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New Official Photo Featuring All-Woman LA County Board of Supervisors Unveiled

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors unveiled the official photo featuring an all-women Board of Supervisors for the first time since the Board's inception in 1852.

The official Board photo features newly elected Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell who will represent the Second District, a position previously held by Mark Ridley-Thomas for 12 years.

It also features Supervisor Hilda L. Solis front and center as she will lead the Board in the coming year as Chair.

"This is history—or, better yet, herstory," said Chair of the Board Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor for the First District. "We've shattered a glass ceiling right here in Los Angeles County. For girls and women everywhere, this demonstrates that no dream is too big. At a time when we are facing so much uncertainty, I'm thankful for colleagues who are committed to investing in communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, fighting homelessness, creating affordable housing, assisting women-owned small businesses, and bolstering our safety net programs. The pandemic has hit women and children



Photo credit: Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors

Official photo featuring an all-women Board of Supervisors - Holly J. Mitchell, Sheila Kuehl, Hilda L. Solis, Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger. The image backdrop represents all five districts blended to symbolize a united County.

the hardest—the economic toll, particularly on mothers of young children, will take immense focus to overcome. We know that women legislators introduce and pass more legislation dealing with issues related to women and children. That will be even more true now in Los Angeles County with five female Supervisors. Each one of us have our own unique talents and interests, but we'll come together to meet the needs of the 10 million people

who call Los Angeles County home. Women are rising, and I look forward to continuing to work alongside compassionate, strong, and intelligent women in this new era for Los Angeles County."

"It is an honor to serve alongside this dynamic group of leaders. Yes, our entirely women-led board is historic and so is this moment, when our residents need government to serve like never before. We each bring a unique lived experience, expertise and understanding of what's at stake for our constituents, and all of this prepares our board to guide LA County through these unprecedented times," said newly elected Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.

The image of the five-women Supervisors not only captures a historic moment in the Board's history, but also symbolizes possibilities for the future of Los Angeles County.

"Women in positions of political power often pay more attention to the real life needs of women and children, which creates help for everyone in our

communities," said Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor for the Third District. "I look forward to working with this all-woman Board knowing that our work together will help address historic inequities that have made it hard for women to keep their heads above the poverty line, feel safe in their homes and communities, and meet the twin challenges of work and family."

"I grew up seeing my dad, the original Supervisor Hahn, serve on this powerful board of five men," said Janice Hahn, Supervisor for the Fourth District. "Serving on a board of five women means a lot to me personally, but what I want most out of this historic moment is for girls and young women to see us and know that they are full of potential. Being a woman is not a disadvantage in leadership—it is an asset."

"It's a privilege and honor to have been re-elected to the Board of Supervisors. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with my colleagues as we work to ensure the safety and well-being of all Los Angeles County residents,"

said Kathryn Barger, Supervisor for the Fifth District who was re-elected for a second term.

The new iconic and historic Board photo also marks a few other firsts. With social distancing rules in place, the Board photo was put together as a composite instead of an in-person group photo for the first time in the Board's history.

The white ensemble worn by the Board is also a tribute to another historical moment this year—the 100th anniversary of the formal adoption of the 19th Amendment into the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. The image backdrop represents all five districts blended to symbolize a united County.

"We are thrilled to be able to share an image that captures the essence of true leadership and a historic time for the Board," said Celia Zavala, Executive Officer of the Board. "Los Angeles County residents will get to know each one of these incredible women as people they can count on to lead us during these critical times."

VFW Post Gets Donation from "Here to Help" Organization

By Staff Writer

WEST COVINA - The VFWs are struggling to survive. They have been basically closed down by the government and the ability to rent their halls and to open their cocktail lounges have been compromised. They are a private operation open to the members of the veteran's club. The West Covina Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8620 is no exception and is also having a hard time.

With the issues imposed on the Veterans organizations, Kevin Glasty became aware of this and reached out to the VFW. He has a 501c organization, "Here to Help" that helps out in the communities. He came and visited the post, talked with the commander and he wanted to put on a fundraising program to help out the VFW. The plan was to have a program at various gyms to raise money for the post. It was a successful fund raiser for the event.



Kevin Glasty presents a check to VFW Commander George Ogden. Kevin came by the VFW and presented a check to the Commander of the VFW.

Here to Help is dedicated to supporting local youth and their families in the Covina and West Covina areas. Their 501c3 non-profit organization is dedicated to having a direct and immediate impact by providing a variety of community support services. Here to Help is a true non-profit.

All donations are used towards the local community and to support the Here to Help non-profit 501c3 organization. All staff, board members, and volunteers are not paid or compensated financially and 100% of the proceeds are allocated to their projects designed to have an immediate direct impact on families and youth in our Covina and West Covina area.

California Emerging Technology Fund Donates 500 Chromebooks for AUSD Students



CETF partners with AUSD to close the "Digital Divide" by providing devices to students.

AZUSA - Internet-ready devices and internet connectivity have been vital for Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) students to fully engage in Distance Learning. Thanks to a donation from the California Emerging Technology Fund, 500 Azusa Unified students now have a brand-new Chromebook to call their own.

The California Emerging Technology Fund provides leadership statewide to close the "Digital Divide" by accelerating the deployment and adoption of broadband to unserved and underserved communities and populations.

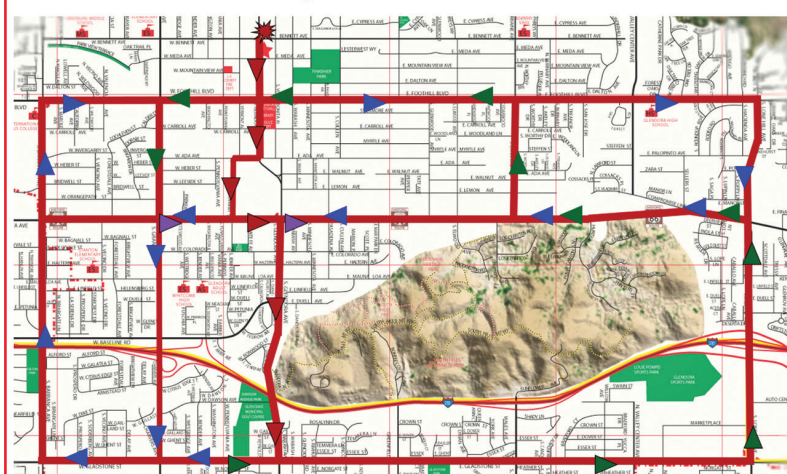
Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Dr. Dayna Mitchell, said, "This is a significant gain for AUSD students.

