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Bonita Unified Students Receive Backpacks Full of Supplies for 2021-22 School Year

LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS – One hundred and fifty Bonita Unified School District students are equipped with backpacks full of school supplies for the upcoming 2021-22 year, thanks to the efforts of Project Boon and the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation.

The donated backpacks and school supplies were distributed to Bonita Unified students during a free meals drive-thru event. “Since the start of COVID-19 we have donated over 30,000 free meals to community members and 2,000 backpacks to students throughout San Bernardino and Orange County,” said Chris Suchanek, executive director of Project Boon and a former Bonita Unified student. “We are excited to forge this relationship with Bonita Unified, it’s a great first step to doing more in Los Angeles County, and for me personally, giving back to my hometown is an incredible and fulfilling opportunity.”

Project Boon is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering local communities through events that bring together committed individuals, organizations and underserved communities.



Bonita Unified School District (from left to right) Executive Assistants Christine Froio and Delores Carone give out backpacks full of supplies – donated through the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation and Project Boon – to parents and students during a special meal distribution drive-thru outside the District Office.

Alongside Alta Skinner, President of the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation, Suchanek coordinated with Bonita Unified on how to best distribute 150 backpacks, each one brimming with new school

supplies. “On the same day that Project Boon delivered the backpacks to the Bonita Unified District Office, a parent had called asking if there would be any help provided for students in need of supplies,”

Skinner said. “When it comes to serving students and families, whatever we can do to support them and let them know that we care, we are all for that.”

Bonita Unified reached out to

parents, letting them know that backpacks were available for pick-up during the free meals distribution.

“Our District is committed to supporting our parents and students, and it is community partnerships that help to make that commitment become a reality,” Board of Education President Chuck Coyne said. “Thank you to Project Boon and the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation for helping prepare our students for the 2021-22 school year.”

Bonita Unified School District welcomed back students on Monday, Aug. 23 for the start of the 2021-22 school year, where all 13 campuses will open for in-person learning.

“Guided by our core values of equity, mastery and a focus on results, Bonita Unified is glad to be able to provide our students with backpacks and school supplies to support their return to the classroom,” Superintendent Carl Coles said. “Thank you to our community partners – the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation and Project Boon – for your continued support of our students.”

USDA Forest Service Temporarily Closing All California National Forests for Public Safety

VALLEJO - To better provide public and firefighter safety due to the ongoing California wildfire crisis, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region is announcing a temporary closure of all National Forests in California. This closure will be in effect through September 17, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. This order does not affect the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, which is not in the Pacific Southwest Region.

“We do not take this decision lightly but this is the best choice for public safety,” said Regional Forester Jennifer Eberlien. “It is especially hard with the approaching Labor Day weekend, when so many people enjoy our national forests.”

Factors that led to this decision include:

1. By temporarily reducing the numbers of people on national forests, we hope to minimize the likelihood that visitors could become entrapped on National Forest System lands during emergency circumstances.

2. The closure order will also decrease the potential for new fire starts at a time of extremely limited firefighting resources, and enhance firefighter and community safety by limiting exposure that occurs in public evacuation situations, especially as COVID-19 continues to impact human health and strain hospital resources.

3. Due to state-wide conditions, any new fire starts have the potential for large and rapid fire growth with a high risk to life and property. The Forest Service and our partners are absolutely doing all we can to fight these fires and will continue to do so, but the conditions dictate the need for this region-wide closure order.

4. Forecasts show that conditions this season are trending the same or worse as we move into late summer and fall.

5. Although the potential for large fires and risk to life and

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property is not new, what is different is that we are facing: (a) record level fuel and fire conditions; (b) fire behavior that is beyond the norm of our experience and models such as large, quick

runs in the night; (c) significantly limited initial attack resources, suppression resources, and Incident Command Teams to combat new fire starts and new large fires; and (d) no predicted weather relief for an extended period of time into the late fall.

The following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

3. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization for an electric transmission line, an oil or gas pipeline, communications site, or any other non-recreation special use.

4. Commercial recreational special-use permit holders and their customers are not exempt from this Order. However, com-

mercial recreational special-use permit holders, under the terms and conditions of their permit, may access their permit areas to conduct administrative functions and to protect property and related assets. Recreation residence permit holders are not exempt from this Order.

5. Persons with a Forest Service non-special-use written authorization to conduct non-recreational activities, such as harvesting timber or forest products, or grazing livestock.

6. Owners or lessees of land, and residents of such private landholdings, to the extent necessary to access their land.

7. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above, but may use National Forest System roads to the extent necessary to carry out their business, trade, or occupation.

More than 6,800 wildfires have burned 1.7 million acres across all jurisdictions in California, and the National Wildfire Preparedness Level (PL) has been at PL5 since July 14, 2021, only the third time in the past 20 years that the nation has reached PL 5 by mid-July – indicating the highest level of wildland fire activity.

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IRWINDALE - Congratulations to Trilogy Financial on being selected the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce August Business of the Month. Established in 1999, Trilogy Financial is a forward-thinking company that offers objective, independent financial planning services. Privately owned, Trilogy offers its services nationwide, with multiple branches from coast to coast.

Trilogy prides itself on its comprehensive training program and support staff. We offer a wide range of support to each other and to newer representatives – from challenging and expanding the knowledge of experienced advisors, to offering step-by-step learning from the ground up for individuals looking for a career in

the financial services industry.

Trilogy’s strong work ethic and pursuit of excellence has earned their representatives and the company itself, top awards in a variety of venues – from a multitude of industry-related perspectives to some of the most important community-related interests.

Trilogy Financial Services

has been a member of the Irwindale Chamber for five years, and recently became a Corporate Cornerstone Member in 2020. Trilogy’s own Claudia Lin serves on the chamber’s Board of Directors and Business Ambassadors Committee, serving our membership and the greater Irwindale business community.

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Farmers Insurance - Marilyn Sparks Agency Ribbon-Cutting Celebration



City of Glendora Mayor Karen Davis, City of San Dimas Mayor Emmett Badar, Marilyn Sparks and San Dimas City Manager Chris Konstantine.

SAN DIMAS - The San Dimas Chamber and Glendora Chamber welcomed the Farmers Insurance - Marilyn Sparks

Agency to her new location at 433 S. Cataract Ave., in San Dimas! The Farmers Insurance Marilyn Sparks Agency can be

reached at (626) 222-2251 or by visiting her website at transferrisktomarilyn.com.

West Covina Crash Delays Traffic on Glendora Avenue



Accident scene at Merced and Glendora Avenue.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Just before 11 a.m. on Friday, August 27th, West Covina police responded to the intersection of Merced and Glendora Avenues to a traffic collision. They found that a sedan had rear-ended a utility

pickup truck. There were no injuries but the two vehicles became stuck together with the sedan wedged under the truck. They could not separate the two vehicles to pull them to the side, so a tow truck was called. They

were locked together and the tow truck started towing both vehicles and trying to pull them apart. The tow truck driver decided to load the truck on the flatbed and this seemed to work out and the traffic lanes were opened back up.

Pedestrian Killed on Azusa Ave in West Covina, Suspect in Early Model 2000 Mitsubishi Lancer Arrested

WEST COVINA - On Sunday evening, August 29, around 7:30 pm, there was a pedestrian involved accident on Azusa Avenue and Fairgrove Avenue in West Covina. This is traffic-controlled intersection with crosswalks. There is a fire station at that corner.

