costello, Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Breast Surgery at City of Hope will provide you with pertinent information on breast health and breast cancer. If you are interested in learn-

the Senior Services Office at ing about these programs but do 626.574.5130.

International Support Provided by Duarte Kiwanis Member

member, Reyna Diaz has as gift for providing help just when it is needed. Recently, Reyna and her daughter traveled for 33 hours by bus to bring 800 pounds of clothing and food baskets to Zacatecas, Mexico.

to carry the 800 pounds of these goods to needy folks. 55 families were also provided food baskets to help during the pandemic in this rural area of Mexico.

ing the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.

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DUARTE - Duarte Kiwanis They chose to go by bus so If you are interested in jointhey could bring all the luggage

Serial Burglar Arrested Again A Week After Previous Arrest





Crystal Renee Herrell

IRWINDALE - An alert Irwindale patrol officer spotted a known burglar breaking into the back door of a business in the 15700 block of Arrow Highway early Saturday morning.

After interrupting the burglary attempt, the suspect ran from the officer, but was captured without incident a short distance away.

The suspect, Crystal Renee Herrell, 23-years-



Burglary tools found on the suspect.

old from Cave Junction, Oregon, was arrested for burglary, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was booked at the jail, but was later released on a citation due to LA County's COVID-related "zero bail" policy.

Harrell is a known serial burglar and was last arrested by the Irwindale Police Department for burglary on April 24th, however she was released at that time, again due to the County's COVID-related "zero bail" policy.

DART - Successful Youth Program for Duarte

DUARTE - The Duarte Area Resource Team (DART) - has been a unique youth program in Duarte since 1999. This organization is focused on prevention of youth crime activities by engaging youth in positive activities. Crime Specialist, Aida Torres has been leading the charge for this program. Through her work, she has gained a number of grants to support this program. This year - during the pandemic - 51 youth have been a part of the organization providing 2900 service hours. There were an average of 6 virtual events per week, 10 youth have been receiving tutoring with APU students, and 12 students are graduating this year.

Dr. Luis Tuthill of APU shared some of the results of these efforts. DART provides a sense of safety, family and status for these kids - giving them an alter-



Duarte has a grant that currently funds a Probation Officer who does intervention and prevention in the local schools - this is also unique to Duarte. The county is changing the program to remove these resources from the schools since they found examples of stereotyping rather than creative support within the schools. Dr. Tuthill shared that if a youth gets arrested and enters the "system" recidivisim is 70%. His comment was "I don't understand why other communities are not

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using Duarte's model - it works!" There is also a continuing challenge to fund this program. Aida has been very successful with grants - but if the grant is to "lower crime" and then the program is successful, and crime drops, it is impossible to get the grant again.

If you are interested in join-

Citrus College Earns 'Military Friendly' Honors For Support Of Student Veterans, Families



The Citrus College Veterans Success Center organized a career panel in November 2019 where a handful of veterans, seated at the table, spoke to student veterans about their transition from military to civilian life. Note: this photo was taken before the campus closed due to COVID-19.

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Citrus College has been named

sources and survey responses.

a Military Friendly School for 11

consecutive years. The Military

Friendly Spouse School honor,

the college's second in a row,

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Veterans Success Center, which

connects veterans to a wide ar-

One shining example of Cit-

GLENDORA – In recognition of its commitment to student veterans and their families, Citrus College has been named both a Military Friendly School and a Military Friendly Spouse School.

Home to more than 400 student veterans, Citrus College received the 2021-2022 awards from VIQTORY, a service-disabled and veteran-owned small business that owns and operates the Military Friendly brand. Schools receiving these honors

Monrovia Days Rock Art



Join in the fun and paint a rock for the Monrovia Days Rock Art Installation by May 7!

MONROVIA - To cel- think of Monrovia or celebrates ebrate and memorialize the City its 135th Birthday. Drop it off at the Monrovia Community Center by May 7. Drop by the Monrovia Public Library's Park during the Monrovia Days Celebration to see the project come to life!

ray of services, ranging from academic counseling and orientations to mental health support and vocational rehabilitation. Additional services include help navigating the various military tuition assistance programs.

For military spouses, the Veterans Success Center takes the time to work with them on their education benefits and other resources available to them. The Veterans Success Center also provides military and veteran spouses all the services provided to student veterans, including access to the VetSuccess on Campus counselor and other resources.

"I want to thank our dedicated and caring Veterans Success Center staff for making sure our student military service members, student veterans and their family members receive the support they need to excel in the classroom and in their future careers," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Citrus College is very honored to receive these recognitions."