These Chromebooks are a valuable tool for our students in distance learning but they will also serve students for years to come."

AUSD students who need a District issued Chromebook or do not have access to the internet can call the District Office at 626-967-6211 to receive assistance.

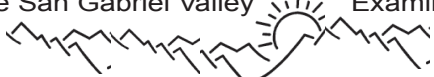


Saturday, December 12th 9am to 10am



Santa's Route

- * Start on Glendora Ave & Bennett
- * South on Glendora Ave to Ada
- * Ada West to Vermont
- * South on Vermont to Route 66
- * East on Route 66 to Glendora Ave
- * South on Glendora Ave to Gladstone
- * West Gladstone to Barranca
- * North Barranca to Foothill
- * East on Foothill to Lone Hill
- * South Lone Hill to Route 66
- * West on Route 66 to Grand
- * South on Grand to Gladstone
- * East on Gladstone to Lone Hill
- * North on Lone Hill to Route 66
- * West on Route 66 to Lorain
- * North on Lorain to Foothill
- * West on Foothill to Grand
- * South on Grand to Route 66
- * East on Route 66 to Glendora Ave
- * END



Glendora Police Seek Public's Help To Identify Armed Robbery Suspect



Suspect is described as a male Hispanic, in his early 20's, about 5'8" tall, with a thick build.



Suspect is possibly driving a late 90's red, 4-door vehicle, possibly a Toyota Camry, peeling paint on the hood and trunk, tinted windows.

GLENDORA - Glendora Police Detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect in two separate armed robberies that have occurred over the past two weeks in the City of Glendora.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at about 5:19 p.m., the first victim was walking in a residential neighborhood when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect brandished a semi-automatic handgun. He demanded the victim's wallet and cell phone, which the victim gave up immediately before running away.

On Wednesday, November

25, 2020, at about 4:56 p.m., the second victim was exiting her vehicle on a residential street when she was approached by the suspect, who displayed a handgun and demanded her purse, which he eventually took from her.

The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, in his early 20's, about 5'8" tall, with a thick build. He is possibly driving a late 90's red, 4-door vehicle, possibly a Toyota Camry. There is peeling paint on the hood and trunk, tinted front and rear windows, a thin chrome bar on the grille, and the first digit of the California license

plate is possibly a "7."

We are asking the public for any information they may have related to these crimes, or any information they may have about the below pictured person of interest, or the whereabouts of the below pictured vehicle.

Although neither victim was injured, we ask that you do not approach the suspect, as he is considered Armed and Dangerous.

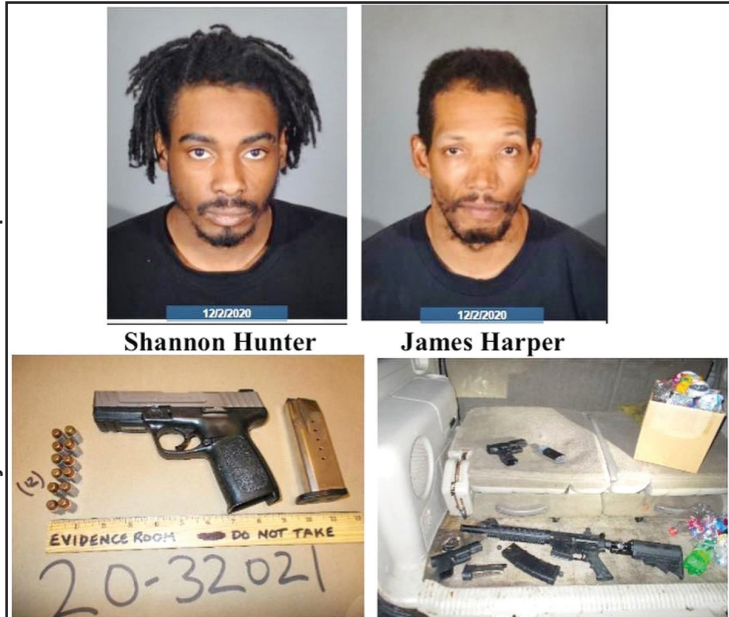
Please call the Watch Commander at (626) 914-8250 or email Detective Mike Howell at mhowell@glendorapd.org if you have any information.

Home Invasion Suspects Arrested by Covina Police

PR by Detective Ken Counts

COVINA - On December 1st at approximately 11:38 pm Covina Police Officers responded to a call in the area of 600 S Calvados St regarding a prowler at a residence there. Upon arrival, officers discovered two armed men (Shannon Hunter and James Harper) wearing marked "security" clothing, badges, and tactical style vests, had forced entry into the residence and attempted to take money from the resident(s) before they fled as police began to arrive. Further investigation revealed the victim worked for a marijuana dispensary in Rowland Heights, and was an employee who had been recently fired. The victim went to the dispensary to collect their final paycheck, and also stole approximately \$6,000.00 from the business while there. The business owner sent Hunter and Harper, posing as security guards, to

Photo courtesy of the Covina Police Dept.



recover the stolen money.

Assisting officers located Hunter and Harper in a vehicle as they fled the area. Both men were arrested for residential burglary, and home invasion robbery. Hunter, a prior convicted felon, was also charged for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Other firearms, and replica firearms, were lo-

ated in the get-away vehicle belonging to Harper.

