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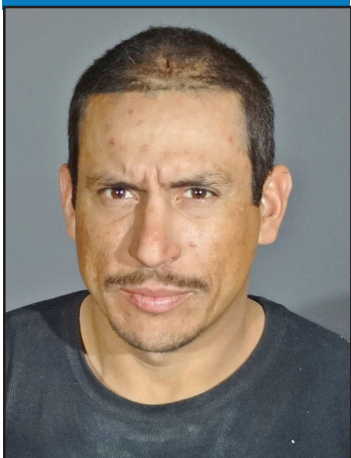
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Music Plays on During School Closure

Diamond Bar High Students Perform Virtual Recital

DIAMOND BAR - When Diamond Bar High's Performing Arts Academy spring recital was cancelled due to COVID-19 school closures, students decided that the music must play on.

The advanced musicians, who were quarantined at home, took to the internet's worldwide stage during a live virtual concert held Wednesday night.

The teens were able to join online rehearsals before the big 8 p.m. performance with the help of industry professionals that provide assistance to the program that boasts 700 students.

"They are working diligently through these tough times to provide much needed opportunities for the kids to express themselves and stay connected," said director Steve Acciani.

Then, through the magic of technology, the first group of students began playing with a flute, clarinet, French horn, oboe, and bassoon if they were in the school's theatre.

Quartet members Alex Hong, Erin Miyahara - euphonium, Patrick Zhang, and Alan Lu - tuba performed a moving



Diamond Bar High Performing Arts Academy members perform virtual recital from their homes on March 25 with an adorable furry fan.

rendition of "It's A Wonderful World" while sequestered in their homes.

A special "furry" guest audience member made an appearance during the finale of the 45-minute concert.

Lu, a sophomore, was joined on the sofa by his trusty golden retriever, Thunder, who was looking for some attention.

In the opening notes, the adorable pet began gently pawing at Lu until he freed a hand from the glistening silver instrument to offer a quick pat on the head.

And then the content companion laid down and appeared

to be listening as the talented foursome played the remainder of the song.

"At first, Thunder didn't enjoy it very much (when I played), but now he's almost always next to me when I'm practicing," Lu said.

"The virtual concert was a lot of fun since it was something new - and it kept me busy for the day!"

The complete concert may be viewed on Facebook at: bit.ly/39pC7d1.

Harbor Freight in Covina Robbed

By George Ogden

COVINA - The Covina police dept., has reported that a man with a handgun robbed the Harbor Freight Tools store in Covina of \$80 Thursday morning, March 26, and then rode away on a bicycle.

No one was injured during the robbery. The police were called and the Covina police responded around 8:30 a.m. After taking the cash, the robber fled the business at 440 E. Arrow Highway near the corner of Hollenbeck.

Police believe the suspect is a local. Some store employees recognized him as being in the store before. He is believed to



Harbor Freight Tools was robbed by an armed suspect.

be a local transient that may have acquired the weapon in a home burglary. Police are reviewing the surveillance recordings to confirm who he is. He is considered armed and dangerous.

Please contact the Covina po-

lice with any information on the identity of the suspect or if you see him or know where he is hanging out. Do not approach this armed suspect. Call police. Dispatch (626) 384-5808; Detectives (626) 384-5622

Managing Screen Time While Kids Are Home From School



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With many kids out of school and spending more time at home, finding ways to fill the time is essential. As most parents know, it can be tempting to allow children to pass some of the extra hours using digital devices, however, research shows that managing screen time is vital for developing minds.

When used in moderation and under parental supervision, devices of course can be incredibly powerful learning and communication tools, and in many cases, they will be vital to kids' continued academic progress while campuses are closed. However, people aren't meant to spend all their time in front of screens, especially kids. Excessive screen time can lead to:

- Impaired mental and physical well-being.
- A loss of quality sleep.
- Impeded impulse control -- for kids, impulse control is already hard enough!
- Poor communication skills (nonverbal cues are learned in face-to-face interaction, not through device-to-device communication).
- Addictive behaviors, and even violent tendencies.
- Vision problems.

• An increased risk of obesity.

With all that said, here are a few ways to manage your children's screen time:

• Create a routine. Post a schedule each morning in a place that's easy for kids to see. Include such items as doing chores, reading books, practicing an instrument, creating artwork, playing in the backyard and any other activity that will help ensure chunks of the day are spent away from screens doing something productive.

• Talk. Be extra proactive about starting conversations with your kids. Check in with them about progress on assigned homework. Ask them how they are feeling. Children are used to being surrounded by fellow students and teachers all day, so be sure to give them opportunities to practice social skills.

• Use tech tools. Every parent knows the struggle of limiting device use. But new tech tools can help you make rules that stick. One such tool is a parental control app called OurPact. To start, parents sign up for a free account. After pairing their child's devices, they're able to manage them remotely through at-a-touch blocking or automated

schedules. Customizable, flexible and easy to use, it's great for setting bedtime schedules, ensuring devices are being used safely and properly, and enjoying ping-free family meals. It works on Wi-Fi and all cellular connections, meaning you can manage access all the time. To learn more or download, visit OurPact.com.

You may be spending more time together as a family these days, which makes this a key opportunity to be a good role model when it comes to proper device use. For example, if you don't want your child to use their device in the middle of dinner, hold yourself to the same rule. (StatePoint)

3 Technologies to Help You Feel Connected to Far Away Loved Ones

When it's not possible to be near loved ones, being connected becomes more important.

Here are three technologies to feel closer to friends and family, wherever they may be:

Stream in Sync

Streaming services like Netflix are introducing new features allowing users to watch programming in sync with their friends. Whether it's the latest episode of your favorite reality game show or a movie you've all been excited to see, now you can host a virtual movie night or watch-party and share your reactions to the show in a real-time chat room.

Keep the Time

A globally-minded timepiece can help you feel more connected by displaying the time of where your friends and family are located. And the Casio Edifice EQB1000 is especially



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informative. The watch's main dial and date display "Home Time" (the time and date in the current location), while an inset dial at 3 o'clock displays "World Time" (the current time in over 300 major cities) in a 12-hour format. Its operations are easily managed via a connected smartphone, and its "Phone Finder" feature causes your phone to sound a tone even if it's in silent mode.

Workout, Together

Have a gym buddy or workout partner who is suddenly remote? New tools can help you motivate one another and

stay fit together, even if you are far apart. Some of the latest stationary bikes and treadmills on the market now allow you to connect to classes and coaches in real-time and have features that allow you to enjoy realistic city and countryside scenery as you sweat. Join the same class as a friend and compete against each other, or take a virtual tour of a city together.

Thanks to new technologies, the world doesn't need to feel so big. Embrace the tools that let you feel close and connected. (StatePoint)

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This is For Reals, People

By Dr. LateBloomer
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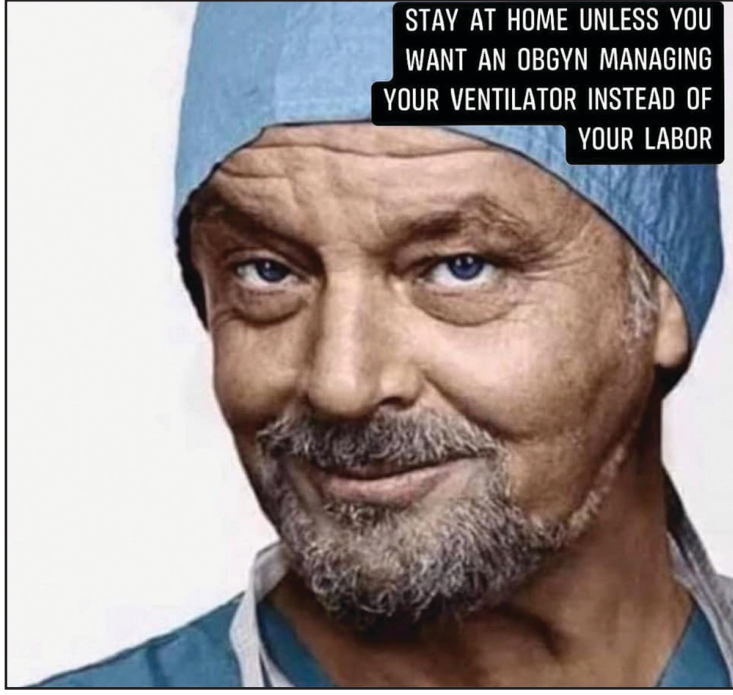
Ever since getting back from SHOT I've been writing articles about the Corona virus that are cautionary but a tad joking. The joking is now over. I am dead serious here when I say, STAY THE F*\$% HOME

Unless you have a mission critical job that requires you to be out and about, you need to isolate yourselves and your families. The more people who catch this virus, the more likely that we will have a healthcare crisis in this country and people literally dying in the hallways of our hospitals - like Italy.