According to witnesses, an early model 2000 Mitsubishi Lancer traveling at a high rate of speed hit the young woman while she was crossing in the crosswalk. The impact caused the girl to flip over the vehicle after body

absorbed the impact while her head and body struck the windshield. She landed face down in the street. The driver never stopped and continued up Azusa Avenue. A number of drivers stopped to render assistance. They found the woman had massive head injuries and did not survive the impact.

Police and paramedics were on scene within minutes and found the female victim unresponsive on the street. Life saving measures were unsuccessful and the victim was declared de-

ceased. Through the investigation, the suspect and suspect vehicle were located. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The victim and suspect were both juveniles. The cause of the collision is still currently under investigation and drugs/alcohol may be a contributing factor.

The suspect was arrested and charged with gross vehicular manslaughter, hit and run resulting in death or injury, and driving under the influence.

American Workers Today: Following The Trends, Training For Jobs

Labor Day was born out of the struggles of American workers in the late 19th century. While Labor Day celebrations of the 21st Century look very different from those of the 1890s, the underlying theme is the same: honoring workers and their vital contributions to our way of life.

In California, the news generated by a gubernatorial recall effort and the lingering effects of COVID-19 on the job market have focused new attention on the importance of jobs. Following the state's July 2021 jobs report, Governor Newsom observed that California is leading the nation in job creation. At the same time, his critics noted that California is home to the country's second-highest unemployment rate.

Leaving it to the pundits to sort out the controversy, one thing is clear: California needs more people trained and ready to enter the labor market in high demand fields of the future. Fortunately, local community colleges are ready to provide that training. Here are three employment trends and three possibilities for training programs from Citrus College:

Working from Home - Those seeking jobs they can do from home will need to demonstrate their technical proficiencies. The Computer Information Systems Program includes microcomputer applications and computer support of business organizations. That includes state-of-the-art training in the use of business application software and hardware.



By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

Healthcare Professionals - These occupations have been critical during the pandemic, and they are expected to grow in demand as baby boomers age and retire. These include various Nursing Programs, Home Health Care, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Dental and others.

Water Technology - All of California is currently in some level of drought, and about 33 percent of the state is in "exceptional drought." As the drought continues, employment in water technology fields is projected to grow. Citrus College's Water

Technology Program prepares students for entry-level employment or advancement in the public water sector. Employment opportunities include specialist in water supply, water efficiency, program conservation, natural resources and environmental protection.

Workers in the late 1800s fought for reasonable hours and safer workplaces, as well as greater recognition, respect and compensation. The results of their efforts are enjoyed today by workers across the country. The U.S. Department of Labor's tribute to workers states in part, "... (these efforts have) brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy."

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L.A. County to Modify Health Officer Order on Youth Sports

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County will modify the Health Officer Order to update youth sports testing requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated athletes, staff, coaches, and volunteers.

The County continues to recommend weekly testing for unvaccinated participants in youth sports. The following applies to teams and sport activities based in Los Angeles County and relaxes some screening testing:

- Indoor Moderate or High-Risk Sports for children of all ages, staff, coaches and volunteers. A weekly negative test result is required for all participants who are not fully vaccinated,

including children who are playing, staff, coaches, and volunteers; weekly school testing fulfills this obligation.

- Outdoor Moderate or High-Risk Sports for youth 12 and older, staff, coaches and volunteers. A weekly negative test result is required for all participants 12 and older who are not fully vaccinated, including children who are playing, staff, coaches, and volunteers; weekly school testing fulfills this obligation.

- No screening testing required for children under 12 playing Outdoor Sports; weekly school testing fulfills this recommendation.

• Fully vaccinated youth participating in outdoor sports are not required to test weekly unless there is a positive case among players, coaches and/or staff. If there is a positive case, all players, coaches, staff and volunteers (regardless of vaccination status) are required to have a weekly negative test result for two weeks from exposure to the case and must test negative prior to competitions.

These requirements may be modified based on the availability of and access to testing and will be reassessed when community transmission is no longer high.

Assemblymember Holden's Legislation Pass Senate Appropriations Committee

SACRAMENTO - Seven of Assemblymember Chris Holden's bills passed Senate Appropriations Committee. The bills that passed include duty to intervene,

AB 26; lead free faucets, AB 100; The Upward Mobility Act, AB 105; use of force training for private security, AB 229; wildfire property damage mitigation, AB 242; real estate appraisal reform, AB 948; and affordable housing funding, AB 1297.

AB 26 establishes clear guidelines for police responsibility and accountability when witnessing excessive force by another member of law enforcement. The bill requires police officers to intercede when witnessing excessive force under the updated guidelines and report the incident in real time to dispatch or the watch commander. Retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor would be prohibited.

AB 105 would address barriers to upward mobility and inclusion for people of color working in California's civil services system. Specifically, the legislation would require diversity on all state boards and commissions that have volunteers, and reform processes that hinder upward mobility for people of color in the civil service system, giving attention to compliance, the appeals process, and annual parity goals for upward mobility.

AB 229 would require the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to develop cur-

riculum 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 would require the Bureau of California Real Estate Appraisals 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.

AB 100 would restrict the amount of lead leaching from faucets and fixtures to no more than 1 microgram, which is five times lower than the current industry standard.

AB 242 expands the definition of "covered wild-fire" for the purpose of paying property damage claims through the Wildfire Fund where an electrical corporation is involved. It also consolidates required reports of the California Public Utilities Commission.

AB 1297 expands the financing authority of the California Infrastructure and Economic Bank (IBank) to include housing projects, when the housing is necessary for the operation of the financed project.

Four-Fold Difference in Case Rate Between Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Children as Cases Increase Among Children and Youth

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 30 new deaths and 3,627 new cases of COVID-19. Of the new deaths reported August 28, three people who died were over the age of 80, eight people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, nine people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, six people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49 years old and one death was a person between the ages of 18 and 29 years. Three deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach.

To date, Public Health identified 1,400,837 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,240 deaths. There are 1,708 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 26% of these people are in the ICU.

Testing results are available for over 8,066,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. August 28's daily test positivity rate is 2.4%.

While case rates among all adult age groups declined these past couple of weeks, case rates among children significantly in-

creased. Among unvaccinated children (ages 12 to 18 years) the case rate rose from 73 to 307 new cases per 100,000 youth, with a substantially smaller increase among vaccinated children from 11 to 76 new cases per 100,000 youth. It is important to note that while cases among children increased across the board, there is a four-fold difference in the case rate between vaccinated children and unvaccinated children.

"For all those who are experiencing the sorrow of losing a loved one to COVID-19, our thoughts and prayers are with you," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Case, hospitalization and death rates are higher among unvaccinated members of all groups than they are among those vaccinated. Vaccinated people continue to have rates for all outcomes that are many-fold lower than those unvaccinated - they are 4 to 8 times less likely to be hospitalized, and 5 to 7 times less likely to die from an infection. During this period of high transmission, protecting those younger than 12 who are not yet eligi-

ble for the vaccine, is of utmost importance and we can all take as many precautions as feasible to limit risk of transmission. This includes moving activities outdoors whenever possible, distancing and avoiding crowds, masking always when indoors and outdoors if distancing isn't possible, and carefully assessing non-essential activities that carry more risk of transmission. These precautions, together with vaccinations for all those eligible, protect our youngest county residents and help keep our schools open."

Teens 12 and over are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine at any County and city sites without an appointment. Additionally, many school districts and individual schools, including Los Nietos Middle School, Whittier Union, and Wilsona, are offering vaccinations over the next few weeks. LAUSD, which has over 45 standing school sites, will be rolling out a mobile vaccine campaign administering vaccines at every middle and high school in its district. You can ask your school site for a vaccination schedule.