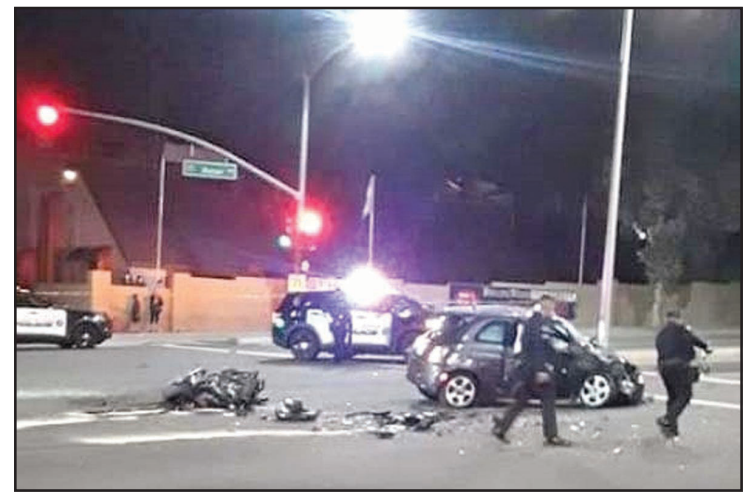
Any information regarding this crime, please contact Covina Police Department Detective Preciado (626) 384-5622, or Crime Stoppers (800) 222-TIPS (8477). Refer to Covina PD Incident #20-32021.

Fatal Motorcycle Crash in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Just after 6 p.m. on Friday night, Dec. 4th, first responders were called to a crash scene involving a car and motorcycle. This was at the intersection of Amar and Westport in West Covina. When they arrived, they found that a motorcycle hit a Mini Cooper at a high rate of speed.

It appears that the Mini Cooper was in the left turn pocket heading west on Amar Ave. and was planning on making a left turn to go south on Westport. The driver of the Mini Cooper had a green light and was starting to make the left turn, as she thought she had plenty of time before any traffic approached, not realizing that the motorcycle was traveling at a very high rate of speed. Residents in the area stated that they could hear the motorcycle revving up through each gear as it was approaching the intersection, then they heard the impact. The motorcycle hit the passenger side of the Mini Cooper with such speed, that the driver of the motorcycle didn't flip over the car which often happens, but instead went straight forward into the vehicle with his body. There was excessive damage where the body struck the front side and windshield post and peeling open



The accident scene showing the crashed motorcycle and the Mini Cooper involved in the accident.

the shattered windshield. The rider continued on until it hit the southeast curb on the corner. The impact was so hard that the motorcycle helmet separated from the rider and ended up on the sidewalk. From the impact damage, the bike may have been nearing 100 mph at the time of impact.

Paramedics found the rider dead from the traumatic impact from striking the vehicle. Police had to close both directions of Amar so they could conduct their investigation.

The impact was so hard that the motorcycle was not recognizable and could not be identified as what kind of motorcycle it was. The Mini Cooper was to-

taled. The driver of the car was checked by paramedics and the unidentified middle-aged female driver suffered minor injuries from the shattered glass. The police also gave the woman a sobriety test, which is a normal procedure for fatal or injury accidents, which she passed.

The coroner showed up around 10 p.m. and waited for the police to complete their plot investigation. After they completed that part of the investigation, the coroner moved in to work with the deceased driver. The accident crash investigation went into the early morning hours. The driver of the motorcycle was not identified. The accident is still under investigation.

Discriminatory Comments and Vulgarity at the West Covina City Council Meeting



Screenshot from the video of West Covina City Council meeting of Herman, the "F" word man.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - West Covina Mayor Tony Wu and a number of other people were shocked when a speaker came before the council during oral communications and started using the "F" word repeatedly. He also used the "F" word while making a derogatory comment about a "Homosexual" and calling the governor some "colorful" names as well.

Mayor Tony Wu was quick to tell the guy to watch his language and the guy, who identified himself only as Herman, stated that his language is not the topic and he is protected by "Freedom of Speech" and continued to use the "F" word even more. He was upset about the restrictions that are being tossed out there, the whole time still using the "F" word.

Mayor Wu repeatedly told the man to not use that language. He said it was disrespectful to the council, staff and the people of West Covina. The man did not lighten up and Mayor Wu called over the police officer on duty and he stood by. Mayor Wu then turned off the microphone as the council meeting was being broadcast over the air.

His idea of "Freedom of Speech" does not apply during a business meeting and city council meetings are business meetings. If this guy wanted to utilize his Freedom of Speech, he can do it outside of the chambers where people aren't trapped and can avoid the abusive language. Outside the chambers people can avoid this by simply walking away.

His vulgarity was broadcast

over the air and turning off the microphone protected the people watching at home.

He did this fully aware that female staff members and others were present. An earlier speaker had his 16-year-old daughter present at the meeting. His offensive language and the use of the "F" word could be seen as sexual harassment of the female staff and other females in the chamber. Many people were horrified at this man and some have been traumatized by this.

The man is extremely lucky that he wasn't confronted by an angry father or spouse because of the language he used around them.

The Rules of Decorum are clearly printed in the Agenda for the business council meeting.

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Category options: Animation Use of Lights Lawn Display
- 2. REGISTER BY DECEMBER 14TH.** Email community_services@cityofglendora.org with the family name, contact number, address, one category of choice, and a photo of the decorated home. Videos will be accepted for displays with animation as long as a photo is also included.
- 3. VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE** to watch as our community votes for their favorite home in each category on December 16th-21st. Deadline to vote is December 21st at 8am. Winners will be announced and receive their prize on December 21st.

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Public Health Modifies Health Officer Order as ICU Capacity Falls Below 15% in Southern California

COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Continue to Break Records

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations surge and ICU capacity declines in Los Angeles County and across the Southern California Region, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order was modified to align with the State Regional Stay Home Order to prevent crowding and mingling among non-household members and overwhelming our healthcare system.

