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Its 27th Cool Cruise Car Show LA VERNE - Car enthusiasts from across Southern California will come together for the 27th Cool Cruise Car Show in Old Town La Verne on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and attendees will be able to walk through rows of buffed up vintage vehicles while enjoying live music and an array of other fun experiences. This year's show will be one of the biggest to date, featuring up to 800 restored cars of which 40 will be awarded Best

in Show. "We are thrilled to be able to bring this event back to the City of La Verne, which is a community I have known and loved for many years," said event organizer Craig Hoelzel of Flying Deuces. "In addition to being a great time, the Cool Cruise Car Show also provides opportunities to give back and contribute to the community."

To that end, the proceeds of the Cool Cruise Car Show raffle will be donated to the La Verne K9 Police Foundation who support the La Verne Police Department by obtaining and training police dogs that assist with keeping the La Verne community safe. The grand prize raffle item is a Snap-on Hot Dog Roller, valued at \$700, that has the outer ap-

pearance of a Snap-on tool box. Other prizes include gift cards and unique items of varying value. Additionally, since food bank donations often decrease during the summer months, attendees are encouraged to bring dry and canned foods to donate to the O.C. Food Bank's booth.

Also joining the show from Orange County will be the Orange County Mustang Club, which will

be setting up a dedicated space featuring up to 70 Ford and Mustang vehicles in the University of La Verne's parking lot off of 3rd Street and D Street right behind Mainiero Square. With the stage so close, attendees are sure to rock out to the tunes of The Answer to Classic Rock, who are returning to perform for their 20th year at the show, while strolling down rows of beautiful classic cars, trucks and unique vehicles.

As The Answer performs everything from Sinatra to Santana throughout the day, the Western Antique Power Associates will have displays throughout the show that feature working old engines, vintage tractors and antique machinery. These educational experiences are sure to delight and amaze guests as they are transported to a completely different era and way of living.

The Cool Cruise Car Show will also feature a number of merchandise vendors, from clothing to e-bikes, for those that enjoy shopping, and the event's central location places it in the middle of some of La Verne's best eats with many restaurants a stone's throw away from all the vintage car action. There will also be a COVID-19 vaccination booth outside of the La Verne Fire Sta-

tion along 3rd Street so individuals can get vaccinated quickly and conveniently.

This event was originally started by LD Johnson while working for the La Verne Public Works Department, where he served for 33 years before retiring. Johnson was inspired by his own love for vintage cars and, based on his experience at other car shows throughout Southern California, thought it would be a great way to bring awareness to and support La Verne's downtown area. local merchants and community as a whole.

"I started out as just the chef that was bringing all these important 'ingredients' of the car show $\stackrel{>}{\underset{\leftarrow}{\leftarrow}}$ community together to make the event truly shine, and was fortunate enough to build some longlasting friendships in the process," said Johnson. "But that's what makes the Cool Cruise Car Show truly unique-La Verne's small-town charm, beautiful venue, and casual and intimate atmosphere mixed with partici-

pation from significant industry

experts." Over the years, the Cool Cruise Car Show has been made possible by the support and participation from a variety of individuals and organizations, including the iconic "Voice of the NHRA" Dave McClelland, American Classic Cars, Lifestyle Car Club, So Cal Tribe Car Club, Cal-Rods Car Club, Mike Brown and numerous other car clubs from throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.

Azusa Rotary Club Presents Field of Glory

Traffic Collision Blocks Irwindale On/Off Ramps to Westbound I-210 Freeway



Old Town La Verne is Revved Up for



A loaded trailer became detached from a tractor truck striking several Southern California Edison (SCE) utility poles at the intersection of Irwindale Avenue and Camino de la Cantera.

traffic collision occurred when a loaded trailer became detached from a tractor truck and rolled through the intersection of Irwindale Avenue and Camino de la Cantera, north of the I-210 (Foothill) Freeway, striking several Southern California Edison (SCE) utility poles. and coming to rest on one of the poles. The Irwindale Avenue between Foot-

IRWINDALE - An overnight damage undermined the integrity of the utility poles, requiring extensive repair work.

> Crews were on scene to fix the damage and remove the trailer. Power was also out to several nearby businesses; however no residential power outages have been reported.

As of 9:00 am Thursday,

hill Blvd and the on-/off-ramps to the westbound I-210 remain closed. This closure remained in place until approximately 5:00 pm Thursday evening.

The driver of the tractor truck was not injured and no other vehicles were involved. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.



The Field of Glory flag display at Azusa City Hall will continue through September 11, 2021.

AZUSA - The Azusa Rotary Club presents the 6th Annual Field of Glory. This annual event features an inspirational display of hundreds of U.S. flags on the front lawn of Azusa City Hall from September 4 through September 11, 2021. In addition to honoring veterans, active military members, and first responders, this year's event has also been expanded to recognize essential workers. In gratitude for Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias service to our country and community and his valued support of the Field of Glory over the years, The Azusa Rotary Club dedicates the 2021 Field of Glory event to his exemplary life of service.

Community members attended the opening day ceremony on September 4 and strolled through the flag display. The field of flags is especially breathtaking when illuminated at night.

The Field of Glory is also a fundraiser for the Azusa Rotary Foundation. The purchase of a U.S. flag or tribute sign, or personal donation, helps them provide Rotary youth programs for Azusa students, such as the

4-Way Test Speech Contest, the Dan Stover Music Competition, Youth Leadership Camps, and Student Scholarships. Funds raised also help support local organizations that serve student veterans and atrisk youth.



Jan's Towing, one of the Gold Sponsors for the event, provide the lights to illuminate the Fields of Glory at night.

Vote Centers Open for Voting in Gubernatorial Recall Election

LOSANGELES COUNTY - - Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced 108 Vote Centers are now open and available for voting in the September 14 California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 AM to 7 PM for safe in-person voting, or to return a completed Vote by Mail ballot. All Vote Centers will fol-



low current public health and https://locator.lavote.net/locasafety guidelines. tions To find a Vote Center, visit

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BPUSD Schools Receive Water Bottle Fill Stations



Valley County Water District General Manager Jose Martinez and Baldwin Park Unified Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza meet at the BP STEM Academy to discuss future plans to install additional water bottle fill stations on BPUSD campuses.

BALDWIN PARK - The Valley County Water District's water bottle fill station program is also made possible by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Baldwin Park Unified is encouraging water conservation and sustainability through a longstanding partnership with the Valley County Water District (VCWD) and its water bottle fill station program.

The program, also made possible by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, saw the installation of 18 water bottle fill stations on Baldwin Park Unified campuses before the start of the 2021-22 school year.

"By highlighting the quality and safety of drinking tap water, the program seeks to shift public perception away from bottled water to a more reliable source at the tap," VCWD General Manager Jose Martinez said.

The water filling stations include tap water and refrigeration systems to provide cold water. The units also have visual meters quantifying the amount of plastic water bottles saved from waste. To use, students press the button at the top of the machine and the water is dispensed directly into the reusable bottles.