You know how in defensive classes they talk about Normalcy Bias? How you hesitate because you can't believe this is happening? Did that guy really just pull a gun on me? You know how they talk about how important it is to overcome that? It is critical that you do not succumb to normalcy bias now, either. Take action NOW.

There are some memes floating around that hint at the seriousness of the situation - implying that if you don't stay home you might end up with an ob/gyn doing your intubation and ventilator settings, or an ophthalmologist treating your pneumonia. They are joking, but they are also dead serious.

I have been asked multiple times by multiple people if this is overblown. Let me assure you that it is not. While I do not work for the CDC, I have a Master of Public Health degree in addition



to my MD, and studying infectious disease and epidemiology was part of my training.

This numbers game is real. There are only so many ICU beds and ventilators in the country. Even if that can be flexed up, there are still only so many ICU nurses with specialized skills, only so many respiratory therapists, and only so many doctors who are specialized in critical care medicine to go around. (See the above meme)

Even if the Army and National Guard is mobilized, many of those folks are already working their butts off in civilian hospitals. Pulling them to go work their butts off in Camo somewhere else does not help.

Add to that the fact that healthcare workers get sick too. It's not like flu season where the health workers are vaccinated

against what they're treating. We are just as at risk as everyone else, and even more so because of continued exposure.

If/when healthcare workers catch the virus, the available caregiver workforce is reduced even further. So those numbers are reduced just as virus cases are increasing. Do the math.

Even in my own private practice office we are looking at the real possibility of having the entire office closed and quarantined for weeks at minimum if we doctors or any of our office staff become ill. Then we can't serve the community at all. Subtract even more healthcare from the equation.

Add to that the fact that ER doc friends are already saying that they don't have enough N95 masks to protect themselves and are reduced to trying to bleach

and reuse a disposable product. Please do NOT rely on the fact that you yourself may be young and healthy and low risk. You can still give the virus to someone's grandmother, someone's spouse, or a mission critical other person who the country needs right now.

Please take this seriously. Follow the directions from your state and local health departments.

Flatten the curve. Do it NOW - before the spread becomes exponential.

Stay home except for critical activities like food or medicine. Work from home if at all possible. If you are out of work, try to find something productive to do to serve the community from home.

Check on your neighbors - like the older couple next door. WASH YOUR HANDS.

Settle in for the long haul, because it doesn't look like this is going to be over in a month. I'll be back to my usual snarky self soon, but this has been a very stressful week and I wanted to impress upon everyone how important and serious this all is.

Live Long and Prosper.
Dr. LateBloomer is a female general pediatrician who bought her first firearm at the age of 46. She now enjoys many different shooting disciplines including self-defense, IDPA, USPSA, Steel/Rimfire Challenge, 3-Gun, Sporting clays, and is getting started in hunting. She is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment and works to enlighten her medical colleagues whenever possible.

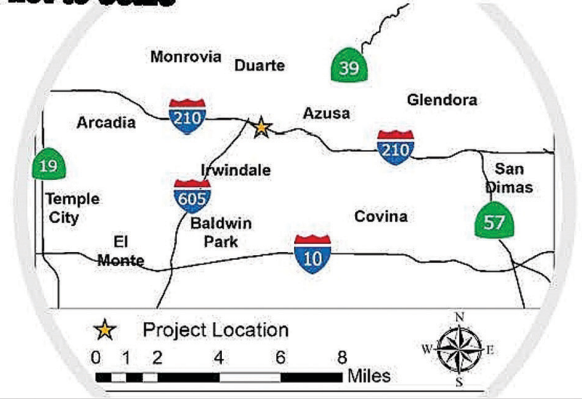


PUBLIC NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING NOTICE

Interstate 210

Caltrans is seeking public comment on a proposal to rehabilitate Interstate 210 in Los Angeles County

Map not to Scale



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation is formally initiating studies for a Bridge Hinge Replacement Project on Interstate 210 (Foothill Freeway) within the City of Irwindale. The San Gabriel River Bridge Hinge Replacement project is within District 7 at postmile 36.8, this work will include demolishing hinge diaphragms at hinge 4 (between piers 4 and 5) and hinge 6 (between piers 6 and 7) as well upgrading the bridge railing to current standards. Alternatives of construction schedules are being considered and could lead to reducing the number of travel lanes for both east and west bound travelers.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

Caltrans is formally initiating studies for this project. Preliminary environmental resource studies and agency coordination have indicated that the resulting environmental document will be an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment that is expected to lead to a Focused Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact (MND/FONSI). The document will focus on the biological resources that are present in the project area and mitigating potential impacts.

WHAT IS SCOPING?

A public scoping notice is to solicit comments from public agencies, private entities, and interested individuals regarding potential social, economic, and environmental issues related to the project. The scoping notice also ensures that these parties are involved early in the environmental planning process.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

You may send your comments by April 24, 2020.

Mr. Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director
California Department of Transportation
Division of Environmental Planning-Project #32520
100 South Main Street - Mail Stop 16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Young Woman's Body in Baldwin Park Motel Identified

By George Ogden

BALDWIN PARK - On Wednesday, March 25, paramedics responded to a call of a person who may have passed away at the Grand Park Inn located in the 13900 block of Francisquito. The boyfriend of the young girl made the phone call in the morning.

Paramedics found a 21-year-old girl and she was not responding. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Baldwin Park Police responded to the scene to start the investigation. The Los Angeles Sheriff Department's homicide detectives will also be involved in the investigation. There was nothing specific in



This is the Motel where the young woman had died.

the way of injuries or trauma seen during the initial investigation.

The coroner's office took control of the body and removed it for further examination. It wasn't until the next day that they released the name

of the young woman. She was identified as Alexandra Lujan, 21 and there was no home town given. The boyfriend was questioned and released pending further questioning.

The coroner's office will conduct an autopsy and do a toxicology examination to see if drugs were involved in the woman's death. There is a possibility that she may have overdosed. If this is the case, then the investigation will turn to the boyfriend to see if he has any culpability in her death.

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- 2 IDENTIFY**
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- 3 REPORT**
If you believe you were a victim of price gouging, contact our department to file a complaint by calling (800) 593-8222 or visit us online at dcba.lacounty.gov.

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Safer at Home

You Can

- Go to the grocery store and order food delivery
- Get medication or supplies
- Go to the bank or post office
- Call a plumber, electrician, or exterminator
- Go to the gas station or auto repair shop
- Ride public transit, walk, bike, and drive

**Always practice social distancing and wash your hands

You Can't

- Host a gathering larger than 10 people
- Hoard supplies or overbuy
- Go to a bar or club, except to take food to go
- Go to a gym, theater, bowling alley, arcade, or music venue
- Dine in at a restaurant
- Go to a playground
- Go to a nonessential retail store or mall
- Put seniors or those with underlying health conditions at risk

Kathryn BARGER

County Launches New Interactive Digital Dashboards, Connecting Residents To Latest Updates On COVID-19 Impacts

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Los Angeles County launched several new digital tools today to help residents access up-to-date information about the COVID-19 pandemic. A suite of new interactive maps and dashboards are now live on the County website, providing—in one place—a digital hub for updates about virus case counts, emergency proclamations, and information regarding openings and closures for parks, recreation sites, and schools throughout Los Angeles County.

The new dashboards track, analyze, and display multiple data sources. They are the result of collaboration between the County's Department of Public Health, Health Services, Parks and Recreation, the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and the Office of Emergency Management. Though the focus is local, the new interactive sites also incor-

porate global data from Johns Hopkins University's COVID-19 tracking map.