The State announced a Regional Stay Home Order will go into effect and would remain in effect for at least three weeks in California regions where ICU capacity falls below 15%. According to the State, as of December 5, the Southern California Region has 12.5% staffed adult ICU capacity remaining. The State Order went into effect Sunday, December 6 at 11:59 p.m. and remains in effect for at least 3 weeks.

Because L.A. County is in the

Southern California Region, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will be modified to fully align with additional safety measures across sectors and the required effective date. The Order prohibits private gatherings of any size, closes sector operations, and requires 100% masking and physical distancing. The State Regional Stay at Home Order is similar to the existing County Safer at Home Health Officer with additional sector closings.

The following sectors are required to close or remain closed for all operations:

- Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
Indoor recreational facilities
Hair salons and barbershops
Personal care services
Museums, zoos, and aquariums
Movie theaters
Wineries
Bars, breweries, and distilleries
Family entertainment centers
Cardrooms and satellite wagering
Limited services as defined by the state
Live audience sports
Amusement parks

The following sectors will have additional modifications in addition to 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Outdoor recreational facilities: Allow outdoor operation only without any food, drink or alcohol sales. Additionally, overnight stays for recreational visits at campgrounds will not be permitted.
Retail: Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be in-

stituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.

Shopping centers: Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores and all common areas closed. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.

Hotels and lodging: Allow to open for critical infrastructure support only.

Restaurants: Allow only for take-out, pick-up, or delivery.

Offices: Allow remote only except for critical infrastructure sectors where remote working is not possible.

Places of worship and political expression: Allow outdoor services only.

Entertainment production including professional sports: Allow operation without live audiences. Additionally, testing protocol and "bubbles" are highly encouraged.

The Order does not modify existing school guidance. Schools that are open under County protocols can continue to provide in-person instruction as permitted.

The following sectors are allowed to remain open with appropriate infectious disease preventative measures including 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Critical infrastructure
Non-urgent medical and dental care
Childcare

Everyone in California must adhere to State Health Officer Orders. Counties may be more restrictive than State mandates, but not less restrictive.

County Surpasses 10,000 Daily COVID-19 Cases for the First Time

Hospitalizations Continue to Surge

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) on December 6 released the latest data on COVID-19. LA County shatters the previous record for highest daily number of new cases by surpassing 10,000 COVID-19 cases reported in a day. Nearly every day this week the County surpassed all-time highs for the daily number of new cases and the number of people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized.

- 10,528 new COVID-19 cases (449,851 cases to date)
23 new deaths due to COVID-19 (7,909 deaths to date)
2,855 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19
23% are in the ICU
10.3% staffed adult ICU capacity remaining in the Southern California Region
More than 3,900,000 individuals tested; 11% of all people tested positive

Starting at mid-night Sunday, L.A. County residents adhered to the State's Regional Stay At Home Order. Residents should remain at their homes and with members of their household as much as possible. Even if you don't feel sick, being around people outside your household is extremely risky. Avoid doing any activities that are not essential. Always wear a face covering whenever outside your home, keep your distance from others not in your household, wash your hands frequently, and avoid crowds. Individuals with underlying health conditions and those that are older should remain in their home and not be around others unless seeking routine or essential health care. Please contact your health care provider to schedule essential care, as these services remain open and can be utilized safely. If you are having difficulty breathing, go to an emergency room or call 911.

Merrill Gardens Facility has Fire on Second Floor

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On Tuesday, Dec. 1st just after 4 p.m. firefighters were called to a fire at Merrill Gardens in West Covina on Sunset and West Covina Parkway. This is a new assistant living facility located in the 1400 block of West Covina Pkwy.

When the firefighters arrived, they quickly called for additional fire units.

Firefighters were directed to the second floor where they

found that a laundry room was on fire. There was an evacuation of the building.

The fire was knocked down within 40 minutes and held to the second floor. They stayed on scene for mop up operations and to make sure there were not going to be any other issues.

There were no injuries to firefighters or anyone that was in the building at the time. The incident is under investigation.

LA County and LAEDC Launch "Safer at Work LA" Campaign

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), along with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), announced the launch of Safer at Work LA campaign. Safer at Work LA is a creative new countywide initiative to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at worksites/businesses by keeping everyone safer while at work, including essential workers who remain at work despite the pandemic.

Safer at Work LA builds a shared responsibility approach between businesses, employees, customers, and their communities to keep one another as safe as possible during the challenging months ahead. Through this campaign, the County is giving small businesses, micro enterprises and essential businesses along with their workers information on how to slow the spread of COVID-19, emphasizing that LA County respects and protects its essential workers. So far, 59 cities, 8 business chambers, and 61 businesses have agreed to champion the Safer at Work campaign. For more information about Safer at Work LA, please visit Saferatwork.LA.

"Our essential workers, by definition, are integral to the functioning of our healthcare system, food supply chain, government operations and much more. Keeping them safe is more important now than ever before," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "The Safer at Work LA campaign is a critical reminder that worksites and businesses, as well as customers and employees, must collectively work together to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace."

"Everyone has a shared responsibility to protect one another and our local economy," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "The Coun-

ty is working to support essential businesses, essential workers, and the customers that rely on them, throughout this pandemic by providing easily accessible tools and resources."

"Thousands of small businesses have told us their dreams and life savings are on the line, as are the health of their employees and customers without whom there is no future for their enterprises, so they want all of us to be in the fight to preserve the health and safety of everyone in the workplace," said LAEDC CEO Bill Allen. "We have the messages and tools to kick off this campaign, and we are asking every employer and every Angeleno to adopt and support this campaign and truly keep each other safer at work."

Small businesses provide the majority of jobs in the United States. Unfortunately, according to recent surveys, a high percentage of small businesses do not expect to survive through the pandemic. LA County has already lost thousands of lives, approximately 15,000 small businesses have experienced closure, and hundreds of thousands of workers have lost their jobs to COVID-19. However, in addition to the recent Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's restrictions, we know that wearing a mask, washing our hands, and practicing social distancing keeps us safer at work.