Above each fill station is the tagline, Trust the Tap, informing the larger community that the tap water in the area is safe for consumption. Constant testing and maintenance is conducted, helping students, teachers, staff and residents feel confident to drink directly from the tap. To protect against water contamination and ensure safe drinking, VCWD works with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

VCWD also is launching a program in conjunction with the Water Education - Water Awareness Committee (WEWAC), in which teachers are eligible to submit information on upcoming course projects that include water or are water-themed. Teachers can receive up to \$750 in grant funds.

High school seniors can also apply for a \$1,500 essay-based scholarship through VCWD and WEWAC – an opportunity that is open to all areas of study.

"We are proud to partner with the Valley County Water District to ensure our students have access to clean, fresh drinking water, while also encouraging our students and staff on campus to switch to reusable water bottles," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "We are able to make our community and families stronger when we engage with the excellent local partners around us because together, we can offer the very best resources and services."

Library Card Sign-Up Month

ARCADIA – September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and Arcadia Public Library makes it easy to get a library card or replace a missing one. Given the wealth of free information, entertainment, and enrichment the Library offers, a library card is easily the most powerful card you can have!

Library cards are free! Adults can apply for a card at the Library's customer service desk by completing a simple form, providing a valid government issued identification card (ID must have free during September by asking current California address) and an additional proof of a California address (utility bill, bank statement, etc. dated within the last 30 days). It's not necessary to live in Arcadia. Adults can also apply for a card online at: https:/ /www.arcadiaca.gov/NewCard. Children may apply for a library card, but a responsible adult must be present to sign and take responsibility for the account. Lost library cards can be replaced for

at the Library's customer service desk.

Arcadia Public Library is also celebrating this Library Card Sign-Up Month by offering a special Library Bingo for adults and teens. It's easy to participate-pick up a bingo card at the Library, complete one or more horizontal, vertical, or diagonal rows and bring the card back to enter a drawing for a \$25 In-and-Out gift card.

Duarte City Council Meetings Return to Virtual Format

Delta variant coronavirus cases, Duarte City Council meetings will be held via teleconference for the health and safety of our residents through the end of September, possibly longer.

To be able to speak in the meeting on specific agenda items and/or during oral communications, residents will need to register for a Zoom link to access the meeting. The registration link is in the header of the

DUARTE - Given the rise in City Council agenda which is of your public comment email posted no later than the Friday preceding the Tuesday Council meeting. You can find the agenda by visiting the City's website accessduarte.com. All comments are limited to three minutes per topic, per speaker.

Public comment will also be accepted by email to duarteinfo@accessduarte.com before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item. The subject line

must contain the Agenda item number and/or title.

If you wish to view the meeting without the ability to make a public comment, residents can view the livestream of the meeting on the City's website under "Agendas and Minutes." Questions about City Council meetings and agendas should be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (626) 357-7931.

Man Kills Parents after Being Released from Jail

By George Ogden

COVINA-On Thursday, Sept. 2 around 2:20, Covina police responded to a 9-1-1 call involving the stabbing of two people in the 700 block of North Grand, which is a large mobile home park. When police arrived, they found 33-year-old Benjamin Chavez in the front of the residence covered in blood. Officers went inside and found two people on the kitchen floor in pools of blood. It appears that

they had been hacked and stabbed a number of times. Paramedics responded but they could do nothing to save the woman in her 60s and the man in his 70's. It was said that the victims were the parents of Chavez.

Chavez has a long criminal record with 7 arrests over the last year. His last arrest resulted in him being sentenced to 18 months in jail for a major felony. He served less than three months before being released. He was

out about a week before he killed his parents.

Chavez stayed at the mobile home with his parents. He was currently on probation for car theft, also has prior convictions for possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, burglary, other car thefts and vandalism.

A knife was found at the scene and recovered along with other evidence. This is still under investigation.



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Case Rates Increased Among Children Ages 5 to 11; Increasing Vaccinations Among Children is Most Critical Step to Reduce Transmission in School Settings

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) reports case rates have been increasing most rapidly among children 5 to 11, who are not eligible for vaccination. Between August 14 and August 21, the case rate increased 50% among children 5 to 11, while the rate increased 13% in children 0 to 4 years old, and 24% in children 12 to 17 years old. Over the last week, as the case rate dropped 2-4% in the oldest and youngest age groups, the rate continued to rise 9% among 5 to 11 year olds. With increased numbers of children not yet vaccinated heading back to schools, layered protections are essential.

Between August 15 and August 21, among the 12 to 17-yearold teens who are eligible for vaccine, unvaccinated teens had 8 times the risk of infection than those teens vaccinated, with 480 cases among every 100,000 un-



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - vaccinated children in this age group compared with 57 cases among 100,000 of those vaccinated. Among groups ineligible for vaccination, the case rate was 132 per 100,000 children aged 0 to 4, and 293 per 100,000 children aged 5 to 11.

As of August 29, 60% of L.A. County residents 12 to 15 years old have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 48% were fully vaccinated. Sixty-eight percent of teens 16 to 17 years old have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 57% were fully vaccinated. The most powerful strategy for keeping schools open is increasing vaccination numbers as fast as possible. If all eligible children and staff at schools were vaccinated, we would dramatically reduce transmission both in school settings and in after-school sports programs and extracurricular activities

In K-12 school settings countywide, between August 15 and August 29, 5,207 student cases and 729 staff cases were reported, with the vast majority occurring at LAUSD, which tests everyone weekly.

Most school sites with cases, 849 in all, reported only one case. However, 193 LAUSD and 105 other school sites reported two cases, and 621 LAUSD and 94 other school sites reported three or more cases. Every case identified at a school needs to isolate at home away from others for 10 days from their symptom onset or test date. Their close contacts are identified and, if unvaccinated, they are required to quarantine.

An outbreak is when three or more cases with probable transmission occur at schools or school activities. There are many instances at schools where there are more than three cases, but the cases are not linked to each other, and therefore not counted as an outbreak. It is worth noting that of the 17 school outbreaks that opened in August, 47% were associated with school sports. Team athletic activities have some features that make them particularly challenging settings in which to control transmission.

There are approaches that help reduce school transmission, and while every school can't always employ all the best practices, most schools can implement many of the recommended strategies, which include masking, distancing, source and infection control, maximizing airflow and ventilating indoor space, setting up systems to support case identification and contact tracing, and messaging and information-sharing.

Teens 12 and over can receive Pfizer vaccine at any County and city sites without an appointment. Many school districts and individual schools are also offering vaccinations over the next few weeks.

Los Angeles County Animal Care and **Control Announces \$20 Adoptions**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -It's that time of year again! NBC4 and Telemundo 52 Clear the SheltersTM annual pet adoption and donation drive kicked off on August 23 through September 19, and Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control (DACC) is excited to participate for another year and offer special adoption promotions for the entire month of September!

Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control's seven animal care centers are offering \$20 adoption fees for large dogs over 35 pounds and all cats. The discounted rate of \$20 includes adoption, vaccination, microchip and spay/neuter. "A huge thank you to NBC4

and Telemundo 52 for spreading the message that adoption is the best option and helping homeless pets find forever homes," says Director Marcia Mayeda.

Last month, DACC implemented the new Love at First Sight adoption program where members of the public can selfschedule appointments online to visit one of the seven animal care centers. During their visit, potential adopters can view all available animals and adopt on a firstcome, first-served basis. This

means no more waiting lists that can delay the adoption process animals that are spayed or neutered and available that day are listed as "Ready to Go Home." With all these enhancements and NBC4 and Telemundo 52's help, the goal is to Clear the Shelters in September!