Throughout the pandemic, the Veterans Success Center has maintained its commitment to veterans virtually through Zoom drop-in lounge times; communications through Canvas, email and the Citrus Mobile app; and by

native to gang life. This program is unique to Duarte. Duarte is unique within the SGV - their juvenile arrests are going down. In fact, juvenile arrests in Duarte are down 50%.

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ing the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.

of Monrovia's 135th birthday, community members are invited to paint a rock and donate it to be a part of a permanent installation at Monrovia Public Library.

Paint a rock that makes you

phone. The complete list of 2021-2022 Military Friendly Schools will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine. Citrus College will be included in the

July/August issue of Military

Spouse magazine. "On behalf of the board, I want to thank Citrus College faculty and staff for their dedication to student veterans and their families," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "These recognitions are an affirmation of the important work being done, as well a sign to veterans considering higher education that Citrus College is a fantastic destination."

For more information about the Veterans Success Center, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrv/ veterans.

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Full Street Closure of Pasadena Ave. at Railroad Crossing in Glendora



GLENDORA - Crews will be fully rebuilding the railroad crossing on Pasadena Ave. in the city of Glendora, as part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project. This work requires a full closure of Pasadena Ave. at the railroad crossing for approximately 6 months.

Beginning Tuesday, May 11th and continuing daily thru November 11, 2021, Pasadena Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Route 66 (just south of the crossing) and Walnut Ave. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by way of detour routes.

Crews plan to work daily 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday thru Saturday. Occasional longer working hours may be needed. City approved working hours: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM, 7 days a week, which is consistent with the City's municipal code.

A detour route will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians. Please follow detour signs. • Pasadena Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Route 66 and Lemon Ave.

• Glendora Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see details below.

• Route 66 (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

• Walnut Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

• Lemon Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

El Monte Union Fosters Community Engagement in 25th Annual Parent Involvement Academy

EL MONTE – More than 150 El Monte Union parents received guidance on how best to support their children during distance learning, as well as advice on how their children can be successful in school during the 25th Annual Parent Involvement Academy (PIA).

Celebrating its silver anniversary, the PIA offered virtual English, Spanish and Mandarin language workshops and presentations in March, focusing on social-emotional support, planning for college and providing resources for students with special needs.

Following the virtual academy, parents received a Certificate of Participation from El Monte Union's Superintendent Dr. Edward A. Zuniga during a drive-thru ceremony.

"It was wonderful to see the enthusiastic participation of our families at the PIA, which continues to grow stronger every year," Zuniga said. "Thank you to our PIA committee, led by our Director of Assessment, Accountability & Family Engagement Edith Echeverria, who worked tirelessly with her staff to spread the word and enroll our parents, as well as arranging presentations that are both engaging and relevant. Without them, none of this would be possible."

Echeverria has helped coordinate the PIA since 2005. For this year's first-ever online conference, she enlisted a variety



El Monte Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Edward A. Zuniga hands out certificates to parents, thanking them for participating in the 2021 Parent Involvement Academy.

of District personnel to conduct workshops, including Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Larry Cecil, El Monte High School College and Career Coordinator Wyatt Bernthal, El Monte Union Online & Personalized Learning (OPL) TOSA Justin Lim, and El Monte Union OPL teachers Ismael Huerta, Tim Clark and Kent Besocke.

The PIA was divided into three morning sessions, with parents able to choose from 10 separate workshops during each period, including "Breaking Through: The Secret of Long-Term Success," "Path to College," "Habits of Successful Distance Learning Students," and the Spanish language "Is Online Learning Right for My Child to Advance (After a Pandemic)." "I am very proud to see so many parents attending the PIA together," Echeverria said. "It's rewarding because it shows their commitment and dedication to supporting their children at home. The topics this year were insightful and educational, providing a template of success for our community."

The PIA is a multi-district partnership, and welcomed more than 650 parents from El Monte Union, El Monte City, Mountain View, Montebello, Rowland and Basset school districts this year.

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Beginning Wednesday, May 12th and continuing daily thru August 26, 2021, Loraine Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Route 66 (just south of the crossing) and Lemon Ave. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by way of detour routes, see map below.

Crews plan to work daily during double shift hours of 7:00 AM - 12:00 AM (Midnight), Monday - Saturday. Occasional longer work hours and construction on Sundays

An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does truth become error because nobody sees it. Mahatma Gandhi may be performed during the closure period.

Traffic Advisories

• Loraine Ave. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing.

• City Maintenance Yard access road will be permanently closed.

• Access to homes and businesses on Loraine Ave. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times.

Plan Your Route And Be Prepared

A detour route will be in

place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians. Please follow detour signs.

• Loraine Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Route 66 and Lemon Ave.

• Elwood Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see details below.

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• Lemon Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic. Supporting Small Business

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