The LA County Sheriff's Department Encourages The Public To Stay Aware And Stay Safe In School Zones

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As students head back to the classroom, schools and the communities around them are going to be busier than they've been since the start of the pandemic. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reminds everyone to stay aware and stay safe with increased traffic returning to school zones.

There are going to be a lot more parents, students and staff out than residents have seen in more than a year. Please drive carefully in school zones, especially during pick-up and drop-off times. This includes remembering what to do around school bus-

es. The easiest, safest thing to do is to stop the car when you encounter a school bus with a stop sign and flashing red lights. There are going to be students getting on and off the school bus. It's also the law.

California law requires drivers to stop when a school bus is in front of them and extends its stop sign with flashing red lights. Drivers must remain stopped if the red lights are on. Drivers in both directions must stop on any two-lane road without a median or a center turn lane.

The Los Angeles County Sher-

iff's Department offers the following tips to stay safe around schools: • Slow down. • Follow any school rules for dropping off or picking up students. • Stop for school buses. Watch for children rushing to catch the bus or exiting. • Whenever possible, avoid blocking the crosswalk while waiting to make a right-hand turn. • Always look both ways before crossing the street. Make sure cars see you. • Walk on sidewalks, when available. Cross at marked crosswalks, preferably at stop signs or signals. • Watch for cars entering or backing out of driveways or leaving parking spaces

Baldwin Park Police Dept Encourages the Public to Stay Safe During Final Stretch of Summer Travel Season

BALDWIN PARK - As friends and family plan vacations during the final days of summer, Baldwin Park Police Department is reminding everyone to stay safe by always choosing a sober way to go.

No matter how you choose to celebrate the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, make sure you do so responsibly. Take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family by buckling up, ditching the distractions, following the speed limit, and never driving impaired.

To help keep our community safe during the busy late summer and Labor Day weekend travel season, the Baldwin Park Police Department will have additional officers on patrol through Labor Day looking for drivers suspected of

driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The increased efforts to address impaired driving are part of a national enforcement campaign, Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over.

In addition to roving patrols, Baldwin Park Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint September 04, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the city of Baldwin Park.

"Driving impaired is risky and puts yourself and others around you in serious danger," Sgt. Andy Velebil said. "If you are taking a road trip over the next few weeks, make good choices and drive like your closest friends and family are in the cars around you."

Forty-five people were killed in crashes throughout Califor-

nia over the 2019 Labor Day holiday period, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) made more than 1,000 arrests for driving under the influence during the 78-hour Labor Day weekend enforcement period alone.

Driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana may also impair. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone driving impaired, call 9-1-1.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Who Killed the Salmon and Central Valley Farmers?

I started reading up on water to find out where we are and suddenly thought about the board game, Clue, I played as a child. That game gives a list of characters with one showing up dead in a room of a house with a list of potential weapons. The object of the game is to figure out who killed the victim, where, and which weapon was used in the murder.

That's the game we're playing with California water. We have low numbers of salmon laying eggs not hatching out, their food source, Delta smelt, dying off and Central Valley farmers' water supply cut off forcing farm land to go fallow and dairy farmers thinning out their herds. Food costs from 2020 to 2021 rose 1.9% and eating out rose a 3.1%. U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts things won't get better. Food-at-home costs are expected to rise 2.5% to 3.5% and eating-out costs rising 3.5% to 4.5% this year. Predictions for 2022 indicate in-home food costs will rise 1.5% to 2.5%, and out-of-home costs will rise 3% to 4% above 2021 costs.

This Water Game provides choices of victims for each round of play with a list of clues and asks Who Killed Off ... and how did they do it? Example: Who killed off the Salmon, where and how did they do it? Or who killed off the farming communities in the Central Valley, who did it and how was it done?

Here are your clues ...

- Former Gov. Jerry Brown proposed a solution for more water with a project initially called the Twin Tunnels Project that was a pair of 35-mile long, 40-foot-wide tunnels, 150 feet below the ground to get water from the Sacramento River south and to the Central Valley while protecting the Delta area and fish habitat. The 2009 project included \$25 billion to restore the Delta. Cost estimates: Brown said \$17 billion and water districts said \$67 billion. Brown



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

started negotiations.

- In the background, was Assemblyman Anthony Rendon writing Prop 1, the 2014 \$7.5 billion water bond to improve water storage for drought years, but only allotted \$2.7 billion for storage facilities and only 50% funding for approved projects. Projects weren't approved until 2017 and some won't start construction until 2024. Where's the rest of the money?

- Metropolitan Water Districts (MWD), farmers and State Water Project (SWP) agreed to put up \$1.7 billion and take less water to aid re-building the fish habitat programs in exchange for Twin Tunnels and more water eventually. Westland Irrigation, representing the farmers, pulled out saying the cost of the project makes water too unaffordable.

- State Auditor reviewed the Water Fix project under control of Department of Water Resources and found DWR created the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDPC) in 2006 to preserve the environment, but as of 2017 had not created a financial analysis to demonstrate viability of Water Fix.

- Brown approached President Trump for his support for the Twin Tunnels Project, renamed the Water Fix after the uproar on size of the two tunnels. Trump tried to amend the environmental regulations to allow the tunnels to move forward. Years old state water laws and regulations

made doing anything extremely complicated and drawn out. November 2017, Trump rejected support of the \$50 billion, 10-year project.

- Typical with past history, the environmentalists and NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) objected and as always threatened to sue. Their strategy: lawsuit after lawsuit and Water Fix would just go away like the Peripheral Canal.

- Rep. Ken Calvert, Riverside County, knew from experience NRDC would initiate lawsuits, so he managed to "sneak in" a provision in Department of Interior's budget disallowing any judicial review (lawsuit) of a final Environmental Impact Report on Water Fix. It passed the House 230 to 190. Changes occurred when a few legislators decided to read the budget.

- October 2018, Trump issued an executive order to streamline the water delivery process on projects "burdened" by regulations that "obstruct, delay, curtail, impede, or otherwise impose significant costs on the permitting, utilization, transmission, delivery, or supply of water resources and infrastructure." Didn't happen!

- Reps. Calvert and Valadao are pushing for approval of the WINN Act providing Federal money for California water projects but need Democrats to support by December 2021.

- Gov. Newsom has said he would support a single tunnel because 'Water is a human right and central to California's strength and vitality'. Farmers face \$10,000 a fine if they draw water from the Delta. Stop order to protect drinking water, fisheries and environment.

Soon we will ask, 'Who killed off the salmon? Why did that happen and who did that?' Sooner we will be asking, 'Who killed off California's "bread basket" in the Central Valley, why did that happen, and who did that?'

My Vinyl Ballad, for the Record

Whether it's the stresses of daily life, the endless pandemic, turmoil in Afghanistan, or the prospects of a Larry Elder governorship that get you tied in knots, we all need ways to unwind and catch our breath. For some, that might mean a long bike ride or a day at the beach.

I go to the record store. That's right, the place with those unmistakable rounds of plastic that generations have sought for their warm sounds and alluring cover art. Some may wonder where the appeal is in digging through heavy stacks and amassing a bulky record collection in this age of digital music. For me, the answer has more than just an A and a B-side.

For one, the treasure hunt is a thrill. Then there is the undeniably seductive sound of a vinyl album. To quote Bob Dylan, "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows." And it doesn't take a music producer to know that The Velvet Underground & Nico's intoxicating self-titled 1967 record sounds infinitely better on its original vinyl than on Spotify. Plus, who can resist Andy Warhol's iconic bright yellow banana peel cover?