To visit DACC's seven animal care centers, please self-schedule your appointment on the DACC website. Click here https:// /animalcare.lacounty.gov/all-visits-to-the-animal-care-centerare-by-appointment-only/ to schedule an appointment.

Board Approves Barger's Motion To Enhance Services For Victims Through District Attorney's Office

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger that will strengthen services and protections provided to victims of crime in Los Angeles County. Through the motion, the County and the District Attorney's office will adopt a series of recommendations included in a June 25, 2021 report by the CEO's office entitled "Protecting Victims' Rights and Strengthening Victim Services."

"Los Angeles County has seen a 72 percent rise in homicides and an 11 percent increase in aggravated assaults, including aggravated sexual assault," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "Now, more than ever, we must devote resources to provide comprehensive and holistic healing by restoring and enhancing the County's victim services programs."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has historically committed to helping victims of crime and protecting their rights through its Bureau of Victim Services, which employs

victim services representatives in courthouses and police stations to provide essential services to crime victims and witnesses. Their roles include crisis intervention, emergency assistance, counseling referrals, court escort and orientation, restitution assistance, returning property, employer assistance, and case status notification.

The motion approved by the Board of Supervisors will enhance and improve victim services by filling vacant positions in the Bureau of Victim Services and evaluating recruitment and retention strategies. In addition, the motion asks that the Chief Executive Office work with the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department to exempt the open positions within the Bureau of Victim Services from the County's existing hiring freeze and to study the requirements to serve as a Victim Services Representative to ensure appropriate qualifications for staff providing trauma-informed care.

Additionally, the motion will expand expenses for the Unclaimed Victim Restitution Fund

and will transfer eligible unclaimed restitution funds from the Probation Department to the District Attorney. The motion will ensure newly implemented policies will result in the use of one-time Unclaimed Victim Restitution Funds to cover expenses for victims and victims' next of kin for funeral and burial, relocation, food, costs for necessities, and security expenses. Additionally, the motion asks the CEO to submit a request during the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget to expand funding for victims' services programs including restitution collection assistance. The motion will also evaluate AB 109 as a funding stream for victims' services, explore additional grant opportunities, and foster collaboration with other County departments to leverage existing resources.

Finally, the motion requests the District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services to resume and institutionalize recurring meetings with relevant departments to ensure collaboration and partnership to broaden and strengthen services to support victims.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Community Blood Drive

IRWINDALE - In collaboration with Huntington Hospital and Southern California Edison, the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce will be proudly hosting a Blood Drive Tuesday, September 14 at Southern California Edison's Gateway Business Center (6090 Irwindale Ave, Irwindale) from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Be sure to have a balanced meal and drink plenty of water

before arriving. Please bring your driver's license/ID to the event, as well.

Walk-ins are accepted, but priority will be given to those who schedule an appointment.

To book an appointment, contact: Jackie Baca-Geary at jackie.bacageary@huntingtonhospital.com or (626) 676 - 6881 (Call or Text).

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As of September 4, 2021, Public Health identified 1,416,919 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,434 deaths.

There are 1,593 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, a decrease of 115 people over the past week and the first time daily hospitalizations dropped under 1,600 since August 11. These declines are welcomed news and may reflect both the decline in new cases and the likelihood that cases among fully vaccinated individuals are not as likely as cases among unvaccinated individuals to require hospitalization.

Testing results are available for more than 8,201,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. September 4th's test positivity rate is 2.8%.

The Delta variant now accounts for nearly all the COV-ID-19 strains seen among samples sequenced in the Los Angeles County area. Delta variants accounts for 99% of all sequenced strains. This variant is more efficiently transmitted between people, likely due to its faster replication, higher viral load, and greater affinity for lower respiratory tract cells compared with earlier COVID-19 strains. While emerging data affirms that fully vaccinated people are well protected from severe infections with Delta

variants, it now is clear that fully vaccinated people can become infected, and if infected

with Delta, can infect others. "We wish healing and peace to the families and friends grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "While we have seen small increases in post vaccination infection during this Delta variant surge, vaccinations have clearly been a game changer by offering extraordinary protection from COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths. Among the nearly 5.3 million fully vaccinated people in L.A. County, less than 1% of all those vaccinated have

become infected with COVID-19, only 0.02% of those who tested positive were hospitalized, and among all fully vaccinated people, death from COVID is exceedingly rare with 0.0022% having passed away. However, because COV-ID-19 transmission remains high in L.A. County and because a small number of fully vaccinated people can become infected and infect others, we all need to take steps to celebrate the Labor Day holiday weekend safely, especially if you are unvaccinated. Please continue to take COVID-19 risk into consideration when making plans and always mask up when indoors and in crowded places. If you aren't fully vaccinated, please follow the CDC advice to avoid all travel. Vaccination clinics are open all across the county this holiday weekend, so if you aren't yet vaccinated, take advantage of uncrowded clinics and get yourself protected before the fall holidays roll around."



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COMMENTARY

Californians On a "Take Back" Roll Remembering My Mentor, Saul Landau

Californians have had enough of paltry, self-serving agendas in this state! That's why Recall Gavin Newsom 2020, led by Orrin Heatlie and Mike Netter, were able to get 1.7 million signatures and the recall election on the ballot. That's why Recall George Gascon, L.A. County District Attorney, is thriving. Californians believe they deserve better.

After four years of continual Sacramento assembly and senate member attacks on local government's zoning ordinances, there is light at the end of that tunnel also. We tried to fight off legislation with emails and phone calls but Sacramento ignored us and wrote bills like:

• AB 1401 Friedman (D-Burbank) prohibiting public agencies in cities and counties from enforcing minimum parking requirements on developments near major transit stops. Bill stopped in Senate Appropriations.

• SB 9 authored by Senators Akins (D-S.D.) Wiener (D-S.F.) and Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) requires ministerial approval for construction of four units on a single-family zoned lot - no environmental review, no yards or garages. Bill passed and was sent to Gov. Newsom on 9/3 at 2 p.m. for his signature.

• SB 10 authored by Wiener (D-S.F.) would allow up to 10units, any height, on any residential parcel near a transit rich area or any infill parcel. Bill passed and was sent to Gov. Newsom on 9/3 at 2 p.m. for his signature.

All these bills and others were to achieve the 3.5 million new housing units Gov. Newsom promised he would make happen when elected, no matter how it affects our cities and lifestyles.

Bill Brand, Mayor, Redondo Beach, is the author of a ballot initiative, Californians for Community Planning Initiative and leaders / proponents are John W. Heath who has served as President of United Homeowners' Association, a nonprofit community organization representing over 11,000 residents, and Peggy



Shade's Perspective Lois M. Shade Former Mayor of Glendora Huang, Mayor Yorba Linda.

A Saturday morning zoom meeting led by Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand laid out the reasons for this effort to regain and secure control of local governments' zoning ordinances and general plans. He found 70% of residents are against eliminating single family homes and properties. These three proponents of this initiative believe local governments make better decisions on development issues than Sacramento and, if approved, would protect local governments' planning and zoning authority in the California Constitution. It bring back, and secure, the relevance of local government and their place in creating sustainable cities and counties in California.