Safer at Work LA utilizes a three-prong approach to support employers, employees, and customers:

- Safer at Work LA provides employers with the information and resources they need in order to create a safer work environment.
Safer at Work LA provides employees with the information and resources they need to protect themselves, their co-workers and customers.
Safer at Work LA provides customers with clear and friendly directions on how to be safer

patrons at our diverse businesses. All patrons will be encouraged to follow easy best practices while shopping local businesses.

Utilizing materials from the campaign, Safer at Work LA will also rely on trusted community members to use their social networks to drive a community level approach that hinges on all of our shared responsibility during this pandemic. With this community support, creative public art inspired by the rich tradition of historic Los Angeles sign-making will be visible in local neighborhoods to encourage all of us to do our part.

The Safer at Work LA initiative's toolkit of support for small businesses includes:

- A robust hub of multilingual communication tools, accessible at SaferAtWork.LA, for local businesses to download, print, or order to share accurate, easy-to-understand COVID safety communications with employees, customers, community members, and others

Digital assets designed to take advantage of all platforms, including digital billboards, social media, local radio and TV spots, and more

Creative earned media through public art interventions (e.g., wild postings, murals, chalk art, etc.) that focus on unique industries and communities, and reinforce our shared responsibility to keep each other safe, especially at work

Multilingual small business assistance training webinars and one-on-one consulting offered by LAEDC for small businesses experiencing pandemic-related challenges

Resources can be accessed on the campaign's website, SaferAtWork.LA, as well as the Los Angeles County Disaster Center helpline (1-833-877-8008). Businesses in need of consulting are encouraged to contact LAEDC directly at covid19response@laedc.org.

Los Angeles County Launches Holiday COVID-19 Home Test Collection Pilot

LA County begins home test collection program to reduce COVID-19 spread during the holidays

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County launched a new COVID-19 home test collection program today, which allows certain County residents to do free testing from the comfort of their own homes.

The home test collection program will run from December 1, 2020 through January 15, 2021. It aims to help address the current surge in demand for testing and reduce the spread of COVID-19 during the holiday season when people may risk exposure. Individuals can have testing kits mailed to their home if they:

- Have COVID-19 symptoms; or
Were recently in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or is suspected of having it; or
Are a senior or person with disabilities who feel they were exposed to COVID-19, but are unable to go to a testing site.

"As the surge in cases and hospitalizations continues, LA County is trying innovative ways to meet the testing demand and stem the community spread of the virus," said Dr. Clemens Hong, who oversees COVID-19 testing for LA County under the Department of Health Services.

"We are doing everything we can to make sure testing is available to all," Hong said. "This allows us to reach even more people - and they don't have to risk exposing others by leaving their homes. It's an important step for combatting the virus in LA County."

The week before Thanksgiving, almost half a million tests were performed in LA County at over 180 community testing sites, hospitals, clinics, and other facilities.



ties. The temporary program will use Picture COVID-19, an FDA-approved home collection test developed by Fulgent Genetics, Inc. For information on how to register, individuals should go to the county COVID-19 testing site. If they qualify, Fulgent Genetics will ship a collection kit to their home within two days.

Individuals taking the test at home should follow the directions to collect the sample and take it to a FedEx drop box the same day or have someone take it to a drop box on their behalf. Individuals will receive the results by e-mail within two days. While waiting for the testing kit

and the results, individuals should continue following public health guidance on staying home and avoiding contact with others.

The COVID-19 Home Test Collection Pilot launch comes after Thanksgiving weekend, when some may have been exposed to COVID-19 while celebrating or shopping. A modified safer-at-home order took effect Monday, Nov. 30 that advises people to stay at home as much as possible and places new restrictions on gatherings and businesses.

To learn more about COVID-19 testing in LA County, visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing.

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Trump Versus the Radical Left Only When I Laugh

The first week after the Nov. 3rd election, I got emails from various sources about Dominion and their failed vote-counting system three times denied use in Texas; and then, with reports on Smartmatic and its programs used in the Philippines and Venezuela to protect incumbent dictators.

President Trump has reacted to this election and his team is aggressively pursuing answers in key states where citizens have come forward and verified "irregularities" in election procedures. We should insist on complete and verifiable counts leaving us with no doubt who our next legally elected President is. President Trump is demanding answers, the same ones I want, after seeing how fallible our election system has become under vote by mail using systems from other countries. Time to demand this embarrassment not be whitewashed. Who wins, who loses will tell us, our children and grandchildren what kind of a country we will be living in tomorrow.

It is unprecedented Joe Biden stepped up with an acceptance speech and begun appointing a cabinet before all the ballots were counted and all the challenges in key states have been answered and resolved. Did he know something nobody told me or you? Perhaps the latest from Fox News can provide us with a little insight to explain what is really happening and where this country is being taken. Does the name George Soros ring a warning bell to any of us?

Fox News has just announced Patrick Gaspard, President of George Soros's Open Society Foundations, will resign his position there and make himself available for a position in the Biden - Harris administration. Speculation is as Labor Secretary.

Who is Patrick Gaspard?

- Born in the Republic of the Congo and immigrated with parents to U.S. when he was 3 years old.
- Graduated from Columbia University.
- Served as Executive Director of the Democrat National Committee, National Political Director of the 2008 Obama presidential campaign, Committee to re-elect Barack Obama,



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Former Mayor of Glendora
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• Appointed by Barak Obama March 2013 as Ambassador to South Africa.

Gaspard has reportedly said, "... he wishes to re-enter politics to continue "the struggle against oppression everywhere."

Another nominee is Neera Tanden proposed to head the Office of Management and Budget recycled back in from the 1992 Bill Clinton campaign, the 2008 Barack Obama campaign and the Hillary Clinton 2016 campaign. She's been credited with helping write the Affordable Care Act known as Obamacare and now is CEO of Center for American Progress. That organization lists its successes in progressive ballot initiatives related to legalization of marijuana, independent police oversight boards, and restoration of felons right to vote. The Soros Open Society Foundation has supported that agenda and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to district attorney races across the country to candidates who would support this agenda.