More profoundly, vinyl is also about being part of a larger community of borderless music, where musicians and listeners make lasting friendships and share sounds from around the globe, where Brazilian psychedelic rock sits alongside Peruvian cumbia and the Cameroonian electronic scene. Not to sound like a broken record, but it is a reminder for people to embrace other cultures. It's an idealized view of humanity.

Vinyl can also provide a medium through which to process events and discover oneself. My family emigrated from Syria to the US many years ago. When



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war broke out there in 2011, I was overcome with anguish and helplessness from the countless lives lost, historical artifacts destroyed, and the xenophobic and racist responses to the world's largest refugee crisis to date. Amidst all of this, I was finishing my law degree in Washington, DC. I needed a cathartic outlet.

So I started spinning records at venues all over town and showcased musicians from Syria, Iraq, Palestine, and Lebanon to elevate those up-tempo "dabke" sounds of joy and resistance in the face of war, occupation, and instability. I mixed those with rebellious sounds from the West, like post punk and new wave, to keep the musical conversation and dance going.

In a similar groove, unexpected friendships have accompanied my record store journey. While attending a record release at Som Records in DC for punk drummer and photographer Jason Hamacher, he and I connected instantly over our shared love of Syria and grief over the conflict there. Jason had recorded an album of ancient Sufi chants and Christian music from Aleppo, where my father was born, before the war's onset. We later worked together to educate others about the Syrian people and culture. All

thanks to a record store.

Such was not always the case. I grew up in the cassette and CD era, but my love affair with records blossomed slowly over the decades. By the time I moved to DC in the early 2000s things had turntable, I mean turned, more serious. Alone in a new city and preoccupied with grad school and work, music kept me grounded, focused, and (sometimes) company. I noticed record stores on my long walks around town and saw it as a sign from the music deities to step inside. I did, and never looked back. There, I felt more at home.

When the pandemic first hit, many record stores suffered and were forced to close. Some stores improvised through online shopping. My vinyl community had never felt more threatened. Yet interest has only grown since then. According to the Recording Industry Association of America, record sales grew 29% to \$626 million last year.

In August 2020, I returned to Glasshouse Records in Pomona for the first time since the start of the pandemic. I felt like I had won the Powerball while digging outside through all of that fresh vinyl. I clutched albums by Donna Summer, Sonny Rollins, and Gang of Four like a life raft. It felt like a momentary respite from the anxieties of Covid-19 and life's other challenges.

If you ever need to get away from it all, step inside a record store. Perhaps Glasshouse Records, Rhino Records in Claremont, or Kaos in Covina. You never know where the groove might take you or who you might meet along the way.

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Is The War To Save America Lost?

In my Opinion: By D. B. Shimel

Where do I begin?

As some of you might have noticed I have been absent from this publication for about three months. I took an extended trip to the Midwest where I have property, property located in the woods, far from any big city. Upon my return to California I was greeted with a case of the COVID virus. My wife, was fully vaccinated, but she got it too.

During my stay out of this states one momentous thing soon became abundantly clear: this was the attitude of the rural Americans. Some, had no idea what was really happening to this country. However, most did and they are not happy. Having said that, all are acutely aware of the demise of freedom in this country.

Critical Race Theory (CRT) was abhorrent to everyone that I discussed it with. The concept that babies are racist at birth was totally illogical and discriminatory to all. I, and many others, have written extensively this unconstitutional, illegal and immoral ideology so I will not burden you with a lot of discussion on the topic other than to say that this divisive Marxist doctrine is destroying this nation. Additionally, this ideology is a clear violation of "equal protection" clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights act. Any teacher or school board that promotes this discriminatory ideology must be fired or voted out of office ASAP. Indict and prosecute violators. If you have an account with Bank of America close it now.

Now to the state of the Nation: Here are a few facts that liberals will become apoplectic over.

Joseph Biden was not duly elected President - The Chinese Communist Party and the Democrat machine cheated us out of the most effective president in modern history. This fact is rapidly coming to light.

It is estimated that over two million (2,000,000) people will cross into the United States this year alone. How many are criminals? How many have COVID? Now, with the fall of Afghanistan, how many terrorists will sneak across this non-border and attack America? How many American deaths at the hands of MS13 and terrorists will be acceptable to the population? Apparently, as many as needed to solidify the rule of the Globalist Socialist Democrat Party.

The abandonment of Afghanistan has now created a breeding ground for terrorists - a fact. Yes, we needed to get out of Afghanistan however the way President in name only (PINO) Biden did it was a disgrace to this nation and our allies. Pulling out our troops in the middle of the night without getting out all Americans, Afghanistan civilians who helped in the war effort and abandoning an estimated 85 Billion Dollars of American equipment is a disgrace. All too many valiant Americans fought and died in Afghanistan only to have this PINO tuck his tail and run in the middle of the night. Even the liberal British Parliament has sanctioned PINO Biden for this action. The British, French and German soldiers are rescuing many people while American troops are not allowed to go outside of the airport to rescue Americans.

The Infrastructure Bill working its way through congress does

little for the infrastructure of this nation but undermines the American Constitution and laws. About 61% goes to the real infrastructure while the rest goes to the "Green New Deal" and welfare programs. If all the proposed bills now before congress pass every American will owe the government - get this - every man woman and child - will owe an estimated \$750,000 to the government to pay for this destruction of our Nation.

Now let us look to the COVID Pandemic. All too many Americans are being forced to take an experimental drug that has undeniably already killed numerous people around the globe. It is not at all unlikely that within three years millions - perhaps billions of people will die from the side effects of the "shot". Interestingly, in the average year about 200 to 250 young people - infants and toddlers - die from the normal influenza virus. Somehow in the past year 230 children died from COVID while only 1 (one) child has died from the flu virus. How many people have been forced to commit suicide by the government?

The list of disastrous, unlawful and unconstitutional events plaguing this nation is way too long to address in a single article so look for more discussions on topics such as rampant inflation, open borders, vax passports and power grabs by the Democrat oligarchs who claim to be patriotic Americans while destroying the American way of life.

We must stand up and fight to take back our nation! As John F. Kennedy said "if not us - who. If not now - when."

Afghanistan: Announce to the Enemy When You are Leaving the Country, it is Taken Over in Just 10 Days.

After 2,443 service members died in Afghanistan, plus the recent airport casualties and deaths, along with 20,666 wounded in the war effort, "and" the United States spending an estimated \$2,261,000,000,000 (over \$2 trillion), on the war effort, the country is taken over in just 10 days by the Taliban.

After 20 years of this involvement, it was a total waste in my opinion.

To give you a little history on this effort, Operation Enduring Freedom began Oct. 7, 2001, as part of President George W. Bush's wider war against terrorism after the 9/11 attacks. The enemy took down two buildings killing almost 3,000 innocent men, woman and children. In return, we took down 2 countries.

During the 20 years of Operation Enduring Freedom, 800,000 American service members have served in Afghanistan since October 2001.

The year the war officially ended on Dec. 28, 2014, U.S. and NATO military officials held a ceremony at their headquarters in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, to mark the occasion. President Barack Obama, who was president at the time, in a statement announcing a troop drawdown, called it "a milestone for our country" and said the United States was now safer and more secure.

From 2015 on, we had an



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

average of 10,000 troops on the ground with the last 2 years with just over 5,200 troops still in country. The last 6 years, the troops were not there as a force of engagement. They were serving to assist as a police operation and to maintain the military facilities.

A little known fact is that there were 51 other countries in Afghanistan. Remember, this was a NATO operation.