"These maps and dashboards are the latest step we have taken to keep the people of Los Angeles County informed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and connected to County services," stated Kevin McGowan, Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. "The amount of information about the virus online can be overwhelming, and the data and updates change minute-to-minute. Our COVID-19 website, and its features including these new interactive tools, are a centralized source of trusted information."

Four new dashboards are now available (covid19.lacounty.gov/dashboards):

1. **Case Count Dashboard:** This map tracks and displays local Los Angeles County COVID-19 cases and deaths. The interactive dashboard allows users to click on a city or community name, zoom to the selected area, and view the total case count for that community, as well as adjacent areas. The dashboard is updated daily with case count data from the Department of Public Health.

2. **Emergency Proclamations Dashboard:** This interactive dashboard displays local emergency

proclamations throughout Los Angeles County. Users can click a city name to see when a local emergency was proclaimed and view the official proclamation. The dashboard links to cities' official websites and is updated as LA County's 88 cities make proclamations.

3. **Parks and Recreation Closures:** This dashboard shows the status of recreation activities, senior programs, and other services provided by County Parks and Recreation. Users can click to find out which services are open, partially closed, or completely closed. The dashboard is updated as services change throughout the County.

4. **School Closures:** This dashboard displays the closure status of the 80 school districts supported by the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). Users can click a district to view schools and enrollment count. It is updated with information from LACOE.

These new dashboards are built on an Esri ArcGIS platform, and are additionally accessible through a mobile version. They are located in the County COVID-19 site's Newsroom section, which also contains videos, photos, links to Incident Reports, and daily summaries created by the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center.

Senator Chang Announces Legislation to Provide Paid Family Leave to All Parents Impacted by School Closures

Legislation Aims to Fill Gaps Left by Recently Enacted Federal Program

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) announced legislation that will expand Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits for all parents caring for children dismissed from school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal government recently enacted emergency leave programs for parents but it is limited and leaves some families without options. Senate Bill 943 will fill gaps in coverage left by the temporary federal programs. Nearly 99% of California's 10,000 schools - responsible for the education of 6 million students - have closed due to COVID-19.

"Federal representatives have stepped up and provided much needed emergency leave for parents, but I'm worried some families will be left behind," said Senator Chang. "School closures are not the choice of parents and we need to ensure everyone is protected from the economic damage COVID-19 is imposing on us all."

Paid Family Leave (PFL) provides benefits to individuals who need to take time off work to care for a seriously ill family member and to parents who need time to bond with a new child. PFL is currently available to those who are in quarantine or who are caring for someone diagnosed with COVID-19. However, PFL benefits are not available to parents who need to stay home to care for a child whose school has closed due to COVID-19. SB 943 will make those parents eligible.

While the Federal government has authorized an emergency leave program it is temporary and leaves some parents out. Some of the families ineligible for the federal program include:

- Parents who work for an employer with 500+ employees;
- Some parents who work for an employer with fewer than 50 employees;
- Any Parent with children displaced from school longer than 3 months;

• Any parent with children displaced from school after December 2020 due to COVID-19 surges (SB 943 currently has a similar sunset date but will be extended).

Currently SB 943 provides eligibility to all parents with children displaced by school closures but will be amended in the coming weeks to target the gaps in the federal program. Senator Chang is also reviewing whether State PFL should be used on top of federal benefits to make families financially whole during the COVID-19 crisis. The federal COVID-19 program permits two-thirds the regular amount of pay and limited to \$200 a day and a total of \$10,000.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and will continue to cause, unprecedented changes for all Californians. Senator Chang supported critical funding as a response to the crisis and will continue to work on mitigating the issues that present in the coming weeks/months.

County Emphasizes Importance of Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Provides Resources and Support

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Taking care of mental health needs and maintaining a sense of connectedness with others is extremely important during the COVID-19 health crisis. The County of Los Angeles continues to provide resources and help to support residents as they follow the Safer at Home health order.

"With the uncertainties surrounding coronavirus and the challenges of managing such significant changes to our daily lives in such a short period of time, it is normal to feel a loss of control, fear for safety, and heightened anxiety," said Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH). "The County is here to help, and we remain available 24/7 with information, resources, and services to address mental health concerns and enhance wellbeing."

The public should be aware of and use the following tips and guidance, provided by DMH and the Department of Public Health (DPH):

- Know the Signs**
Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can be demonstrated as:
- Fear and worry about personal health and the health of loved ones
 - Changes in sleep or eating patterns
 - Difficulty concentrating
 - Worsening of chronic health problems

• Increased use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs

There are some people who may experience stress more acutely during this time. For example:

- Older people and individuals with underlying health conditions who are at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19;
- Health care providers, first responders and other individuals who are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response;
- People with mental health conditions and substance use disorders; and
- Children and teenagers.

Practice Healthy Habits
Individuals feeling confined and claustrophobic under the Safer at Home order should begin and follow healthy routines in order to manage anxiety and stress. The following is a list of helpful tips:

- Connect with loved ones by reaching out virtually: call, text or video chat family and friends;
- Set a limit on media consumption and stay informed by referring to credible sources for updates on the local situation;
- Take care of your body by getting proper sleep, eating well and exercising regularly at home. Try an exercise app;
- Make time to relax. Deep breathing exercises and meditation or yoga can greatly help. Try a meditation app, start a new hobby, or finish projects that have been put off.
- Do not use drugs or alcohol

to numb anxieties.

• Stay focused on your personal strengths and maintain your purpose.

• Join and participate in virtual communities based on your interests and hobbies.

Get Help
The County offers a broad range of services to support you and your loved ones.

• If you are feeling overwhelmed, there is support available 24/7. Call the Department of Mental Health at 1-800-854-7771.

• Visit the Department of Mental Health website for Coronavirus/COVID19 Mental Health Resources

• People struggling with substance abuse can reach out to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 (TTY 1-800-846-8517).

• The Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Mental Evaluation Teams (MET) provide compassionate field intervention in situations involving Sheriff's deputy contacts. MET teams (a deputy with a clinician) service all of Los Angeles County. If you need MET assistance for a mental health crisis, call your local Sheriff's station or law enforcement agency, who will contact the MET Triage Desk.

• Another supportive service is the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (7233) and 800-787-3224 (TDD).

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11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Glendora Home for Sale

GLENDORA - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that you can expect under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale. Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in

terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report

entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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Initiatives to Proceed or Be Negotiated

There was talk of postponing the November election due to the virus, but the response was a definitive ... No, you can't do that! Former Gov. Brown left his footprint on that. That footprint may affect the November 3rd initiatives, most importantly the split roll proposals and how we level property tax on business and the crime initiative.

The California initiative process was created in 1911 to deal with what some felt was the undo influence the railroad lobby was exerting on the legislators. It was then, and through the years since, a way for the public to express their views, concerns and needed amendments to state law, control state law-makers and render an evaluation of the effectiveness and responsiveness of those legislators. The process changed in 2014.

September 27, 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown signed then-Senate President Pro-Tem Darrell Steinberg's legislation, SB 1253, reforming the California initiative system.

First, it allows the proponents of an initiative to withdraw their measure before the election. The reasoning behind that, "...it allows for the possibility of reasoned compromise and a better result between the people's elected government and the people's initiative alternative."

The new process allows the initiative to be amended during a 30-day review period at the start of the process and deleted the previous requirement the Senate and Assembly hold public hearings on each initiative that qualifies for the ballot before the 30th day prior to the election. After the legislative committees have reviewed the proponents' initiative, the proponents have the option of withdrawing the measure before it qualifies for the ballot if they are happy with the legislators' amendments called a "legislative solution". Under the old process, once the initiative with signatures was turned in, it could not be withdrawn or amended.

Two other components of SB 1253 are a requirement for proponents to submit to the Secretary of State 25% of the signatures when reaching that benchmark for verification, and the Secretary of State to post and update regularly, the top 10 donors of the committees in support of the initiative.

There were organizations who



Shade's Perspective
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spoke highly of this reform measure and others who were concerned the original intent of the initiative process was being undercut or destroyed. Wonder which side of that debate Alastair Mactaggart stands on.

Alastair Mactaggart spearheaded a 2018 initiative, California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, giving consumers the right to demand companies divulge what data they have collected on them; the right to demand they not sell or share that data; and, the right to sue companies that violate this proposed law.