Soros money supported George Gascon, L.A. County District Attorney race, over incumbent and law and order candidate, Jackie Lacey, the first black female to serve in that position.

Curtis Bowers is an American filmmaker, former educator and former Republican member of the Idaho House of Representatives. He's written and produced Agenda: Grinding America Down and Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit that explains the Communist and Socialist movements. In his recent interview on Cross Roads with Joshua Phillips, he explains the Marxist movement now tak-

ing place. Bowers says these groups are using whatever it takes to setup a Biden presidential win and to take over our country. Right now, it is fraudulent elections.

If Trump is able to win this election through whatever actions his team and Sidney Powell are able to accomplish and the Supreme Court, the Marxist groups will come back and say he is the one who took the election through fraud. These groups believe they win either way regardless of which candidate becomes President. If Biden is elected their agenda is in place and Biden - Harris will implement it. If Trump wins, we are told those organizations set out to riot throughout this country much like the 3-day explosion of George Floyd riots in Minneapolis with massive destruction of property.

In Minneapolis, the city's third precinct police station was overrun and set on fire; and, neighboring Saint Paul suffered \$82 million in damages affecting 330 buildings, including 37 that were entirely destroyed. By the middle of June, the violence in the Twin Cities had resulted in 2 deaths, 604 arrests and more than \$500 million in damage to 1,500 properties. Minnesota's Governor, Tim Walz called out the state's National Guard in response to the riots with the largest deployment of troops since World War II. This was a riot with violence and destruction of property not seen since the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

Are Governors and state legislators prepared to deal with the reaction should Donald J. Trump be declared the winner of the 2020 Presidential election? Is backing down the right course of action?

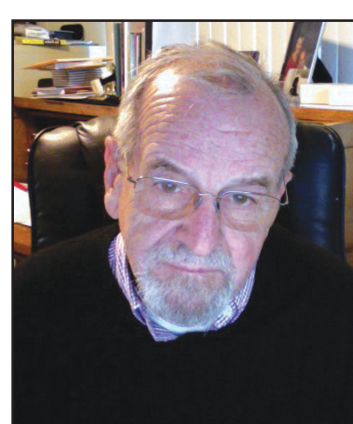
Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House of Representatives says, "No presidential contest since 1860 has presented the American people with a decision more definitive than what the 2020 election offers. It is the radical Democratic Left versus President Trump."

And please note, he is talking about the "radical left" not the moderate, conservative Democrats who showed up to the Trump rallies, signed paperwork to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom, but the AOC, George Soros Democrats.

It's an old joke-- A traveller came upon the victim of a savage attack. Not only had the victim been bound hand and foot, but a wooden stake had been driven through his heart. "Doesn't that hurt?" asked the traveler, and the brutalized victim replied, "Only when I laugh."

Survival in this often grim world is often eased if in some corner of our lives we have maintained a bit of humor. There is a layer of my consciousness that ranges from a smile to a robust guffaw. I learned long ago that to keep my sanity I needed to stay in contact with the lighter side of life. This is more than just enjoying a good joke. It is rather the wisdom to take most things seriously, but also to reserve a grin at their flip side.

This darker humor has occasionally gotten me in trouble. Not everyone shares my whimsical view of life. So I might say something in jest while keeping a straight face. But my hearer who might not possess a humorous gene, might hear what I have said as an insult. So occasionally my effort at humor has been inappropriate. No one should crack a joke in the house of the damned or in the presence of someone



Charles H. Bayer

who is humorless. Since humor is more spontaneous than it is calculating, occasionally I have laughed at the wrong time.

Now there are exceptions. Every couple of days I will see published or I have received an e-mail that makes fun of Donald Trump. Some of these cartoons are brutal and others hilarious. I certainly would not share these bits of ridicule with anyone I knew to be a Trumper.

Some attempts at humor are more cruel than funny, and some are totally out of bounds. There should be no room for jokes that inflict hard racial jabs or put-downs aimed at any minority group. I remember years ago being in a locker room where a dozen professional men were trying

to outdo each other with vulgar stories about women. I was unable to remain silent, and said out loud how disgusting it was. I never appeared in that locker room again, nor would I have been welcome. Jokes aimed at Gays or Lesbians are most often just plain nasty. Jokes about COVID-19 will probably inflict pain on anyone knowing somebody who has died. But then I don't recall hearing or seeing such attempts at humor.

Now I must admit that my limitations mean that there are some attempts at humor that escape me. I have been in a group where everyone is laughing but I wasn't, not because I was offended, but because I just didn't get it. Every week I go through the cartoons in the New Yorker, and several of them sail right over my head.

These are dark times. We are killing the planet by refusing to take climate change seriously. We have just escaped from four years of a national presidential disaster. The pandemic shows no signs of abating, and a vaccine only looms somewhere in the future. But it only hurts when we laugh.

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Academic Success of Citrus College Student Athletes Recognized at The State Level

When Enrique Bedolla graduated from high school, he never thought he would find himself back in a classroom. However, his love for soccer led him to Citrus College.

"Being a player on the Citrus College soccer team has been a huge part of my success," he said. "The athletics program gave me the motivation I needed to get back to school after taking several years off. I don't know where I would be without it."

Now, two years after enrolling at Citrus College, Enrique has received recognition for his outstanding academic performance. In fact, he is one of 39 Citrus College student athletes who recently earned Academic All-State honors from the California Com-



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munity College Athletics Association (CCAA).

To qualify for the Academic All-State recognition, a student has to compete a year in their sport, has to have successfully completed 24 or more units, and has to have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher for all units attempted. Nominated students are automatically selected to the Academic All-State team once the CCAA has confirmed that all criteria have been met.

A former student athlete myself, I understand the significance of Enrique's accomplishment. Balancing athletic and academic responsibilities, while also maintaining personal relationships and fulfilling external obligations, can be challenging. The long hours and many demands can make it difficult to succeed in the classroom. For this reason, I am proud that Citrus College's Athletics program makes academics a priority.