I have to ask, we had established military bases and/or presence around the world. Everything works well. We had a military presence with about 5,000 personnel in Afghanistan. Why remove it? They were

not there for combat engagement(s). They were there for base operations and have been doing that for almost 7 years.

Now, let's be fair about all of this. Everyone is pointing the finger at President Biden. Let us not forget that Trump started withdrawing troops during his administration. He also set up meetings with the Taliban and continued negotiating deals with them which includes withdrawing U.S. and NATO troops and that the Taliban would not make Afghanistan a safe haven for Terrorists Groups. The Taliban and Trump's people basically called this peace negotiations. So you could say, this all started with Trump. However, Biden did have an option to stay and escalate troops in the area or withdraw. He continued with the withdrawal.

Now, ISIS is bumping heads with the Taliban.

This whole thing is a sad and total disaster.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"



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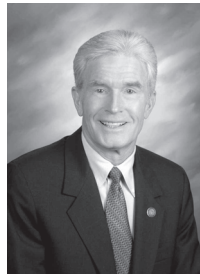
Taliban fighters easily took over the presidential palace in Kabul recently, after a stunning blitz across Afghanistan that saw them seize most of the country in just over a month. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani also fled abroad with what has been reported to be "a helicopter full of cash and expensive automobiles". He and others left that country's government in collapse, while demoralized Afghan security forces offered little or no resistance. The lightning Taliban sweep comes after the loss of nearly 2,500 American lives (not considering the loss of 150,000 Afghan lives) trying to ensure that country would not become a permanent terrorist haven. Attempting to refashion that nation into a pro-Western democracy or even a stable middle-eastern country now looks like a huge waste of both money and lives.

Toward the end of his presidency Donald Trump announced that U.S. troops should leave Afghanistan by 2021 provided the Taliban met the terms of a peace accord signed the previous year. President Biden went along with some of the Trump plan, announcing in April that all U.S. forces would leave Afghanistan by Sept. 11th. However, the Biden administration also decided to drastically reduce American military presence before a transition could be accomplished, as well as not maintaining Trump's threats of serious military consequences if the Taliban interfered with a gradual withdrawal of American troops or workers who had been assisting the Afghan government.

The Biden administration's botched withdrawal plan prompted the Taliban to launch an offensive to regain much of the country. Within a month the Taliban took control of 73 districts of 421 nationwide. By August those terrorists controlled 222 of the districts. Most significantly the Taliban essentially conquered the largest cities and strongholds over just the past few weeks.

"We've seen that force [Afghan

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

military] has been unable to defend the country, and that has happened more quickly than we anticipated," Secretary of State Antony Blinken told CNN's State of the Union. "This is manifestly not Saigon," he added. "We went to Afghanistan 20 years ago with one mission, and that mission was to deal with the folks who attacked us on 9/11. And we succeeded in that mission." Obviously if that had been the only mission the USA would not have continued to support and defend that country for 20 years prior to the recent collapse.

Military conflict or attacks generally don't have much impact on stocks, and even if they do, the sentiment is usually short-lived. Hopefully this turns out to be the case here. But this lower priority military activity lasted two decades, while the pullout was highly publicized and extremely poorly handled! Some optimists may look at the economic impact of this long-running conflict (which cost the U.S. taxpayer an estimated \$2.26T), others may see very concerning incompetence.

While many are avoiding the obvious, weighing in over whether America's longest war was worth it, that appears to be political cover for the ugliness involved in how this withdrawal was mismanaged. Any truthful history will not reflect well on the Biden administration's pace and plan of withdrawal or potential impact on future terrorist threats. That debate will likely continue for some time. One thing is certain though, the world is now a much more dangerous place.

The frail Biden Administration

and the Fed are also feeling inflation heat, including prices at the pump. USA inflation has set four consecutive record highs through July! April inflation was up 6.2% on an annual basis. May's inflation increase was 6.6%. In June another record jump was recorded at 7.3%. And in July inflation for the year was calculated to be 7.8%!

Cynics (like myself) are wondering why the Biden Administration is now calling for OPEC to boost production not long after President Biden imposed a drilling ban on federal land and the cancelling of the energy supply beneficial Keystone Pipeline.

Although several states sued to overturn Biden's drilling ban, and a federal judge subsequently ruled the ban was illegal, domestic crude oil production remains approximately two million barrels a day below where it was under President Trump. The Wall Street Journal editorialized last Wednesday that "Someone should ask Mr. Biden, on his next stop for ice cream, why the President thinks oil produced by foreign dictators in Russia, Iran or Saudi Arabia is more desirable than oil drilled by American entrepreneurs!"

Let's face the facts here: This President inherited a recovering economy, non-reliance on foreign oil production, several Covid vaccines, a potentially peaceful agreement with the Taliban for exiting Afghanistan, and a stable Mexican border - all of which have been botched by him (and/or his handlers). Biden's bumbling actions and comments do not provide confidence for the American people or the free world. Unfortunately, this President remains weak, confused, incoherent and lacks a cohesively positive direction. His weakness has humiliated America and created multiple disasters!

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Amid Worsening Drought, Upper District Activates Level 2 of its Water Supply Contingency Plan

MONROVIA - The Board of Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) unanimously approved a resolution activating Level 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan. This level activates a regional "call to action" to residents of the San Gabriel Valley for reduced water usage in light of the worsening drought conditions.

While the San Gabriel Valley is not currently under Governor Newsom's emergency drought declaration, this resolution supports the Governor's call to reduce water usage consumption by 15 percent. This action also follows a Condition 2 - Water Supply Alert issued by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), which called on all its member agencies to implement voluntary conservation measures to preserve the region's water storage reserves.

"As we continue to navigate the dry years ahead and protect our existing water supplies, it's imperative our residents continue using water efficiently in our daily activities," stated Upper District Board President Ed Chavez. "We've been down this dry road before, and we are more aware of how to conserve and use water more efficiently."

Upper District is a member agency of Metropolitan and provides the imported water supply to 22 water retailers that serve nearly one million residents throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Imported water supplies help

replenish the Main San Gabriel Groundwater Basin (Basin) which accounts for 20 percent of the region's water resources. Imported water is delivered from the State Water Project, which the Department of Water Resources announced an allocation cut from 10 percent to 5 percent.

The Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) approved by the Board of Directors in June 2021 and provides Upper District the guidelines to respond to the evolving water supply conditions throughout the region and state. WSCP details the key shortage response actions and communication protocols that may be implemented to ensure reliable water supplies in Upper District's service area during various levels of water shortage. Level 2 of the WSCP is the second of six standard water shortage levels, corresponding to shortages of up to and greater than 50%.

Moving to this water shortage level will authorize Upper District to expand its public information and education activities to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation and ultimately preserve the water storage levels of the Basin. Upper District will implement a district-wide drought communications plan go support voluntary water use reductions and urges all local water suppliers and city councils to help their customers and constituents implement voluntary conservation measures. This proactive drought response

by the Board seeks to avoid additional stringent cutbacks in the future and improve regional water reliability.

"The Board recognizes the severity of the drought and remains committed to supporting water supply investments for drought resiliency and ensure our residents have the resources to conserve water in their homes," stated Chavez.

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified, and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Upper District serves all or parts of the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, City of Industry, Covina, El Monte, Glendora, Duarte, Irwindale, La Puente, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, and West Covina. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

Your Money - Ask Julia

A few words of encouragement in our troubling times...