Mactaggart spent \$3.5 million of his own money preparing the measure and getting signatures to put the initiative on the ballot. Just before the deadline to withdraw this initiative, Assemblyman Ed Chau (D-Arcadia) popped up with AB 375 that would do almost the same thing. Opponents had given \$2 million to defeat Mactaggart's initiative with promises they would cough up whatever else was needed to defeat Mactaggart's initiative. Companies like Amazon, Facebook, AT & T, all the big money guys lined up to stop it.

Mactaggart pulled the initiative after Brown signed AB 375 saying it would do most of what he was trying to accomplish, guarantee certainty of reform and avoid a spending spree ... Chau said legislators have an obligation to protect privacy rights and his bill would give tech companies legal limits on damage claims. And, unsaid by all, if things don't go the way the tech industries like, they can lobby the legislators to change AB 375. They can't do that with an initiative. So, there we have "a legislative solution" Democrat style, and Alastair Mactaggart is out \$3.5 million.

In another backroom deal that not only caught headlines, but

pictures of Gov. Brown with the beverage industry executives at a dinner party at the Governor's house days before legislation was signed to eliminate the ballot measure proposing to tax sodas and sugary drinks. The initiative would have taxed soda, syrups and powders at \$0.02 per fluid ounce beginning in 2021 and allowed local governments to increase that tax periodically with that revenue going into a children's health fund. The beverage industry amassed \$7 million to fight the initiative, but instead SB 872 was created and prohibited any new local taxes on those beverages until the end of 2030. The ballot measure was pulled, no public votes needed, and we have another "legislative solution."

New changes to our California initiative system with two examples of eliminating the voter from a process intended to do exactly the opposite. We have four ballot measures that have qualified for the November election and one pending that in all likelihood will qualify.

One initiative on eliminating the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Prop 13 safe-guard for business and industrial properties has qualified. That is an initiative to remove the assessed value tax on those properties and tax at market value. There is a second initiative on the same issue circulating because the proponents, I am told, didn't like the first one. They didn't like it or they were "encouraged" to modify their proposal for a better "legislative solution"?

The Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNA Collection Initiative, the proposal to fix the horrendous mistakes made when Prop 47 and Prop 57 were created will be on the November ballot despite Jerry Brown's challenges in court over the number of signatures required. The required number of signatures were submitted, just not in a timely fashion stalled by several county clerks said Attorney General Javier Becerra.

First of all, we need to change out a few things in Sacramento and first up are some of the people there doing our business. Importantly, we need to keep an eye on these ballot initiatives and demand accountability before they disappear from the ballot negotiated away "for our own good."

Maldonado. The one-time Oklahoma gubernatorial candidate and former wildlife park owner, known to fans by the moniker "Joe Exotic," is a self-described "gay, gun-carrying redneck with a mullet." A tiger breeder, he had his own YouTube channel, JoeExoticTV, on which he used to post footage of his wild exploits.

However, his reality today is much different. Maldonado-Passage, 57, is currently serving a 22-year federal prison sentence for two counts of murder-for-hire, eight counts of falsifying wildlife records and nine counts of violating the Endangered Species Act.

The Former Oklahoma wildlife refuge owner Maldonado-Passage, was sentenced Jan. 22, 2020, to 22 years in federal prison for plotting to kill Carole Baskin, a Tampa-based animal rights activist. Maldonado-Passage's feud with Baskin who threatened to put him out of business. His crimes and his career exploits are the subjects of a wildly popular Netflix limited series, "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness."

And... This crackhead was going to lead this world out of this mess. Really?
"That's Just the Way It Is!"

What Now?

While we are all preoccupied with the effects of the you-know-what, the upcoming election lurks in the background. As of now, Joe Biden is coming ever closer to his party's nomination. Nevertheless, "It's not over until the fat lady sings," or in this case until he has nailed down 1991 delegates and the gavel has fallen ending the nominating convention. So allow me to reflect on how I have seen the Democratic candidates still on the ballots.

I have a great deal of respect for Bernie Sanders. He has fought two fierce primary battles and it appears he has now lost both. He has been the champion of America's left out, principally the nation's workers who form the perennial constituency of the world's socialists. His commitment has never wavered. He has one speech and has given it with passion no matter the audience. In doing so he has taken on the very wealthy, Wall Street, and corporations, particularly big pharma. What killed his chances was "Medicare for all," and his label as a democratic socialist. At the same time, he has lost credibility with his repeated angry attacks. While he has professed a desire to unite the country, every speech has fueled the divisions.

Bernie has grounded his campaign on his ability to generate swarms of new voters both from his youth brigade and beyond it. However, while his young audience vigorously has waved Bernie placards, it has failed to get to the polls in sufficient numbers, and there has been no dramatic increase in Bernie's promised swarm of new voters.

Joe Biden looks like a shooin for his party's nomination. He may have a half dozen faults, but



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I believe he is the obvious candidate and should "beat Trump like a drum." He will have the backing of his party and will draw additional support from its departed candidates. Looking at his policies, except for health insurance, they differ only modestly from Bernie's, although he has a less belligerent way to put them.

Both candidates have made serious errors earlier in their careers, and each can point to the blunders of the other. But this nomination cannot be based on bad historic votes, policies or political relationships. At this point both candidates are solid liberals and both support basically identical policies. Both are committed to universal health insurance, while they differ on how to achieve it. Both support organized labor, a higher minimum wage, solid international partnerships, a more just immigration policy and free access to college. Their disagreements are mostly about style, not about substance.

Trump continues to dig his own political grave. A booming economy has appeared to be his only hope. While he has taken credit for it, the boom has been going on for some years, and he has just tagged on to the caboose.

A major correction has been long overdue, and the coronavirus has only triggered the de-masking of Trump's economic costume ball.

Even so, political optimism is a deadly sin and political graveyards are full of the bleached bones of those who felt assured of victory. The trick has been an optimism strong enough to keep the supporters enthused and a pessimism strong enough to keep them working.

Both of these candidates are honorable men. If Bernie wins, Biden will do everything he can to support his effort to defeat Trump. That support will include bringing along the whole Democratic party including its significant funding sources. If Biden wins, I have no doubt that Bernie will be in full support. But here is the problem; Bernie's young army has been told that the Party machine has abandoned them, and having been cut adrift it may be tempted to sit out the election. I have heard from Bernie's supporters that in denying him the nomination the traditional Democratic party will have written off the young left wing, and that could result in another four years of Trump's disastrous Presidency. Keeping these bright young liberals on board may be Bernie's major task. I am convinced that they are not only the future of the Democratic Party, but also the future of the American dream. If you have family or friends in this young army, stay in touch with them.

More is at stake in the coming election than just who occupies the White House. The House, the Senate and the Courts are all up for grabs. Keep working, and that may include a hefty financial contribution.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Play Ball!

By Joe Castillo

Dodger Baseball... On a bright Southern California weekday, the sky was no other color than Dodger Blue as the Dodgers of Los Angeles opened their 2020 season hosting their California rival, the San Francisco Giants. This was to be the season of the first Dodger World Championship season in over 30 years and the missing piece was finally located and ready to join a Dodger lineup which was deemed to the greatest of all-time. Bookie Betts, former American League MVP for the Boston Red Sox, was traded to the Dodgers during the off-season adding a powerful addition to a lineup already loaded with powerful bats. In addition, the Houston Astro and Boston Red Sox cheating scandals gave the Dodgers enough anger to push them on a focused drive to claim a championship which then felt was stolen from them.

First up on the Dodger gravy train was the San Francisco Giants, a second division team which lost its best pitcher, Madison Baumgartner, via free agency. It was a mismatch on paper but it was how the league scheduled the season openers and needed to be played. Nearly 55,000 fans showed up to renew their relationship with a Dodger Dog, peanuts and a cold beverage. Bringing in the Giants also gave the home crowd something to cheer against and it was expected that there would be a lot to cheer against.