At Citrus College, there are a number of different ways that the success of student athletes is supported. For example, all incoming athletes must attend a mandatory orientation and meet all assessment requirements. In addition, they are required to meet with the college's athletics counselor to develop a student educational plan (SEP). Each subsequent semester, student athletes must meet with the counselor to update their SEP and ensure that requirements are being met.

The Citrus College Athletics program also provides an Ath-

letic Student Success Center and a variety of programs that promote academic success. For example, the nationally recognized Scholar Baller program honors those student athletes who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. They receive incentives, such as official scholar baller jersey patches and helmet stickers.

Although the global pandemic has interrupted college sports throughout the state, Citrus College's Athletics program continues to ensure that student athletes receive support. In fact, it has gone to great lengths to help students feel connected. Virtual events, such as student athlete forums, have enabled students to interact and address issues, such as mental health, study strategies and social justice. One team even had the opportunity to participate in a virtual meeting with a professional athlete.

And, as the recent Academic All-State honors prove, the program's efforts have been successful. Just ask Enrique. Thanks to the Citrus College Athletics program, he is planning to graduate at the end of the spring 2021 semester. His ultimate goal is to transfer to a four-year college and pursue a bachelor's degree in film.

"I appreciate my coaches for pushing me and showing me ways to become successful, both on and off the pitch," he says. "It has been hard work, but I know it will pay off. I'm so excited about my future and can't wait to be back on the pitch with my teammates."

Like Enrique, I am also looking forward to the day that Citrus College's sports teams can safely practice and compete together again. As the Duarte area's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud of our student athletes' success and hope to report many more achievements in the years ahead.

Dr. Edward C. Ortell represents Duarte and portions of Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia, Covina and Irwindale on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

Is The Great American Experiment Coming To Its End?

Be not confused, we are engaged in a new Civil War.

My opinion: by D. B. Shimel

This Nation has been a great experiment based on the concept that 'We the People' are our own sovereign rulers. Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist 1: "It has been frequently remarked that it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend on their political constitutions on accident and force." Our American experiment was based on the principal that people possess individual liberty and rights. Progressives and the 'New Left' followers firmly believe that people are not 'endowed by nature and nature's God with unalienable rights'; rights of the individual only come from society (Socialism). Personal liberty and Socialism are like matter and anti-matter - they cannot coexist in the same space for long. **I tell you now - left unchallenged - our history of individual liberty is coming to an end!!**

The old saying goes 'Those who refuse to learn from history will get the opportunity to re-live it.' There have been many experiments in socialism throughout human history, including here in

the Americas. The Plymouth colony of 1620 was originally based on a concept where all people were expected to provide for the common larder and only take what they needed to survive. This experiment failed miserably until the free market philosophy of individuals helping society by providing for themselves took over. The same fate befell the French Revolution. Then Carl Marx picked up the banner from the French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, eventually handing off the quest to his successor Joseph Stalin. Stalin continued to promulgate this philosophy that eventually created and destroyed the USSR.

According to Mr. Curtis Bowers (he wrote and produced the movies Agenda I and II), the Socialist Democrat Party views this past election as a win-win victory. If Biden and Harris prevail they will have Comrades in the White House. If Trump prevails they will have fodder for their violent revolution and the eventual overthrow of our nation. I, like Curtis, believe that they really hope that Trump wins so that they can justify more violence. The hope is that the American people will eventually become tired of the violence and let them win. If you doubt this can happen - it happened in Germany facilitating the rise of Adolph Hitler and WWII.

I personally believe that Barack Obama is behind much of this chaos. The march to a Globalist Marxist United States started many years before Obama. But, if one dissects Obama's tenure as President, and overlays it with the Marxist philosophy the similarities are obvious. The Democrats and Obama's plans were foiled, for a time, when Donald Trump won in 2016. So what did Obama do? He changed the title of the organization he started in 2012; 'Obama for America' to 'Organize for America'. This group has chapters in most big cities and over 30,000 members. Reportedly, this group has plans for converting our Nation into a Globalist Marxist Socialist stronghold. The plan is, once America falls so too will the rest of the globe. This globalist movement is largely funded by globalist companies. Companies whose desires are for international rule, of all societies, by dominating of all forms of commerce and communications thus creating global monopolies, i.e. global power. Obama, the Socialists and the New Left are out to destroy Trump because he and his 'America First' agenda thwarts their plans for Globalism.

Reversing this creep to Socialism will not be easy. The Socialists have had over 50 years to

convert our schools into indoctrination centers. Most media outlets, including the electronic media, have been taken over by these sycophants of Socialism. Obama furthered the cause by burdening the nation with insurmountable debt, destroyed our military and tarnished our relationships with foreign nations through passive aggressive wars he had no plans for winning. Obama undermined the stability of our global neighbors by guaranteeing that we would protect them with our greatly depleted military. Will the nihilist anarchy of this past year be the final catalyst needed for the overthrow of our Government?

All of this chaos only furthers the objectives of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and their plan for Global Dominance. The "One Hundred Year March" to global Socialism/Communism is well underway. By 2030 the CCP plans to be the only 'global super-power'. Undeniably, The Biden family has a long and lucrative relationships with the CCP. He has stated emphatically that "China in not our enemy". How long before the CCP has an office in the White House other than the oval office?

Will the 'useful idiots prevail'? Is the American Dream of personal freedom coming to its end?



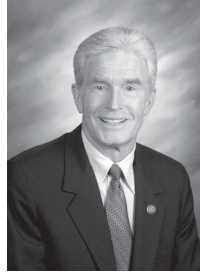
Congratulations President Trump For A Great Recovery!

The USA suffered a devastating crisis earlier this year. China's coronavirus spread around the world, and economic output shrank 15% between February and April (according to IHS Markit). The 2nd quarter of 2020 became an economic disaster for many American businesses, as personal health and profitability suffered. Fortunately, President Trump's leadership helped create a critical economic recovery. Growth started to rebound in May. While the USA's GDP still fell at a 31.4% annual rate during that second quarter, without the turnaround GDP could have fallen at a 44% annual rate.