Irrespective of what Sacramento politicians do, local governments are responsible for public services that range from "... police and fire services, parklands and public open spaces, transportation, water supply, schools, and sewers ..." and can not adequately address these demands when they are not allowed to "... balance development with public facilities and services while addressing the economic, environmental, and social needs of the particular communities served by those local officials." Each city and county are different and local elected officials better understand their communities and needs than Sacramento officials.

Brand, who worked across po-

MY TURN: It Is Definitely TIME

To Acknowledge Gary Sinise

litical lines to write Californians for Community Planning Initiative, maintains the state would continue to be responsible and in charge of public transportation infrastructure, but not tied to transit-oriented development, water infrastructure, communication systems, power facilities as determined by Public Utilities Commission and the Coastal Zones. This initiative:

• Is RETROACTIVE and would supersede any previously enacted state laws including recently passed SB 9 and SB 10.

• Would amend the California Constitution to protect the rights of communities to determine their own zoning and development projects.

• Establishes the rights of counties and cities to control their own zoning regulations. This includes density, height, setbacks and other building characteristics. Community control will override state-imposed development mandates.

The process to get Californians for Community Planning on the ballot has begun with a request to the Attorney General on August 25th to provide a title and summary of the initiative. The initiative will then have a 30-day window for public comment and amendments maybe be added by the proponents. The AG has six weeks to issue a Title and Summary.

To get this to the ballot, signatures of 8% of the votes cast in the preceding gubernatorial election will be needed within 180 days of the date the AG prepares the petition language. That's 997,139 signatures, but at least one million or more to cover the invalid signatures that will turn up. All signatures must be verified at least 131 days (June 30, 2022) before the general election, November 8, 2022.

This will take contributions from all of us that believe in this effort and I have already made mine by going to: https:// www.communitiesforchoice.org/ contact/ The first time I met Saul Landau, I had just finished my freshman year at Cal Poly Pomona, where he was teaching courses on Latin America, history, and digital media. He was in need of a new research assistant, and with a good word from our mutual friend and one of my most influential professors, Dr. John Moore, I landed the job of a lifetime.

My first day of work had an inauspicious beginning. No sooner had Saul arrived at the office than we both had to leave. The university had closed early for the day in the wake of the 9/ 11 terrorist attacks. Almost immediately, Muslims and Arabs like me faced alarming backlash, and were even scapegoated for the horrific events, solely because of our identities.

I had only just started, but Saul conveyed his most valuable lesson to me that day in the university parking lot. As I was getting in my car, he said, "Do not be afraid. You have a duty to speak out."

For Saul, righting wrongs, regardless of where they occurred, was a driving force. He would soon become a transformative mentor as I navigated this new reality.

Through his documentaries on Cuba, Chile, Iraq, Mexico, and elsewhere, Saul displayed his expert knowledge of militarism, racism, and the consequences of neoliberalism. Born in the Bronx in 1936, he went on to make over 40 films and TV programs and author 14 books as well as thousands of articles. Six of his films were about Cuba, with his 1968 PBS documentary "Fidel" providing unprecedented access to the controversial Cuban leader during a week-long tour of the country. He won an Emmy for "Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang," a 1980 film about the cover-up of health hazards from atomic bomb



Farrah Hassen tests in the 1950s.

For 41 years, he was also a fellow at the Institute for Policy

Studies in Washington, D.C. Former-Director John Cavanagh summed up Saul's time at IPS: "He stood up to dictators, rightwing Cuban assassins, pompous politicians, and critics from both the left and the right."

By the time I knew him, he had moved to the San Gabriel Valley to teach at Cal Poly. In his classes, Saul challenged his students to look beyond the commonly accepted, corporate media version of events, in order to better comprehend America's complicated role in the world. We learned about the other 9/11, the one in Chile that marked General Augusto Pinochet's overthrow of democratically-elected President Salvador Allende in 1973 with help from the U.S. government. Saul described how it "altered the destiny of the Chilean people" by initiating a reign of terror that targeted Pinochet's critics, some of them Saul's own friends.

Following the 9/11 attacks, Muslims across the globe went from being largely misunderstood to being made synonymous with terrorism. They have faced heightened discrimination, xenophobia, and hate crimes ever since. After the Bush administration had launched its "War on Terror," Saul orchestrated my radio debut on his Pacifica Network News show so that I could voice my community's perspective. It didn't matter that I feared public speaking. Despite never having been published or trained in filmmaking, I would later collaborate with him on commentaries, film reviews, and a documentary about Syria.

Over the twelve years I knew him, I learned countless lessons from Saul. But most of all, he taught me the true value of mentorship. His belief in me pushed me through the difficult times and inspired me to tackle headon seemingly impossible challenges.

Although he tragically passed away on September 9, 2013, his prolific body of work and incomparable example still remain. A month before his death, he finally published his long-anticipated detective novel, "Stark in the Bronx," which harkened back to his childhood home.

In January 2020, I returned to the same building at Cal Poly where I had once taken Saul's classes and wrote "Professor Hassen" on my classroom whiteboard before my first students arrived. Waves of nostalgia overcame me as I wondered what Saul would think of this full circle moment. Would he flash a knowing smile upon seeing Filartiga v. Peña-Irala on my syllabus - the seminal 1980 international human rights case that he had prodded me to research over a decade earlier?

As Saul used to say, we can make our own history, rather than accept the status quo. I can't think of a better way to honor his powerful legacy than by doing just that and mentoring others to do the same.

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Wow, Just 50 Years Ago

I returned from Vietnam in December of 1970 after being shot down. This ended my active duty. During the following year, all this was going on.

January 2: After the passing



1935), Viktor Patsayev (b. 1933). July 12: Mexican serial killer Juan Corona is indicted for 25 murders. *Welcome to America*.

July 26: Apollo program: Launch of Apollo 15. On July 31 the Apollo 15 astronauts become the first to ride in a lunar rover after landing on the moon. *They got pulled over in a DUI checkpoint.*

"Everybody Loves Raymond" star Patricia Heaton calls for actor Gary Sinise to be considered for TIME Person of the Year in the future because he raises \$30 million annually for Gold Star families and vets.

I have been familiar with his charity organization, The Gary Sinise Foundation for several years and I chose to start making donations myself. Heaton is absolutely right about Sinise getting a cover tribute on TIME magazine. It seems to me such choices for the cover are what I always thought Time magazine was originally meant to "cover."

Sadly, it may not happen anytime soon as the TIME magazine organization is pretty well entrenched in Liberal values and narratives, not allowing much room for a guy who voices traditional values and support of our fighting men and women. In very Liberal Hollywood, Sinise was one of those bright lights on the silver screen, when he gave us Lieutenant Dan, a Vietnam survivor who defiantly faced his demons and eventually came out on the other side, a better man. Gary Sinise has always been a



Charles Lopresto

defender of the those who made so many sacrifices for us and our freedoms and he works tirelessly to help them.

I said it was sadly something that may not happen anytime soon because all of Gary Sinise's efforts will fall on deaf ears with the political/cultural elite that run our country. And with a Democrat administration, recognition will probably not come, though, it should regardless.