Clayton Kershaw, the greatest Dodger pitcher of the 21st century, took the mound for L.A. and started the game with his trademark fastball strike. That was the Dodger highlight for the 1st inning as four Giant hitters, Pence, Posey, Yastrzemski and Belt all got hits and before most fans were even in their own seat, the Giants had built a 3-run lead. The Dodgers nibbled back for 1 in the third on an RBI double by Kiki Hernandez, and then followed with a solo blast by Justin Turner in the fourth. In the seventh,

shortstop Corey Seager delivered an opposite field double, driving in two and putting the Dodgers up 4-3. The Giants seemed ready to roll over after Kershaw, who went 6 strong innings, and Joe Kelley appeared to be in complete control having not allowed the Giants to get a runner past first base since the 3-run uprising in his first.

As the top of the ninth started, Kenley Janson strode to the mound seeking his first save in the first game. His fast ball seemed crisp and accurate especially after he opened with a four-pitch strikeout of Chris Shaw. But leadoff hitter Pence, fouled off a couple of pitches and then drove a sharp line drive down the right field line which Chris Taylor had trouble tracking down leaving Pence at second. A ground-out by Posey put the tying run on third with one-out to go for the opening day win for the Dodgers. But long-time Giant reliever Pablo Sandoval stepped to the plate and banged a 1-1 Janson fastball into the Dodger bullpen to put the Dodgers up 5-4. The Giants poured out of the dugout to greet the Panda Bear as he

popped on home base and the disappointed Dodger crowd belted out a chorus of boos which could be heard all the way to Pasadena.

In the ninth, Cody Bellinger, singled and stole second but Joc Pedersen and Cory Seager could not bring him in to tie the score. It was a disappointing start for the home team, as Betts went 0 for 3, and Jansen struggled like he did last year. But the Dodgers know all too well that the best team will not be determined by the results of the opening game but who will come out on top after a 162-game season is complete. With 161 games to go, the Dodgers have a lot of time to catch up.

Author's Note: As the baseball season, as well as all of the sports world, takes a break from the Coronavirus crises, one can only imagine what may have happened in any sporting event. This is my imaginative story...

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Just Imagine, 10 Years Ago You Were Told...

I couldn't help but chuckle at some information I came across that a good friend sent to me. I will share the bulk of it with you. I will clean it up but all I can say is, "So true, so true."

Imagine if 10 years ago you were approached by a time traveler and he was like "look, I don't have much time to explain, all I can tell you is that in the year 2020 it is going to be an absolute poop show.

You know Donald Trump, the star of the apprentice? Well he's the president of the United States and at the beginning of 2020 he gets into a Twitter beef with Iran that almost starts World War 3, Australia catches on fire and a woman tries to save it by selling pictures of her "boobs".

Sadly, Kobe Bryant passes away in a helicopter crash. Half the world is devastated, the other half just makes messed up memes. A little time passes and just when the world starts recovering from the loss of Kobe some dude in China eats a fricking raw ass bat and starts a global pandemic (panic and epidemic) that specifically targets the human race. Everyone loses their minds. 40% of the population thinks it's the end of the world, another 40% thinks it's all fake and 20% blames the whole

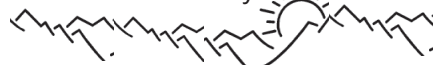


George Ogden
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thing on cell phone towers and Tom Hanks, his wife Rita and his kids. Tom and Rita do have the Coronavirus and tested positive in Australia and are quarantined. According to their kids, they didn't even get sick.

The one thing everyone seems to agree on is that the only way to survive is by hoarding toilet paper. Grocery stores are ransacked and Charmin Ultra-Soft essentially replaces the dollar as the United States official currency. Eventually, as hysteria grows, world governments are forced to shut the entire planet down and lock everyone in their houses and the only person that can keep the people from completely flipping out and starting a huge riot is a gun toting homosexual Oklahoma man with a meth addiction and 180 pet tigers...

This would be Joseph



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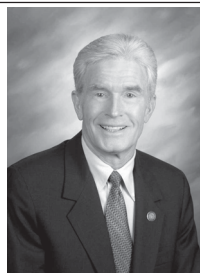
Is The Market Still "Oversold"?

February was the calm before the storm in coronavirus terms. March statistics will likely be far more depressing, pushing the first-quarter GDP figures into negative growth. The current outlook is for worse GDP statistics in the second quarter, pushing us into a recession (two consecutive quarters of negative GDP). Two months ago, there was no sign of any recession in sight. Then the Wuhan coronavirus changed all that. The number of people filing for jobless claims recently is indicative of the degree of shock to the economy. Yes, those were record high claims. But, that's not the only important thing to consider. We should also consider how much that number understates the damage, because a significant number of people could not file (because the system was overwhelmed). Also, and not emphasized enough, the prior record increase in jobless claims was roughly five times smaller than this increase.

Many can't bear the news anymore, it's overwhelmingly negative. This global coronavirus pandemic is ravaging the world. It's infecting over half a million people now, and those are only the ones tested. It's claiming thousands of lives (24,000 as of March 26th). It looks set to claim many thousands more. Coronavirus is halting our global economy, costing jobs, livelihoods, and stoking the flames of fear.

Imagine for a moment all of these "records" set in a very short time: (1) the fastest correction, with the DOW giving back 35% from its Feb. high, before abruptly turning higher by over 20%, (2) the biggest DOW/S&P "loss" ever, (3) the most "up" day for the DOW and S&P since 1933 (March 24), and (4) many thousand point market swings, all within one month! As markets continue to adjust, naturally we all wonder when trading will normalize.

In A Nutshell What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
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Looking at how volatile the markets have been, are we still oversold? USA markets actually went "oversold" on March 18th. But what does that mean? What can we expect? When we go oversold, it means unsustainable selling, and a bounce should follow. But when might we see additional bounces? We saw one tremendous bounce recently, with the DOW and S&P trading higher by over 20%. President Trump wanted desperately to reopen the country by Easter, but that likely will be impossible. What might be doable and appears to be the Administration's current plan will be regional reopening of businesses and related jobs.

With the market coming back (before the economy sees the light at the end of the Coronavirus tunnel), is it still a good time to buy? Before answering that, consider what's happened: Fund liquidations plus general account liquidations/margin calls. I've seen numerous articles this past week about hedge funds getting "roasted" by market volatility. Any way you slice it, five of the top funds alone account for roughly \$250 billion of assets under management, and its common knowledge they use leverage. If they levered 4-to-1, that's \$1 trillion at work. And if they each operated with the assumption that they won't tolerate a drop of -2% in any month, what happens when they lose -20% in a week?

What happens is a frantic race for liquidity. If leverage is em-

ployed, and trades reach their breaking point, margin calls come. A prime broker says, "You need to wire me \$20 million by end of day or we liquidate your positions." A mad scramble ensues, selling anything liquid with a positive P&L in the trade.

Add trillions of dollars of levered derivatives that blow past strike prices, and things became ugly very quickly. Fund melt-downs like the scenario above have been happening. A CNBC article on March 20 ("Clearing firm Ronin Capital unable to meet capital requirements at CME") details a major firm's inability to meet a margin call. There are roughly 10,000 hedge funds in existence. As of Q4 2019, they had \$3.2 trillion under management. The S&P 500 has a market cap of roughly \$24.5 trillion. Levering hedge funds by even a modest two-fold accounts for 25% of the S&P 500. That's how much of an effect these funds can have on the market. This is a fear-induced, technically fueled sell-off seasoned with maximum pain.

Equity values (even after recent partial market recovery) appear "juicy". Naturally we are in for abysmal sales and earnings periods for at least a quarter, maybe even more. However, I suggest focusing on great businesses that can weather the storm, with little debt and lots of cash! That is where value can be found today.

Looking back (in the years to come) today's stocks will appear dirt-cheap! It is difficult to see now (with ongoing global fear as well as the dread of the coming recession); but, the buying opportunity (for those brave investors with cash to invest) appears good to me.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

There are supposed to be a variety of financial help from the government, if you qualify, if you've been affected by this Pandemic. Nothing's free! What's the catch?

We're all wondering that! For example: if you don't pay your rent, or your mortgage, how will that affect your credit scores, your ability to move to a different rental, get a purchase or refinance mortgage? Will the amount the government gifts to each individual or family be taxed? As more details become available, I'll do my best to pass my understanding of this information to you here in this column.

I ordered some gloves and masks online. I did not receive a confirmation. The correct amount showed up as a charge on my credit card, and now a whole list of other charges is appearing from the same company for stuff I didn't order! Help!