Covid and Delta, Afghanistan, hurricanes, wildfires, drought, flooding, rising prices, and politics, all pile on top of personal and family problems. I encourage you to be aware, yet minimize the amount of time you spend each day watching, listening, and reading the news. If you feel so overwhelmed that you're distraught, get some counselling. I encourage you to honestly examine how prepared you are for disasters. Learn from the hardships of others. If you find yourself being critical, wondering in total disbelief how people were not more prepared, consider trying this self-test. As soon as you finish reading this, go flip the main breaker on your electrical panel to off, and turn off the water to your house. Do not run to the store or order any deliveries. Your router needs power, so no internet, and your computer and phone batteries will go dead. Could you 'survive' for 24 hours? 3 days? Weeks? If you were told to evacuate, how much fuel is in your gas tank right now? If there's no power, gas pumps don't work, grocery and drug stores cannot ring up your purchases, vending machines and ATMs don't work. Do you have some cash, or items you could barter in order to get the things you need? Roads could be destroyed, flooded, surrounded by fires, or jammed by other evacuees. Could you shelter in? What would you take if you could only take what you can carry? You



Julia Yoder

are not being paranoid when you take steps to be prepared.

How can I take advantage of the discounted Labor Day sales prices and not go too deep into debt? What is Labor Day, anyway?

Labor Day is a celebration of the achievements and contributions of workers, occurring on the first Monday of September each year. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law on June 28, 1894. Although the true founder of Labor Day is unknown, it grew from great unrest during America's Industrial age in the 1800's. At that time, employees ranged from 5 years old to elderly, working 12-hour days, 7 days a week. Unions, labor laws, and riots occurred. To avoid debt while taking advantage of all the Labor Day sales, make a list, set a spending budget, and purchase only what you NEED.

If you use this opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts, you can dip into your Christmas savings account. If you don't have a bud-

get, a list, or savings, my advice is to stop and make a plan so you don't regret overspending. Just because it's on sale, does not mean it's a good idea to buy.

Are the Feds going to raise interest rates? I'm not getting a mortgage, so how will higher interest rates affect me?

On August 27, the Federal Reserve sponsored their annual symposium, virtually, rather than at their usual meeting place in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. There is no indication, at this time, of them making any changes in interest rates. However, there was an air of uncertainty on what actions the Federal Reserve might take next year. Higher interest rates affect car loans, adjustable-rate mortgages and home-equity loans, adjustable-rate personal loans, some student loans, and variable-rate credit cards. When businesses pay higher interest rates on their loans, they pass the expense on to their customers by raising the prices of their products and services.

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Car Talk by THE CAR DOC

What You "AUTO" Know

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Most People Assume Auto Shops are Certified

In a study of several hundred people, the question was asked, "Does the auto shop you use have certified technicians?" The vast majority said they assumed that they were.

The shop you use may have certified people, but the reality is there is no mandatory certification required to own or operate an auto repair shop in California. To be an auto shop owner, you must have a state license issued by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) which any person can apply for and receive with no automotive experience at all.

To apply and receive an automotive repair dealer's license (ARD), just show up to the Bureau of Auto Repair (BAR) with the license fee, a name for the company and a tax ID. While you're in the automotive repair business, no proof of insurance,

no tools and no experience are necessary.

The only certification system we have is voluntary, other than being a smog station. Smog technicians are licensed by the state and require continuing education.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers a series of tests that a technician can take to be certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At my shop, I require all staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well. ASE tests are all written tests and does not necessarily mean a person is competent to work on a car.

AAA approved auto shops must have ASE certified technicians employed as well as have a minimum set of tools for the cars they work on. I recommend using a AAA approved shop due to

their tough standards and you have a voice through the arbitration system if you have a concern with the service or repair.

In these uncertain times, saving a few dollars is always something to consider. But don't get caught up with a low price that will cost you more later. Have a knowledgeable certified technician perform the service or repairs on your car; it will save you time and money in the long run. Before you agree to have any work performed, ask if the technician working on your car is certified.

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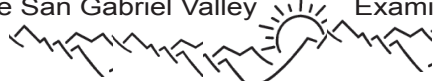
Reminder to Our Valued Customers

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no collection services on Monday, September 6.

Customers are asked to place their carts out on the day following their regular collection day.



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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Another Seen or Heard Around Town Blow To History And in The Valley

Alhambra... After 55 years of operations, the Board of Directors and Members of the Alhambra Historical Society voted to dissolve its operations.



Joe Castillo

purchases of real property and assets. Its members were to be interested in the objectives of the organization.

Fifty-five years ago, the ground work was set to create a historical society in the City of Alhambra which would forever preserve and promote the city's history and for 55 years the plan was working fine.

from the Board or asking for volunteers for new Directors, the existing Society chose to disband and throw in the towel.

A city's historical association is established to preserve the past history of a city and those who serve on the Board of Directors and who choose to be a member are obligated to follow the same direction.

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.

By Ed Torres

1. Regardless of California Governor Newsom's failures, he will probably withstand the Recall because it seems most Californians nowadays see the surrounding social decay as a normal part of life in the Golden State.

2. Larry Elder Is running for governor in case Newsom is removed from office - among various anti-Elder comments written by major newspaper writers, Elder is accused of being a "White Supremacist" - but, honestly, the challenger is a Black American.

3. Reportedly, hundreds of Recall Ballots that had been mailed out, recently were confiscated from a person who had no legitimate excuse to have them - another reason why some people question the validity of elections.

4. "Baghdad Bob" during the First Gulf War (1991) was a spokesperson for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein - his name lives in journalistic infamy as one of the first in modern times to be noted for fake news because, while holding a press conference and suggesting that American forces had been annihilated at the border, American advance mili-

tary mechanized units were heard rolling into the center of Baghdad, a few blocks from where he stood, before he "scurried away".

5. "D.C. Jen", Jen Psaki (2021), spokesperson for President Biden, continually has suggested that conditions at the Kabul airport in Kabul, Afghanistan are splendid... "Baghdad Bob" and "D.C. Jen", bookend poster children for fake news?

6. Because of law suits and court decisions, there are new rules for college athletes, making it permissible for them to make money off the advertising use of their "Name. Image. Likeness" (N.I.L.) - if players do not manage their money making endeavors in a conscientiously fair manner, the most popular players will alienate team members who are not earning as much.

7. The City of Glendora recently put on a whale of a "Flashback to the 60s festival" downtown - such a beautiful venue and affair. Congratulations to those who organized it, as well as to those who attended.

8. "Yard sales" are a SoCal pastime, but how about making it part of the equation that whomever puts up the publicity signs, takes them down after the event.

Speaking of yard sales, reportedly, some homeowners are requiring "shoppers" to sign liability waivers in order to enter the premises because, some unscrupulous lawyers and clients are suing homeowners for fictitious injuries - "attaboy/attagirl" lawyers and greedy folks.

9. Some people in thick soled shoes and wide brimmed hats, sipping from cold bottled water, walk their dogs on sizzling asphalt and concrete during blazingly hot temperatures, while professing their "love" for their 4 legged companions - dog lovers they certainly are... NOT.

10. It is extremely painful to see how politically calculating and callous and incompetent so many current officers in the highest echelons of the military services are - but, as always, there are still some great military leaders in the armed services: these professional military men and women should be placed in the highest leadership positions, not the self-serving political generals and admirals currently in power... The Commander-in-Chief himself has failed the troops, and the nation...

(For comments: honnod1@yahoo.com)

City Cautions Pet Owners About Flea-Borne Typhus

DUARTE - The City of Duarte encourages pet owners to educate themselves about flea-borne typhus after the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health identified six cases in Monrovia.