I don't even know what Mr. Sinise's political persuasion is, but he does represent a more traditional view of America.

One of the things I miss about Donald Trump no longer being our President is the recognition of people and events that do not reflect those

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of the Liberals and the Obama and Biden administrations. For example, during President Trump's final State of The Union speech he recognized Rush Limbaugh and presented him with the Medal of Freedom, during the speech. It was something I don't think was ever done before. While Limbaugh was dving of cancer, it was a Godsend that Limbaugh's final years were lived out during a Trump administration, because the Democrats, and even some RINO President would not have performed that ceremony. And the Democrats present at the speech were rude and disengaged, showing a lack of cordiality toward Mr. Limbaugh.

Our cultural elite world runs all the institutions that present and choose many of the awards we all are aware of. Sadly, they have been awards given by Liberals, for Liberals and with Liberals. Trump was able to cut through some of that and at least give the mainstream people across our nation some tributes they can identify with. Gary Sinise is one such individual.

I hope more people can come forward and voice a desire for things, and tributes and individuals that we, on the right, are influenced by. In Hollywood, it will need to come from folks like Patricia Heaton. But we all know; it will not be easy.

In the meantime, Gary Sinise will continue to do what he will do. So, congratulations Gary Sinise, you will be remembered and appreciated by the folks that count. And isn't that really all that matters? of the Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act in 1970, cigarette advertising was banned on television and radio from this day onwards.

January 5: The body of former world heavyweight boxing champion Charles "Sonny" Liston is discovered by his wife at their home in Las Vegas. It was suspected he had been dead for around 6 days before being found, and there are many theories about his death, despite the police declaring his death a heroin overdose.

January 19: At the Charles Manson trial, the Beatles' *Helter Skelter* single is played. Manson was obsessed with the single and believed it was telling him a political message, unintended by the Beatles themselves. Six days later, Charles Manson, along with three of his women followers, are convicted of the Tate-LaBianca murders.

January 31: Apollo program: Astronauts aboard Apollo 14 lift off for a mission to the moon.

February 9: Apollo program: Apollo 14 returns to Earth after the third manned moon landing.

February 9: An earthquake in the San Fernando Valley, California, results in 64 deaths and more than \$500,000,000 in damage.

February 9: Satchel Paige is the first black major league player to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. *It was about time, and he never took a knee!*

March 8: In boxing, Muhammad Ali's 31-fight winning streak is ended by Joe Frazier at Madison Square Garden, New York City. The fight was called the "Fight of the Century."

May 19: Mars probe program: Mars 2 is launched by the Soviet Union.

George Ogden That's just the way it is!

May 30: Mariner program: Mariner 9 is launched toward Mars.

April 5: United States Lieutenant William Calley is sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of 22 unarmed South Vietnamese civilians during the My Lai Massacre. His sentence was later reduced to 20 years by the Court of Military Appeals, then the Secretary of the Army reduced it to 10 years. In the end, he was paroled by President Nixon in 1974 after only serving roughly a third of his 10-year sentence. *Actually over 500 people were murdered*.

April 9: In one of the key events in 1971, Charles Manson is sentenced to death for his murder crimes. A year later, sentences for California Death Row inmates are commuted to life in prison. *What the hell... Newson and Gascon were around then???*

May 5: A race riot occurs in the Brownsville area of Brooklyn, New York City. *Nothing new*.

May 22: 10,000 people are made homeless and over 1,000 are killed when a 20-second earthquake hits Turkey, destroying most of the city of Bingöl.

June 1: TV host Ed Sullivan holds his final TV show on CBS

June 30: The crew of the Soyuz 11 spacecraft are killed when their air supply leaks out through a faulty valve during reentry preparations. <u>Soviet</u> cos-

monauts, Georgy Dobrovolsky

(b. 1928), Vladislav Volkov (b.

August 26: In the first million dollar contract in NHL history, Bobby Orr signs a 5-year contract with the Boston Bruins. *Look at what he started*!

September 11: Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev dies at the age of 77 from a heart attack. *His comment, "We will crush you and never fire a shot!" Well, how did that work out old buddy?*

November 13: Mariner program: Mariner 9 enters Mars orbit.

November 15: Intel release the world's first microprocessor, the 4004.

November 15: The earliest floppy disks, 8 inches in diameter, become commercially available as components of products shipped by IBM, their inventor. *I still have some*.

October 19: The final issue of *Look* magazine is published. *Thanks for the articles and news.*

November 24: An unidentified man, going by the name of Dan Cooper as seen on his plane ticket, hijacked a Boeing 707 aircraft between Portland and Seattle. He extorts \$200,000 ransom before parachuting out of the plane, disappearing for good and his fate unknown.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"



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Your Money - Ask Julia **The Greek Alphabet and Covid**

Obviously last week was extremely tragic for many people in Afghanistan as well as in the USA and the entire free world! As the chaos at the Kabul airport spun out of control 13 of our brave soldiers were savagely killed by an ISIS-K suicide bomber. Afghanistan's safety crisis will likely persist for many weeks as American citizens and other refugees hope somehow to escape the Taliban's captivity. Obviously, President Biden lied when he promised multiple times in recent months that "If there are American citizens left, we're going to stay until we get them all out."

Another unexplained mistake keeps coming up in my mind. With only 2500 soldiers in Afghanistan why did we have so many armaments which were also abandoned, that the Taliban now owns? This terrorist group is now one of the most wellequipped armed groups in the world! Could this have been preplanned?

If the U.S. is now effectively out of nation-building it will be interesting to see how the Defense Department budget will change in the future. Many significant recent battles have been economic wars, where China has been perceived to be the big winner. Theoretically future defense-spending might plunge, allowing the stock market to benefit from what many have called a "peace dividend." However, in this now much more dangerous world, future President's should understand the value of peace through strength. So, assuming America can remain free from communism, don't count on any peace dividends!

U.S. stocks spent most of last week inching up as investors waited for Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's Jackson Hole speech on the econo-



my, specifically hoping for clues on the Fed's plan to taper asset purchases. That muted activity changed on Friday (the 27th) when Powell said the central bank could start tapering its purchases of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities by the end of the year.

The 10-year Treasury bond yield declined a bit during the Afghanistan crisis (normal flight to quality trade), so all eyes are now on the Fed to see how new realities will impact monetary policy. The Wall Street Journal last week published an exclusive report that Fed officials "are nearing agreement to begin scaling back their easy money policies in about three months, if the economic recovery continues". The Journal implied that the Fed may announce the start of curtailing its \$120 billion per month in quantitative easing (QE) at their September 21-22 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting.

Frankly many don't think the Fed will curtail QE until 2022 (even though record inflation keeps getting worse). When the Fed curtails QE Wall Street bets that the FOMC will merely "downshift" to approximately \$80 billion per month in QE, or about one-third less than now. Aside from Wall Street's guessing game, the big fear concerning economic stability is the many new Covid variations effecting global populations. New global kenherman46@hotmail.com.

COVID case rates began to rise from its most recent low in June, but the US case rate did not noticeably rise until the Fourth of July weekend.