Contact your credit card company immediately. You should be able to freeze or cancel that credit card, and be refunded the fraudulently charged amounts. Change your log-in and password for that card. Use a different log-in and password for each of your financial entities (cards, banks, credit unions, bill pay sites, online stores, etc.).

If Covid-19 doesn't stop, how can I get my Real ID driver's license by the October deadline?

Homeland Security has extended the deadline by one year, to October 2021.

We owe taxes, but we don't



Julia Yoder
have the money to pay now. What can we do?

The IRS moved the income tax due date from April 15 to July 15, 2020. Check with your State (California is fb.gov) to confirm whether or not they moved their due date to match the IRS due date. If you still cannot pay on, or before, July 15, file your completed tax returns on time, or before, and select a payment plan. The penalty for filing on time, but paying late, is far less severe than the penalty for filing late when you owe.

With the stock market ups and downs, is it time for me sell my stocks?

You've heard the saying, "Buy low. Sell high." If you sell now, you will stop further losses, but you'll be selling at "going-out-of-business sale" prices. Stock Market traders say that now is the time to buy, while prices are lower than normal. Take a look at the stock market over a longer period of time to get a better perspective of the stock market ups and downs. Get some personalized advice from a financial pro-

fessional or two.

Where can I find preparedness information for this pandemic and for earthquakes?

Free information is available on the Federal Emergency Management Agency website: www.FEMA.gov. Additional information is available on the CDC site. As of March 27, there have been 7 major quakes along the Pacific Ring of Fire. Due to Covid-19, we have become much more aware of what we need to have for disaster preparedness. Imagine our current situation of quarantines and difficulty finding certain goods at the grocery stores, and add to it power outages, phone towers down, and no internet. California is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, has some really major fault lines, and has a huge shoreline that can be severely damaged by a large surge or tsunami. Use precautions and plan ahead when you go out to get supplies. Take advantage of the many companies and grocery stores offering online ordering, with either pick up, or home delivery.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to California small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

"Offering support and disas-

ter relief is a critical government function," stated Kevin McGowan, Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. "The devastating economic impact of COVID-19 is palpable. There is a great need for economic support during the coronavirus disaster, and SBA federal disaster loans are an excellent resource for small business owners."

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA's Bus-

iness Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is December 16, 2020.

For information about available SBA resources and services, visit: SBA.gov/coronavirus.

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The Department of Public Social Services is aware of the financial impact that the Coronavirus is having on the health and financial well-being of County of Los Angeles residents, leaving thousands unemployed or underemployed. The department has provided the below resources to help residents who may be experiencing financial challenges due to the pandemic:

If you have had your hours cut, been furloughed, or laid off:

If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down operations due to COVID-19, you can file for unemployment insurance. If you are expecting to return to your job after the dust settles, you do not have to be actively seeking new work during the outbreak. But you

must be "able and available to work" to get these benefits, which generally range from \$40-\$450 per week for up to six months. <https://edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/>

If you are currently sick with the coronavirus or have been exposed:

Individuals who are unable to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional) can file a Disability Insurance (DI) claim.

Disability Insurance provides short-term benefit payments to eligible workers who have full or partial loss of wages due to a non-work-related illness, injury, or pregnancy. Benefit amounts are approximately 60-70 percent of wages (depending on income) and range from

\$50 - \$1,300 a week. <https://edd.ca.gov/Disability/>

If you are caring for someone else who is sick:

Californians who are unable to work because they are caring for an ill or quarantined family member with COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional) can file a Paid Family Leave (PFL) claim.

Paid Family Leave provides up to six weeks of benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of wages because they need time off work to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a new child. Benefit amounts are approximately 60-70 percent of wages (depending on income) and range from \$50-\$1,300 a week. <https://edd.ca.gov/Disability/>

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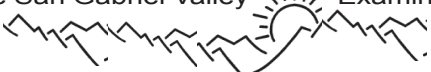
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Around the Valley & Senior News

LA County Alerts Public About Increasing Covid-19 Scams, Warns Of Fraudulent Websites, Emails And Donation Requests

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County residents are reminded of several fraud schemes designed to prey on the vulnerable in the midst of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Reports of malicious websites, email schemes, and suspicious links have come to the attention of law enforcement and public officials.

"Malicious actors can prey upon those that are distracted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and use it to their advantage," stated Los Angeles County Chief Information Officer William Kehoe. "The public needs to be mindful and careful, and avoid websites, phishing emails, and scams that engage people through false information about the health crisis, and steal personal user information and data. By clicking on fraudulent weblinks, hackers can deliver malware and then gain access to passwords, browsing information, credit card numbers, and other personal information. We all need to stay vigilant."

Currently, there are several Coronavirus tracking and mapping sites that are actually malware websites. Instead of click-

ing on these links, cybersecurity experts advise that website users should instead hover over the link to verify the uniform resource locator (URL) before moving forward. Online hackers may also send users emails from fraudulent accounts impersonating official websites and doctors, or offering medical supplies and services.

A trusted COVID-19 mapping resource is the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Global Map, which can be found at coronavirus.jhu.edu. Additionally, there are several websites the County of Los Angeles recommends for accurate, up-to-date information on COVID-19. The following is a list of sites:

- County of Los Angeles: covid19.lacounty.gov
- County of Los Angeles Public Health: publichealth.lacounty.gov
- California Department of Public Health: cdph.ca.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov

As residents in Los Angeles County practice "Safer at Home" directives, they are spending more time at home and online.

Scammers are also taking advantage of this change in circumstances by reaching out door-to-door asking for donations and fundraising contributions through cash, Bitcoin, or Paypal. The County of Los Angeles reminds residents that they are not required to open their door, and encourages everyone to not feel intimidated by a false sense of urgency to answer door-to-door solicitations.

The following is a list of safety tips the public can follow:

- Avoid online advertising offers related to COVID-19
- Decline door-to-door solicitations claiming COVID-19 fundraising
- Do not click on emails and attachments that you do not recognize
- Visit trusted websites for COVID-19 related information

Everyone should remain vigilant and take these steps to avoid being victimized by malicious scammers trying to profit from the COVID-19 crisis. If you believe you have been scammed, contact your bank immediately and report the information to local law enforcement.

LA County Library Offers Temporary Digital Library Card

Customers Can Access eResources, Including eBooks, Movie Streaming, and Online Classes

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Due to COVID-19 precautions, all of LA County Library's 86 locations are currently closed to the public through March 31, 2020. Due dates for borrowed materials have been automatically extended, no late fines will be assessed, and customers can return materials when the Library reopens.

In an effort to make access to all of the Library's digital resources more easily available to Los Angeles County residents, including those who do not currently have a library card, LA County Library is offering a temporary digital card, valid for 90 days. To sign up for a temporary digital card, LA County residents can visit LACountyLibrary.org/library-cards.

The digital card provides users access to all of the Library's digital offerings, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV, homework help, online classes, and more, including

but not limited to:

- OverDrive and Libby- Place holds on and borrow up to 15 eBooks and audiobooks. No need to worry about returns – eBooks automatically expire at the end of the lending period.
- Kanopy - Stream independent, international, classic, and documentary films, with 10 play credits per month. Enjoy temporary unlimited access (through mid-April) to Kanopy for Kids with educational content like Sesame Street and Arthur.
- Hoopla - Borrow up to 8 eBooks, audiobooks, movies, or TV shows per month.
- RB Digital - Download popular magazines including US Weekly, Vogue, Vanity Fair, Wired, Newsweek, Rolling Stone, and more.
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over 20 languages with free, self-paced classes, plus ESL courses in Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, and more.

• Brainfuse - Get online tutors daily from 12 – 10 pm for K to college students and adult learners. From math to science, resume to essay review, and GED to citizenship prep, there's a tutor for you!

After signing up, customers will receive an email with a library card and PIN number within one business day. These credentials can be used to access all the eResources noted above. The card enables checkouts of and access to digital materials only; customers will not be able to borrow physical materials or place them on hold.

For more information about Coronavirus and Library resources, including Express Holds Pickup offerings at select libraries, visit LACountyLibrary.org/coronavirus.