Flea-borne typhus is a disease carried by fleas. Infected fleas typically spread the disease by jumping from host to host, typically humans and pets.

illness can be treated with antibiotics and is not transmitted person-to-person.

Flea-borne typhus is native to certain parts of the nation, including Southern California, Texas, and Hawaii. In recent years, the average number of flea-borne typhus reported cases in people in Los Angeles County has increased, with most cases occurring in the summer and fall.

Prevent flea-borne typhus by following these tips:

- Use flea control products for your pets
Protect yourself with a covering while cleaning animal resting or bedding areas
Store trash cans with secure lids
Do not feed wildlife or stray animals

To learn more about typhus and ways to prevent it, visit the http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/vectortyphus.htm

"Though there have not been any confirmed typhus cases in Duarte, it's important to remain cautious, especially considering there are active cases in the region," said Duarte Public Safety Manager Larry Breceda.

Although pets and other animals do not get sick from typhus, it can cause high fever, chills, headache, and rash in people. The

Duarte Senior Center is Open

DUARTE - Did you know the Duarte Senior Center is open for several in-person programs, services and activities?

Come by the center Monday - Friday from 9 AM-2 PM

to see Duarte seniors in action and to pick up a newsletter to see what the center has to offer. You can also call the center at (626) 357-3513 for more information.

Cool Cruise Car Show

LAVERNE - Calling all Laverne residents and SoCal car enthusiasts! The Cool Cruise Car Show in Old Town La Verne will be back for its 27th year

on Saturday, September 11 from 10am-4pm.

Admission is free and attendees will be able to walk through rows of buffed up vintage vehicles while enjoying live music from The Answer to Classic Rock and an array of other fun experiences. Learn more: bitly.com/8SuS

arrival for participants. For questions, please call the City's Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700.

LaVerne Community Center New Hours

LAVERNE - The LaVerne Community Center will be operating from 8 AM to 8:30 PM on Monday through Thursday and from 8 AM to 4 PM on

Friday. The center will be open only to those participants enrolled in classes. The Senior Lounge will remain closed with a daily check-in process upon

arrival for participants. For questions, please call the City's Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700.

- ACROSS
1. The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical
5. Hallucinogenic drug
8. Some special effects, acr.
11. Chip in Vegas
12. Cordelia's father in Shakespeare play
13. One in squirrel's stash
15. Dissenting clique
16. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
17. Type of lemur
18. *Popular messenger
20. Mosque prayer leader
21. Down Under marsupial
22. Thanksgiving serving
23. *100 days of snapping, e.g.
26. Military's inactive force
30. Repeated Cuban dance step
31. The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfather of Britpop
34. Late December season
35. Rough, as in voice
37. Chop off
38. Stephen King's "The ____"
39. "Do ____ others..."
40. Strep throat organ
42. File a suit
43. Sewing pearls on a wedding gown, e.g.
45. One with authority
47. Army bed
48. Space path
50. Law school test acronym
52. *Unique social media identifier
55. Latin dance
56. "Place" in French
57. Sacred Hindu writings
59. Post-mortem bios
60. Actress Campbell
61. African chieftain
62. Recipe amt.
63. Nirvana's "Come as You ____"
64. Badger's den
DOWN
1. Current tense of "had"
2. All over again
3. Eczema symptom
4. Second shot
5. Corporate department
6. Salpae, sing.
7. Type of coffee maker
8. Elizabeth McGovern's "Downton Abbey" role
9. Inspiring horror
10. As opposed to outs
12. Capital of Zambia
13. Bruce Wayne's ____ was Batman
14. *Message under a post
19. Bootlicker
22. Da, to a Russian
23. *Done to social media past before applying for job?
24. Feudal lord
25. Haile Selassie's disciple
26. Gym exercises
27. Comedy Central's "critique"
28. Dolby Theatre to Oscars
29. Often considered wise
32. *Video blog
33. Charge carrier
36. *Audio series
38. Killed, like dragon
40. Big bang maker
41. Permeate
44. I to Greeks, pl.
46. Sheet music line, pl.
48. Basketry stick
49. Clark Kent actor Christopher
50. Black, yellow and chocolate dogs
51. Parking spot for a boat
52. Bone in human forearm
53. *Bernie wearing mittens, e.g.
54. *Do this before posting?
55. Chronic drinker
58. It's open to interpretation

CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-64.

Word search grid containing words like STARS, ATE, T BAR, CREEP, LEX, SURGE, AIOLI, ODE, TRIAL, TONIGHT, COUNTRY, TOO, RSV, CAP, TUPI, AIRSAC, HOOP, SOOT, DEMUR, ERSE, ESTOP, TARO, STINT, EARL, DRAW, SATNAV, CRAB, TEN, LIST, YEA, FAVREAU, HALSTON, UNION, EMU, DIANA, STOAT, DOG, ADLIB, SILD, EMS, MEETS.

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West Covina Police Investigate Fatal Hit and Run as a Homicide

By George Ogden/WCPD
WEST COVINA - A press release by the city of West Covina, reports that on Thursday, August 26, at approximately 2:38 am, West Covina Police Department responded to a call regarding a possible hit and run that occurred on the 1500 block of East Amar Road. According to witnesses, they stated that they heard an altercation and a vehicle leaving the area. Upon arrival police found an adult male unresponsive, laying on the ground in the rear parking lot of a shopping center. Paramedics arrived and life saving measures were unsuccessful and the adult male was declared deceased at the scene. The preliminary investigation revealed the adult male was involved in an altercation and struck by a vehicle. All parties involved in the altercation have been identified and the West Covina Police Department is investigating the incident as a homicide. The name of the deceased has not been released. Anyone with any additional information on this incident are being asked to contact the West Covina Police Department.

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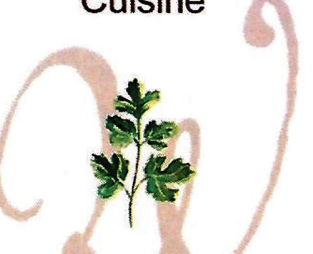



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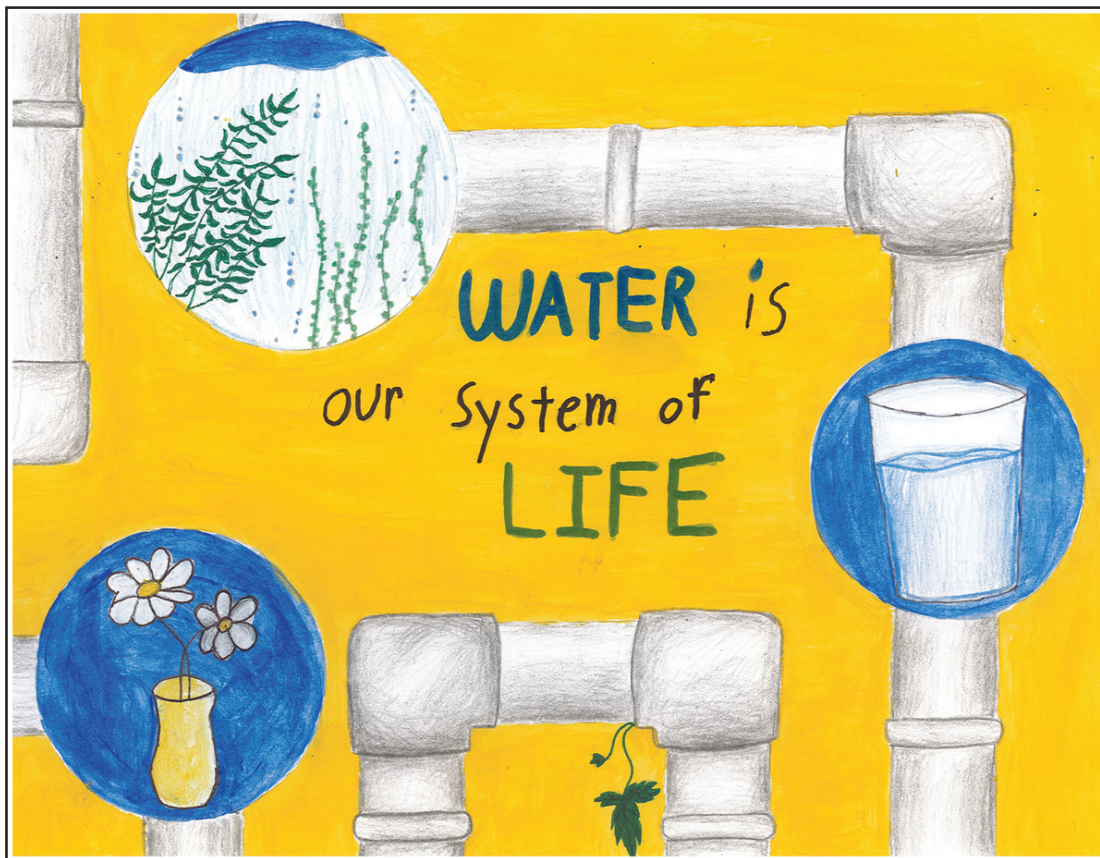
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Student Winners of the 2021 “Water is Life” Art Contest