It was not until two weeks later that news stories on the Delta variant raised public awareness about breakthrough risks - that is, vaccinated people getting sick and the CDC stepped up its vaccination campaign. By the end of July, the 7-day average new case rate had increased to 75,000. It is currently above 150,000 and still rising. However, there also is good news as COVID death rates in the USA have been significantly declining.

Many on Wall Street fear that the Delta variant will affect the economy in three ways. First, lockdowns in Asian economies critical to the global supply chain will extend the duration of shortages and shipping delays already slowing US growth and boosting US inflation. Second, people will likely be more cautious about crowds, even small crowds. Service consumption could be hurt as a result. Finally, the Delta spike has undermined some people's faith in vaccines' ability to protect them, which may further undermine economic confidence.

We have vaccines, of course, but they may not be as effective against new strains. Remember those annoying experts warning since last year that COVID would keep mutating, requiring more boosters that may not always be fully effective? Those experts now appear to be right. There will be more. The rest of the Greek alphabet is sure to arrive at some point.

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September 11 marks the date in 2001 that terrorists successfully attacked America.

It was a shocking surprise! It was so unexpected, and many were not prepared for the personal and financial losses that followed. All those lives mattered. America had the power to take action. Some people don't have the same opportunities and options to be more financially prepared for disasters. Some governments aren't positioned to help. And even philanthropists have limited funds. What are you doing to be more prepared for disasters?

Fires, Hurricanes, Flooding, Earthquakes, Mudslides, Tornados, and Pandemics!

It is much, much better to be prepared for the worst while hoping for the best. There is an abundance of information on being physically prepared. Stocking up on food, water/beverages, lighting, medications, sanitizer, gloves, masks, and toilet paper can be done methodically by buying a little each time you go grocery shopping. An emergency savings account and insurances can help you be more financially prepared.

I noticed that my life insurance policy states that it does not pay if death was caused by an act of terrorism or act of war. Was that true on 9-11-2001? Is it true for Antifa which has been called a group of terrorists?

Regarding 9-11, it took a request by then-President Bush for resistant life insurance companies to pay benefits to the beneficiaries. Nowadays, more insurance companies include the clause that they will not pay if



Julia Yoder

loss of life was due to terrorism or act of war. Those survivors whose loved ones had no insurance, or who were under-insured, were left with adjusting their lifestyle by, among other things, modifying goals for their children's education, and altering their retirement plans. Some life insurance policies with cash accumulation accounts make those funds (not the death benefit amount) available to the beneficiaries. Some properly-set-up annuities pay out to beneficiaries.

My wife and I are looking for tax-advantaged investments that will also be tax-advantaged for our beneficiaries. What do you offer?

There are three tax-free investments: municipal bonds, Roth IRAs, and permanent life insurance. Municipal bonds pay very little interest. Roth IRA's have income limits. Permanent life insurance is often the best place to save retirement dollars because it offers tax-free living benefits and tax-free money for beneficiaries. The second-best tax-advantaged place to save retirement dollars is in a fixed-indexed annuity. This type of annuity can offer bonuses, access

to your money, and living benefits, as well as being tax-advantaged for your beneficiaries. Whether insurance or annuity, both carry guarantees, (based on the strength of the company), that you cannot lose the money you put in.

I have about \$120,000 in CDs that mature in October. I don't foresee needing this money anytime in the near future. Is there a better place to invest?

Definitely! You have a couple of different options that would give you the safety you're used to, with good returns. Some of my clients choose fixed-indexed annuities (not variable annuities), while others choose to purchase paid-up life insurance. Both can have tax-deferred growth. The advantage folks like about using life insurance as an investment are: 1. The cash account of this life insurance can be accessible, tax-free, to you if you find you do want it during your lifetime, 2. the amount of the life insurance benefit is more than the amount of money you pay into it, so you'd leave more to your beneficiaries, and 3. your beneficiaries will receive these funds in a timely manner, and income tax free!

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When and How to Use Direct Contact for Reaching Out to Potential Clients

Many freelancers and service providers market in broad strokes, hoping to catch the attention of a large number of people and praying that several of them will be motivated enough to actually give their services a try.

However, in order to get clients, you usually have to answer their unspoken question, "What's in it for me?" This might require more direct input, helping you forge connections with potential clients. Through developing a relationship with them, they are much more likely to be willing to give you a try. If they give your business a try and like you, this could be the beginning of their becoming loyal to your brand. There are several ways to use direct contact to connect with prospective customers. Here are just a few suggestions.



can help them in some way. Also, catchy short (30 seconds) entertaining video's showcasing your products and services can get you notices but be creative.

Email Marketing

Take advantage of your email marketing lists by sending out useful newsletters once a month (kind of like this one), with special offers and the latest news - such as new services you are offering. Of course, you have to get them on the list first, so be sure to offer a free eCourse or eBook that helps solve a common problem in your niche. When you connect with people on social media, you can also give them the landing page for the free item and invite them to check it out.



By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Remember When

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enough to maintain their reputation for outstanding service.

California Custom Fruits & Flavors has been a member of the Chamber for eleven years. Their own Phyllis Ferguson is

a member of the Irwindale Chamber's Board of Directors. Congratulations to California Custom Fruits and Flavors, the Irwindale Chamber's Business of the Month.

Your Customer Service Box

Pay attention to the people who contact you directly, treating every one of them like a prospect. Be polite and courteous. Set up a reminder for yourself, or your assistant, to contact them again in a week to see if they have any further questions. This kind of followup will stand out in their mind. Face to Face

Carry business cards (I use to not do this) with you everywhere. Take business cards from others as well. Write notes on the back as to what your follow-up steps should be. Sticky notes and a pen will also work to remind you of the person's contact details and the information you promised to send, such as a special cheat sheet or handout. Always position yourself as a problem solver.

You can meet prospects anywhere, including standing in line for coffee, so pay attention to your appearance (80% of the sale) even if you



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work from home and are just popping out for a few minutes to grab a latte. If you live in a large city, there are often industry-related networking events. The local Chamber of Commerce will also usually have a calendar of live events (one of the best resources you can find). They are always looking for interesting speakers as well, so if you have a hot topic within your niche, don't be afraid to offer your time. You'll get plenty of free publicity in exchange.

Trade shows and conferences are ideal places to meet clients and mingle with important people in your niche or industry. Even getting just a small booth gives you (and your staff) the chance to get walkby traffic and increase your visibility. Remember, people do business with people they like, so be personable and sincere.

On the Phone

Some people still prefer the old-fashioned telephone. If they leave a message, be sure to phone them back in a timely manner. Telemarketing can also be very challenging do to the overload of spam calling.

Social Media

Pay attention to the people who like, comment and share regularly. If they are connected with you, you should be able to contact them via Messenger or other direct means of contact to say you've noticed them, appreciate them following you, and would like to know if you

Personalize your approach in getting new clients using these ideas, and you will find more people who will be willing to give you a try. Continuous self-improvement is the key to success in anything that you set your mind to.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Fire Season

Danger on the Horizon ... This summer has already begun the dangerous fire season and it's expected to get much worse with the windy months still ahead. The climate change has reduced the amount of rainfall throughout the West leaving our forests dry and a combustible source for raging fires. The extreme weather conditions of past years have caused a simple lighted fire to spread quickly over vast amounts of acreage. Even though some fires are caused by natural causes like lightning, most of them are caused by humans, in fact 9 of 10 wildfires are caused by man.