Forest Service Closes Developed Recreation Sites Until April 30

ARCADIA - USDA Forest Service appreciates the public's interest in outdoor recreation, particularly in light of current events. The Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service, in response to the recent statewide shelter-in-place order issued by the Governor of California, is joining the cause to aggressively mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by closing developed recreation facilities on our National Forests statewide.

"Developed recreation sites" refers to designated recreational use areas designed to facilitate public use. Information on individual recreation sites and opportunities are available from local National Forests.

Closures of developed recreation facilities are being put in place until at least April 30th in

an attempt to avoid groups of people and promote social distancing of staying more than six feet apart.

While designated recreation sites will be closed, the general Forest area including the extensive trail system will remain open and available to the public. Hiking and walking outdoors are widely considered beneficial to maintaining one's health. It is the intent of USDA Forest Service to maintain trail access to the extent practicable. The Angeles will continue to monitor usage as the situation evolves, access is subject to change.

Please keep health, safety and the environment in mind when visiting National Forests. Your personal responsibility is critical to ensuring public safety and preventing further restrictions. We

ask that you consider whether your personal participation in outdoor recreation at this time would pose an unnecessary risk to others as we all work together to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Citrus College Extends Remote Education For Remainder Of Spring 2020 Semester

GLENDORA - Citrus College will continue to provide remote/online instruction and student support services through the remainder of the spring semester (June 12, 2020).

The physical college campus will remain closed during this time. Additionally, counseling, library services and student support services have transitioned to a remote/online format.

While there are no known cases of COVID-19 related to Citrus College, this decision was made out of an abundance of caution. The goal of the institution remains to ensure the health and safety of the college and broader community, while also continuing to provide students with quality instructional programs.

"Many necessary measures and logistical factors have been addressed to allow Citrus College to continue delivering re-

L.A. County Beaches Temporarily Closed

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In an effort to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Los Angeles County closed all beaches to the public, says Supervisor Janice Hahn.

"The crowds we saw at our beaches last weekend were unacceptable," said Supervisor Hahn. "In order to save lives, beaches in LA County will be temporarily closed. I understand that this is a huge sacrifice for everyone who enjoys going to our beaches. But we cannot risk another sunny weekend with crowds at the

beach spreading this virus. This closure is temporary and we can always reopen these beaches when it is safe to do so."

The public health order signed by LA County Public Health Officer Dr. Muntu

Davis, is effective immediately and applies to all LA County beaches, beach bathrooms, piers, promenades, and beach bike paths. In addition it incorporates previously announced closures of public trails.

Fighting Men Chases Robbery Suspect

By George Ogden

COVINA - On Monday, March 23, around 6:30 p.m., a fist fight between two subjects was going on in the 1900 block of E Cienega Blvd in Covina. During the fight a suspect vehicle stopped in the number 2 lane and a suspect exited from the passenger side of the SUV. The suspect was unknown to the parties who were fighting, and has never been seen before. The suspect ended up stealing a necklace (by force) off of the neck of a witness to the fight. The suspect then fled back to the vehicle. Both fighters seeing what happened came to the aid of the victim and both went after the suspect in the vehicle. The fighting men giving chase on foot and got to the passenger door and attempted to pull the robber from the vehicle. A fight broke out between one of the original fighters and the robber. The victim also joined in trying to get the property back. Then

all of a sudden, the robber from the SUV pulled out a semiautomatic weapon and shot at the victim. It was later determined it was a 9mm handgun because of shell casings left at the scene.

The robbery now turned into an attempted murder case. The suspect fired twice at the victim who was one of the original fighters. The shots hit the victim in the arm. The suspect returned to the SUV and the driver started to drive away. During that time, the victim was able to hit and smash the rear window of the SUV which could help in identifying the vehicle. The suspects fled eastbound on Cienega Blvd., and then south on Sunflower Ave. The suspects are considered to be armed and extremely dangerous.

Contact Detective Gonzales at (626) 384-5622 or via email at dgonzales@covinaca.gov with any information on the identity of suspect or the suspect's vehicle.

DUSD's Central Office And School Offices Closed To The General Public

DUARTE - In compliance with the "social distancing" directives issued by local, county, and state public authorities to curb the further spread of COVID-19, Duarte Unified School District's central office located at 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA, and all school offices will be closed to the general public effective Thursday, March 26, 2020, through May 4, 2020, unless a determination is made to re-open at a later date based on a re-evaluation of the situation.

During this time, the district will continue to provide essential services including distance learning and the provision of free Grab-n-Go meals for children in the community ages 18 and under from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Andres Duarte Arts Academy, Maxwell Academy, and Royal Oaks STEAM Academy on a daily basis, Monday-Friday.

As essential service providers, district and school staff will continue to work remotely, except for identified employees needed to provide on-site support during designated hours to assist our students, parents, and staff. District Departments will also continue

to operate with modified services to minimize in-person contacts.

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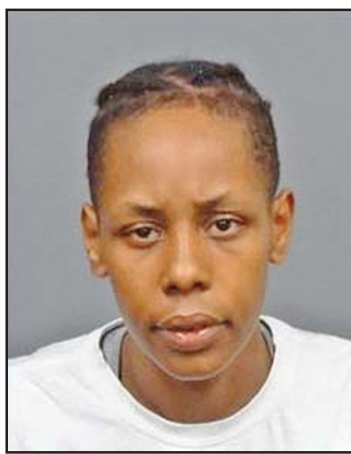
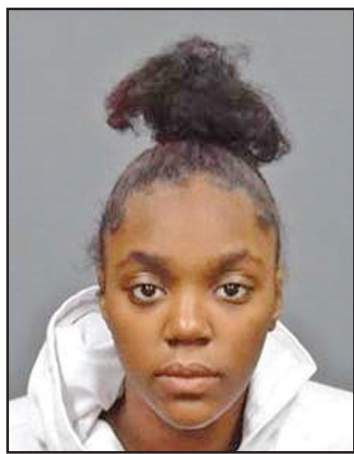
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West Covina Burglary Suspects Arrested



Suspect Lauder (Driver)

Suspect Cook (Passenger)

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On March 24, at 10:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in progress. When the officer arrived at the residence, he witnessed two individuals wearing hoods and masks coming out of the residence. They got into a vehicle took off from the area.

The officer attempted to follow them and then attempted a traffic stop. The suspects failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit entered a construction area and became unsafe. Other officers were responding to the area, but it was reported

that they terminated the pursuit for safety reasons. Since other officers were in the area, they could patrol the area and be on the lookout for the suspect's vehicle and the suspects themselves.

As more units came into the area, they were able to locate the vehicle which had stopped and was parked. Most likely they were trying to blend in with other parked vehicles in the area.

The officers detained two subjects, Lauder, the driver and Cook who was the passenger. It was determined that they were the burglary suspects and were arrested.

El Monte Man Extradited from Mexico for Charges of Killing Wife, Unborn Child

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - An El Monte man has been returned to Los Angeles to face charges of murdering his pregnant wife in 2018, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has announced.

Octavio Curiel Martinez faces one count each of murder, murder of a human fetus, attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited structure and assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury as well as two counts each of assault with a firearm, injuring a spouse and child abuse.

Martinez also is charged with three misdemeanor counts of cruelty to a child by endangering health, faces a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders and allegations of using a handgun.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Case KA118996 was filed for warrant and extradition on Sept.

5, 2018.