MONROVIA – The Board of Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) announced the winners of the 2021 “Water is Life” student art contest. Every year students are encouraged to express what water means to them by incorporating water conservation and stewardship in their artwork. 20 students from schools within the San Gabriel Valley were awarded prizes and certificates recognizing their achievements. Members of the students’ families and teachers were invited to celebrate the creativity and talent demonstrated by the students.

This is the 16th year that Upper District has hosted the “Water is Life” art contest introduced by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). This youth program helps raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and increases stu-



Winning artwork from Gabriella Enriquez, 7th grader from St. Luke Elementary School.

dents’ appreciation for our water resources in an artistic and interactive way that engages the imagination. Schools within Upper District’s boundaries were in-

cluded and invited to participate and submit a maximum of five entries per student category as follows: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6-8th, and 9th-12th grades. The program was conducted virtually this year garnering the participation from 12 schools with a total of 117 art submissions. All eligible art entries were displayed online for board directors, staff, and local water agencies for the opportunity to vote by virtual ballot for their top choices in each category. The votes determined the 1st through 5th place winners, which are displayed on Upper District’s website, www.upperdistrict.org.

Upper District’s winning entries will go on to compete in the “Water is Life” student art contest hosted by Metropolitan and will be announced in the Fall.

“We were overwhelmed by

the students’ quality of work and creativity this year, and most importantly the students’ tenacity during this time of virtual learning. The art entries continue to demonstrate their understanding of the climate impacts on our water resources and on our local groundwater basin. These programs are all foundational steps in strengthening the water conservation habits of the youth. We will continue to support programs that work towards this goal,” said Board President Ed Chavez.

The student winners of Upper District’s 2021 “Water is Life” art contest are as follows:

K – 2nd Grades

- 1st Place: Thalia Lo, 1st grade, LA Art Academy
- 2nd Place: Tiffany Wang, 2nd grade, Longden Elementary School
- 3rd Place: Engedi Lam, 2nd grade, LA Art Academy
- 4th Place: Patrick Wong, 1st grade, LA Art Academy
- 5th Place: Connor Lee, 1st grade, LA Art Academy

3rd – 5th Grades

- 1st Place: Chloe Tam, 3rd grade, LA Art Academy
- 2nd Place: Dyana Wang, 3rd grade, LA Art Academy
- 3rd Place: Xinran Yang, 4th grade, McKinley Elementary School
- 4th Place: Wanyang Yolanda Zhou, 3rd grade, LA Art Academy
- 5th Place: Fiona Chau, 4th grade, LA Art Academy

6th – 8th Grades

- 1st Place: Justin Chen, 7th grade, LA Art Academy
- 2nd Place: Gabriella Enriquez, 7th grade, St. Luke Catholic School
- 3rd Place: Julia Yu, 7th

- grade, LA Art Academy
- 4th Place: Darren Ng, 6th grade, LA Art Academy
- 5th Place: Eva Limon, 8th grade, Santa Fe Elementary

9th – 12th Grades

- 1st Place: Iris Xu, 10th grade, LA Art Academy
- 2nd Place: Allison Lee, 10th grade, Temple City High School
- 3rd Place: Annie Shih, 10th grade, Temple City High School
- 4th Place: Selina Yu, 10th grade, Temple City High School
- 5th Place: Carolyn Wu, 9th grade, LA Art Academy

Upper District’s mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified, and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley, including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Upper District serves all or parts of the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, City of Industry, Covina, El Monte, Glendora, Duarte, Irwindale, La Puente, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, and West Covina. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District’s service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

Make the Safe Driving Pledge

GLENDORA - Make the Safe Driving Pledge to drive safely especially around schools! Go to www.SafeDrivingPledge.org to make the pledge.

Drivers who make the pledge will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Winners will be announced in Spring 2022. Drivers making the pledge are not eligible for a prize if they receive a traffic or parking citation in the school zones during the school year.

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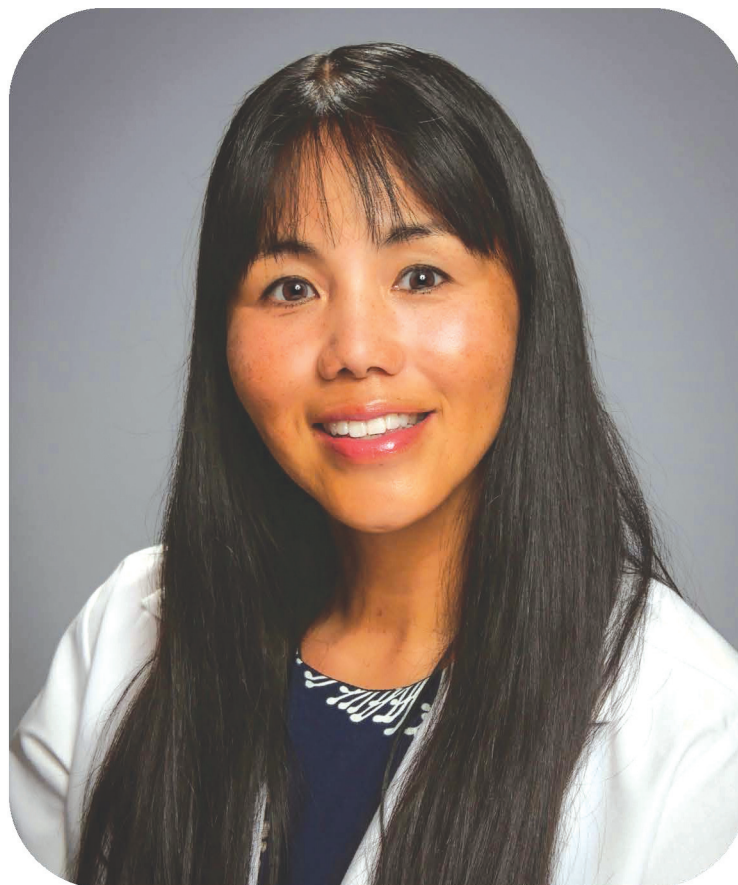


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