Since 1944, Smokey the Bear has protected our forests from the destruction caused by man by using his famous warning "Only you can prevent forest fires". His role has made Smokey one of the most iconic and loved symbols of protecting nature and he remains at the center of the longest running public service campaign in American history. Smokey became so popular that the United States Congress passed legislation in his name, the Smokey Bear Act, in 1952 to secure his legacy in American public awareness. When the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp with



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Smokey's likeness in 1984, he had reached the pinnacle of his popularity, a popularity that results in Smokey being only one of two "persons" to receive their own zip code. The other person is the President of the United States.

Smokey has been featured in movies, advertisements, cartoons, paintings and all media channels from film, print, radio, internet and virtually every type of way his image could be displayed. Smokey is now 77 years old and has hundreds of thousands of followers on his social media pages, always sharing the same message, the same phrase that has made him so popular but also with reminders of what man can do to prevent wildfires. Trying to prevent fires caused by campfires left unattended, debris burning on windy days, uncontained hot and BBQ ashes, and operating equipment and faulty wiring causing sparks is Smokey's never-ending message. Smokey the Bear has emerged as a role model for children of all ages and has served to educate children and adults alike in the dangers and protections of fire and fire management. But Smokey's job is getting tougher and more difficult as the climate, environment and even mother nature has changed faster than even Smokey could have imaged. With so many wildfires ranging out of control, if we don't start listening to Smokey with more dedication, our forest lands, structures and more lives will continue to be lost. Smokey the Bear just may be our last defense in preventing wildfires from doing more and more damage...

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Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed Torres

1. President Biden in his speech to the nation about the American *military* withdrawal from Afghanistan, *in one breath* stated he accepted *full responsibility* for the *pitiable* manner in which the action was carried out, and that the buck-stops-at his-desk - - but in the next breath, he seemed to suggest that (magi*cally*) the buck did not stop at his desk after all, because, the flimsy dollar bill blew off his desk, traveled back in time and landed on President Trump's desk.

2. Sirhan Sirhan, (who assassinated Senator Robert Kennedy in 1968) is seeking to be paroled from his life sentence in prison - - way back when he was convicted of the crime, he had been on the verge of being executed for the assassination, but the Kennedy family intervened to spare his life, and consequently he instead was given "life in prison" – now he wants out.

3. At Dover Airforce Base, President Biden, inexplicably, continually told the parents of the service personnel who were killed at the Kabul airport that his own son died of cancer (as if seeking sympathy from parents who were there grieving for *their* own sons and daughters) - -it seems the president did a poor job of consoling the parents who tragically had lost *their children*.

4. Because of the reported lack of sympathy shown by President Biden to the parents of the military men and women killed-in-action, some have suggested it would have been better if Vice President Kamala Harris had been assigned the solemn duty of meeting with the parents... But, wait-a-minute, it could have been even worse with V-P Harris, because, she might

40. Choose politically

43. Thailand, formerly

46. One assigned menial work

50. Famous Scottish lake

64. Like a solitaire player

52. A cause of inflation

44. All worked up

47. Rancher's unit

48. Blue jeans

53. Number one

guitar

interest

41. Sashay

have said something like, "Sorry for your loss, ha ha ha ha"... (By the way, Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego, and is Kamala Harris with her?)

5. General Milley, the United States top military leader, has continually suggested that *racist* White People are the main problem facing America's military forces, as well as being the ones threatening the peacefulness of American society - - General Milley seems to be a mediocre politician in military uniform, more interested in espousing a dubious political ideology than concentrating on protecting American interests and personnel in this country and in foreign lands.

6. Cam Newton (a Black American), professional football player, was *dropped* from the New England Patriots football team, for various reasons, including, supposedly, because he declined to be vaccinated for the Corona Virus... Some news reporters claim that those who do not get vaccinated, do so because they are taking orders from President Trump - - but it is doubtful that Mr. Newton nor any non-vaxxers are obedient followers of Mr. Trump.

7. A judicial court recently decided that once a "heart beat" can be detected in an unborn infant, the pregnancy cannot legally be aborted... Some insist, though, that at any point in a pregnancy, aborting a pregnancy is best, under any circumstances, especially for poor mothers - because if a baby in such cases is allowed to be born, the child would probably grow up in an environment full of hardship and failure.

8. Those working on extending the Gold Line in the eastern

part of Los Angeles County seem to be doing fast, good work, with no extraordinary disruptions to regular street traffic- - those who have not seen the roadside illustration sign (at the southeast corner of Lone Hill Avenue & Auto Center Drive in Glendora), which depicts the future "flyover" rail bridge configuration at the intersection, are encouraged to visit the grand illustration.

9. Distinguished U.S. House of Representatives, such as Ocasio-Cortez and IIhan Omar, continually state that urban police departments need to be abolished, in order for crime rates to be reduced in the inner cities – the proof they cite for their assertions is that if anyone wanders out to the suburbs, they will find that there is less crime in the 'burbs because, they have fewer police officers there... So, consequently, they say, if people want less crime in the inner cities, they should abolish police departments... Huh?

10. Reportedly, it has become a head-scratcher for some people when a biological WOMAN, who has "transitioned" to being a MAN, for personal reasons chooses to become pregnant and has a child - - a headscratcher, because, you silly goose, the claim by some is that a MAN gave birth to a baby... And, if anyone points out that biologically, in the human world, only women can have babies, the powers-that-be say that if anyone DISPUTES that men CAN have babies, those "deniers" are haters who are violating the civil rights of trans genders - - and must be punished, one-way-oranother.

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September is Pedestrian Safety Month: Be Predictable, Look Out for One Another

IRWINDALE - As part of Pedestrian Safety Month, the Irwindale Police Department is supporting efforts throughout September to improve pedestrian safety and help reduce crashes and injuries.

Pedestrians are more and more at risk on the road. Based on data from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), 2020 had the largest ever annual increase, 21 percent, in the rate at which drivers struck and killed pedestrians. In California, pedestrian deaths accounted for 27 percent of all traffic-related deaths in 2019.

"It's simple: slow down and vehicles and practice due care. stop for pedestrians. They have the same rights to the road as everyone else," Chief of Police Ty Henshaw said. "If you're walking, be mindful of vehicle traffic and be predictable. We should all be drivers to see you - wear light looking out for one another." For the safety of everyone walking or driving, the Irwindale Police Department will have additional officers on patrol streets or entering crosswalks at throughout September specifically looking for California Vehicle Code (CVC) violations per-

taining to drivers and pedestrians. These violations include right-

of-way at crosswalks, illegal turns and not stopping for signs or signals (e.g., right turn on red or red light running), and speeding.

The Irwindale Police Department offers steps drivers and pedestrians can take to greatly reduce the risk of getting injured or in a crash, including staying off the phone when behind the wheel or walking:

Pedestrians:

• Be predictable. Use crosswalks.

• Take notice of approaching

· Follow the speed limit and

Drivers:

its.

slow down at intersections. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks.

 Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a righthand turn.

• Never drive impaired.