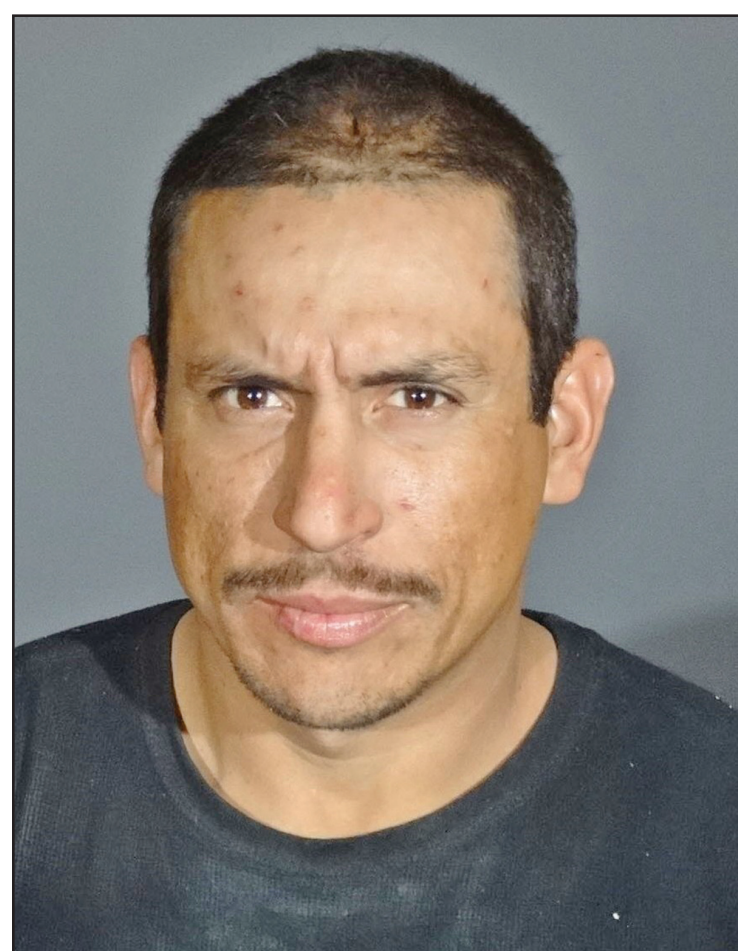
Martinez reportedly shot Ana Nuñez, 37, at her El Monte home on Aug. 29, 2018. Nuñez and her unborn fetus both died as a result, prosecutors said. The defendant then allegedly drove to his parent's El Monte house and shot at his father and mother while two children were inside the residence, prosecutors added. None of those victims were injured.

The defendant fled the country after the killings. Martinez was arrested in Mexico on June 8, 2019, and extradited to Los Angeles on January 3.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley of the Victim Impact Program is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the El Monte Police and Los Angeles County Sheriff's departments.



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Dates: March 23, 2020 - April 3, 2020
Days: Monday - Friday (Daily)
Times: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Drive-thru and walk-up meal service will be available at three locations:

- Andres Duarte Arts Academy**
1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA 91010
- Maxwell Academy - IB World School**
733 Euclid Avenue, Duarte, CA 91010
- Royal Oaks STEAM Academy**
2499 Royal Oaks Drive, Bradbury, CA 91008

Please be aware that there is no need for any numbers or names to be given. It is preferred that the children be present to receive their meals, but it is not necessary, especially if they are sick. Also, walk-up service will be offered, but we ask that meals are not eaten on the premises per the "social distancing" protocols we are following to limit group gatherings.

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

There will be **NO citywide overnight parking enforcement in response to the current situation involving the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)**

We will likely resume overnight parking enforcement on **Monday, May 4 at 2:00am**
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COVID-19 Vaccines

While the entire world is getting suffocated by frightening news on COVID-19 everyday, the first clinical trial on COVID-19 vaccines begun in Seattle, Washington State few days ago. The phase 1 human trial created by NIH (national Institute of Health) and a company called Moderna commenced by vaccinating 45 healthy and young volunteers at a Kaiser Research Center in Seattle. This marks the beginning of a lengthy process that has given us a glimmer of hope in this current crisis. If fast-tracked as promised, we should have a vaccine against COVID-19 in a few months. The seroprevalence studies measuring the antibodies would begin soon in order to gauge the response to the vaccine. We, the ID specialists are hoping that the vaccine would trigger some lasting immunity to the virus. We also formulated a plan to treat the confirmed cases of COVID-19 with malaria medications called Chloroquin and Hydroxycloquin which are relatively inexpensive medicines. We plan to combine them with Azithromycin (antibiotic and anti-inflammatory medication) while monitoring for side effects in deserving patients. There are other expensive options such as Remdesivir and Tocilizumab for



Dr Deepthi Jayasekara

most severe cases with pulmonary complications. There are randomized clinical trials which have shown promising results with these medications so far. In the meantime, the doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers continue to work tirelessly to save lives of the patients who are hospitalized with COVID-19, specially the most vulnerable such as people over 65 years, immunocompromised patients and those with pre-existing illnesses. About 85% of the patients we test with RT-PCR swabs have been negative for COVID-19 in California and we do those tests out of abundance of caution. It's hard to gauge the pre-test probability amid current confusion and panic, but

we are doing better everyday. I urge you to learn a lesson from China, Italy and Iran although we are ahead of the curve with our day-to-infection control practices and a standard of governance compared to those country. let's all keep our focus on practicing social mitigation/distancing, proper hand hygiene, facial hygiene, respiratory etiquettes and let's stay home when you are sick. Avoid discretionary travel as requested by the government. While hunkered down at home, let's also think of the people who really need our assistance and extend a helping hand when appropriate. Also remember there are Meditation Apps which can guide you to stay calm in a crisis situation like this. Don't forget to pick up the phone and reach out to your friends and family members.

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Los Angeles County Health Officer Issues New Orders Directing Self-Quarantine And Self-Isolation

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – On March 25, 2020, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the Los Angeles County healthcare system from being overwhelmed, the LA County Health Officer has issued two new separate orders:

- Self-quarantine of anyone exposed to an individual diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19.
- Self-isolation of anyone diagnosed with or showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of being in close contact with a person who had or was believed to have COVID-19.

These new Orders ensure that individuals who test positive for COVID-19, and those who are told by a clinician they are presumed to be positive for COVID-19 are required to self-isolate for a period of at least 3 days without symptoms, including being fever free without taking medicine, and 7 days since symptoms started, whichever is longer. Additionally, those who have been in close contact with someone who is positive or presumed positive must quarantine themselves for 14 days from the last time they had contact with the ill person.

Self-Quarantine Order (Exposed)	Self-Isolation Order (Diagnosed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for anyone exposed to a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19. • You must stay in quarantine for 14 days from the last time you had contact with the ill person. • You cannot leave your place of quarantine for all 14 days. • Only exception to leave quarantine is to receive medical care. • If you develop even mild COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate at home and away from others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for anyone diagnosed with or showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of being in close contact with a person who had or was believed to have COVID-19. • Self-isolation period must last at least 3 days without symptoms, including being fever free without taking medicine, and 7 days since symptoms started, whichever is longer. • Notify anyone you've had close contact with while symptomatic to self-quarantine themselves. • Only exception to leave self-isolation is to receive medical care.

There are key differences between self-quarantine and self-isolation. Here's what the new orders mean for you.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19, and those who are told by a clinician they are presumed to be positive for COVID-19 are required to self-isolate for a period of at least 3 days without symptoms, including being fever free without taking medicine, and 7 days since symptoms started, whichever is longer. Additionally, those who have been in close contact with someone who is positive or presumed positive must quarantine themselves for 14 days from the last time they had contact with the ill person.

"It is critically important that everyone adheres to all the social distancing measures and practice good public health hygiene, including washing hands as frequently as possible," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of the L.A. County Department of Public Health. "Individuals covered by these Orders should still con-

tact their providers to get advice if they feel their symptoms are worsening."

Los Angeles County is relying on its residents to respect and follow these health orders without enforcement by peace officers out of caution for their own health and safety and that of the greater community. Residents' cooperation with the health orders is critical as we work to flatten the curve and move beyond the pandemic.

Los Angeles County Business And Worker Disaster Help Center Opens

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Departments of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) and Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) are proud to announce the launch of the new L.A. County Business and Worker Disaster Help Center, a new centralized call center and website providing free, one-on-one counseling and

support for business owners and workers who have been adversely affected by the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 emergency.

Whether you are a business owner struggling to keep your doors open or a worker who's uncertain about their next paycheck, L.A. County now has a single location where you can get immediate help, tailored to your situation. You can get assistance from the L.A. County Business and Worker Disaster Help Center in the manner that's most convenient to you:

- Telephone: (833) 238-4450

- Online: LACountyHelpCenter.org
- Email: DisasterHelpCenter@lacounty.gov
- Social media: @LACHelpCenter on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram

The Business and Worker Disaster Help Center, operated jointly by DCBA and WDACS, is open to answer calls Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. With the support of our County partners, the Help Center is staffed with dedicated, helpful, and multilingual support.

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