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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25. *Patrick's fiance on "Schitt's

27. King of the gods in Wagner's

Creek"

26. Dig, so to speak

"Das Rheingold" 29. Barber shop sound

• Do not walk or run into the path of a vehicle. No vehicle can stop instantly. At 30 m.p.h., a diver needs at least 90 feet to stop.

• Be visible. Make it easy for colors, reflective material and carry a flashlight, particularly at dawn, dusk or at night.

• Be extra careful crossing night when it is harder to see, or when crossing busier streets with more lanes and higher speed lim-

Duarte Celebrates 64th Anniversary With Picnic

year's picnic will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Royal Oaks Park (2627 Royal Oaks Drive) from 11:00 AM

DUARTE - Join the city of - 3:00 PM. It will feature live Duarte at Duarte's 64th birth- music/ entertainment, food day picnic celebration! This booths, a beer and wine garden, carnival games and rides for kids, community resources, and much more.



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31. Civil Rights icon 32. Ancient city in Africa 33. *Javen's companion on "Temptation Island" or Lamb Chops' puppeteer 34. *Marge Simpson's husband 36. Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence 38. Kind of gin 42. Follow as a consequence 45. Bald Eagle to Americans, e.g. 49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway 51. Capital of the Republic of Macedonia 54. Fraternity letter 56. Trial's partner 57. Like a doily 58. Paella pot 59. Big cat sound 60. Blyton or Bagnold 61. Like a bloody horror movie 62. Romantic painter Francisco

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Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias Passes

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Longtime Councilman Uriel E. Macias died Tuesday. August 31. He is survived by his wife Angela and their four children - Ethan, Natalie, Cecilia and Andrew - and other family. He was 51 years old.

The city put out the following press release:

"It is with deep sadness that the City of Azusa announces the sudden passing of City Councilmember Uriel E. Macias. Mr. Macias was currently in his fourth term on the Azusa City Council, having first been elected in 2007. During his tenure on the Azusa City Council, Councilmember Macias served as the Mayor Pro-Tem, as a representative to the Foothill Transit Authority, the Gold Line Joint Powers Authority, the Azusa-RMC Joint Powers Authority, and as the City's representative on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Mayor Robert Gonzales issued the following statement on behalf of the City, "Today, the City of Azusa lost a true public servant with the death of City Councilmember Uriel Macias. Mr. Macias honorably served our city for close to two decades as Councilmember,



Mayor Pro-Tem, Personnel Board member, and former City Treasurer. He was also a proud veteran, having served our country in combat in Afghanistan. He always represented the City and City Council with passion and devotion, and he will be greatly missed in our community. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Macias' family during

this difficult time." The City of Azusa is requesting privacy for Councilmember Macias' family at this time. Flags at all City facilities will be lowered immediately in his honor."

Macias is a Navy Lt. and in 2013 and 2014 (while on the council) served an eight-month deployment in Afghanistan, where he augmented Army and Marine Corps troops as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

There is no information at this time as to his services and they are pending at this time.

People from all over the area are offering their condolences along with the San Gabriel Valley Examiner Family.

Board Approves \$10K Reward for Diamond Bar Hit-and-Run

DIAMOND BAR - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for the death of 72-year-old Bruce Bodel, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on the Fourth of July in Diamond Bar.

"This crime has devastated the Bodel family and the Diamond Bar community," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "Someone out there has information about who did

this and what happened, and I urge them to come forward. The Bodel family deserves answers and Bruce Bodel deserves justice '

Mr. Bodel, a Diamond Bar resident, was taking a stroll on the evening of July 4, 2021 and crossing the street on Penarth Ave at the intersection with Lycoming Street when a sliver or gray sedan traveling west on Lycoming Street, struck Mr. Bodel in the intersection. The vehicle continued west on Lycoming

Street to southbound Lemon Avenue, and out of view. The driver never stopped to render aid to Mr. Bodel who passed away from his injuries on July 8, 2021.

"On behalf of the Diamond Bar community, I would like to thank Supervisor Hahn and the Board of Supervisors for recognizing the importance of solving this tragic crime," said Diamond Bar Mayor Nancy Lyons. "We hope the increase in the reward will raise awareness and assist in bringing the individuals responsible to justice."

This latest reward offered by the LA County Board of Supervisors is in addition to the \$10,000 reward offer announced earlier by the City of Diamond Bar.

Anyone with information about the suspect or the suspect's car should call (909) 859-2817. Anonymous tipsters can call L.A. Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or use the website lacrimestoppers.org





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Assemblymember Holden's 'George Floyd Law' Passes Legislature

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Chris Holden's police reform legislation, AB 26, cleared its final hurdle in the legislature on the Assembly Floor. AB 26 establishes clear guidelines for police responsibility and accountability when witnessing excessive force by another member of law enforcement. Governor Newsom has until October 10th to sign the legislation.

"Today's vote is a big step forward for police responsibility and accountability," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Instituting these core values are paramount to building public trust that has eroded between law enforcement and communities across California."

California law requires police officers to intercede when observing another officer using

force that is beyond that which is necessary, but there are no universal measures used to determine that an officer has in fact interceded. In the case of George Floyd, a lawyer for one of the accused junior officers argued that there was intervention because the junior officer asked the supervising officer if they should turn Floyd on his side.

If AB 26 becomes law, police officers would be required to intercede when witnessing excessive force under the updated guidelines and report the incident in real time to dispatch or the watch commander. The officer's due process will be protected as the employing agency would review evidence and determine if the offending officer met the standard for intervention. Retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor would be prohibited.

Last year, Governor Newsom's Policing Advisors released their recommendations which included legislation to "Require officers to intervene to prevent or stop other officers from engaging in excessive force, false arrest, or other inappropriate conduct."

"We were outraged when we watched the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer from a knee to the neck," continued Holden. "Equally disturbing, was the lack of intervention from the police officers who witnessed a clear use of excessive force. This lack of action is exactly what my bill addresses, and I look forward to seeing Governor Newsom sign it."

ax by her 20-year-old son. Paramedics arrived and performed lifesaving procedures on the woman to save her life and she was transported to the hospital. A gardener was also attacked but was able to get Honesty.

By George Ogden

Jeremie Street.

BALDWIN PARK - On

Tuesday, Aug. 31 just before

1:00 p.m., a 9-1-1 call to the

Baldwin Park Police reported

that a man with an ax had at-

tacked people, one being his

mother, in the 14900 block of

When police arrived, they

found a 51-year-old woman

with extremely serious injuries

from being hacked up with an

away from the assailant without injuries.

Baldwin Park Man Tries to

Kill His Mother with an Ax,

Victim Critically Injured

Police found Adrian Feregrino, 20, of Baldwin Park still in the area. When they approached him, he put a knife to his own throat and threated to kill himself if police came near him. The man is only 5'5" tall and 110 lbs. but still the a \$2,010,000.00. He has a prepolice used caution. Officers negotiated with the man and were able to talk him into drop-

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ping the knife. He was taken into custody without incident or injuries. The weapons were recovered.

The mother remains in the hospital and there has been no motive for the attempted murder

Feregrino is being held with vious arrest 18 months ago with a \$15,000 bail, but was released with a citation.





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