Since June one thing after another has continued to threaten our growth. In July COVID infections surged in the South. By August, COVID was raging in California. In September, fires were also raging in California, Oregon, and Washington. This year's fire season has broken records for damage and duration. Riots and related damage in Democratic controlled cities added to the USA's difficulties. During October COVID returned to New York, the Great Plains, and the Upper Midwest. Meanwhile, due to the Democratic Party controlled Congress holding out for an excessive multi-trillion dollar wish list, most government pandemic aid ran out in September. Negotiations for another round of individual as well as business federal government assistance- critical for growth according to the Fed - remains sidelined.

Then Covid-19 cases dramatically increased during November, increasing total confirmed cases by almost 50%! Fortunately, thanks to great progress in developing therapeutics and protecting the most vulnerable, related deaths increased much less (about 16%). Obviously this

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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Covid rebound caused slower economic growth, but America's recovery continued. Monthly percent changes in GDP (not annualized) have been impressive, including 4.6% and 6.0% increases during May and June (following record high March and April declines). Our third quarter economic recovery was a stunning 33% (annualized rate). Recently, a string of better than expected economic releases boosted the GDP outlook, to the extent the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow expects GDP growth to exceed 5% during the fourth quarter.

It seems inconceivable the economy will not slow at some point under the COVID onslaught. But, if things continue to go right on the vaccine front, it likely will be the kind of slowdown that only causes employment growth to stall, not drop significantly. However, the unemployment rate may rise temporarily before further recovery could restart in earnest next year.

Even with COVID spreading at a hair-raising rate, the economy is moving in the right direction. In part that's because manufacturing and housing industries have found ways to continue working despite COVID. In part it's because household income is strong and retail sales are spectacular. A huge share of retail has migrated online. The economy should keep moving forward if we avoid significant lock downs, especially after the holidays. The

economic news here remains positive. Compared to the "cold" economic malaise in Europe, America remains the "Goldilocks" free economy on the world scene.

Our economy continues to remake itself as people adjust to the ongoing COVID challenge. Some states are pulling activity from others. Within (Fed) districts, especially New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and San Francisco, cities are losing population and economic activity to suburbs. Bankers are worried about foreclosures and bankruptcy risks next year in some of these now less livable cities. A persistent drought in parts of the Midwest hurt farmers in some (Fed) districts, but also boosted prices, benefitting farmers elsewhere. Commercial real estate is weak in most big cities, but getting more expensive in smaller cities and suburbs.

COVID flare-ups and differing approaches to social distancing continue to shape the economic landscape. Some states are clearly dealing with COVID better than others. This novel coronavirus is not just highly contagious, it is also highly erratic and unpredictable. Even at the slower pace GDP could recover to pre-pandemic levels by early next year. It probably will take longer for employment to recover, partially because the working population is growing, as is productivity. Nevertheless, it is many months since Wall Street first noted a faster-than-expected recovery. And the pace of growth continues to surprise!

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Avoid costly mistakes and don't inadvertently invite thieves.

DUI's are very expensive! Although use of marijuana is now legal in California, you can get a DUI if found driving 'high.' Also check the warnings on your prescription and over-the-counter drugs for advice against operating machinery (also includes cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.). If you drink (even if you only have a light "buzz") don't drive. Don't advertise to burglars. They figure there are gifts under that beautifully decorated Christmas tree on display in your picture window. When shopping, put your packages in your car trunk, or cover with a dark sheet or blanket. Do not leave your purse unattended in your shopping cart. Lock your doors, and keep your garage door closed when not in use. Be aware. Be alert. Please check your smoke detectors and install new batteries. (I encourage you to do this for a senior, or disabled, neighbor, too.) If you are taking a trip, be discrete about loading luggage into your car. Stop your newspaper and mail delivery, or ask a trusted neighbor to collect them for you. Put some interior lights on a timer to go on at night, and leave your porch lights on.

What's the deadline for opening a Roth IRA?

To start a new Roth IRA for 2020, you have until April 15, 2021. You can also open or add to a Roth IRA for 2020 in 2021.



Julia Yoder

The Federal income tax and California State income tax due date will be April 15, 2021. Check with your CPA for further clarification about a Roth IRA, and/or visit the website: irs.gov

How do I go about figuring out my RMD?

The IRS provides worksheets and tables for calculating your Required Minimum Distribution. (See IRS.gov) You must receive the RMD for the year you turn age 72 by April 1 of the following year. For all subsequent years, you must receive your RMD by December 31st of that year. Failure to do so results in a 50% penalty of the amount that should have been distributed to you.

Can I just wait until 2021 to cash my end-of-year bonus check so I don't have to pay taxes on it as income in 2020?

No, the income would still be earned in 2020. However, you could ask your boss to issue the check in 2021. Either way, ask

for taxes to be withheld. An important factor in deciding whether to get your bonus this year or next is to determine whether or not you are going to be required to pay the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT.) Either do your research online at the tax websites, or talk to your CPA.

What's the website for money the State is holding, waiting for people to claim it? If I find any funds there, how do I go about claiming it?

For the state of California, go to <https://ucpi.sco.ca.gov/ucp> Don't let anyone charge you to do this for you. (If you do not have access to the internet, I'll look it up for you - no charge, no strings, no ulterior motive.) Instructions for filing a claim are on that website, and might require the claim document to be notarized. (Hint: Check the site and inform your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, and clients that they possibly have a claim.)

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Bobcat Wildfire Survivors Have Until Dec. 16, 2020 to Register for FEMA Aid

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - FEMA gives eligible wildfire survivors financial support to help pay for needs such as rent, home repairs, medical/dental costs, funeral expenses and other disaster-related expenses. FEMA may be able to help with disaster-caused damage that insurance doesn't cover. To be reimbursed by FEMA, survivors should be sure to photograph damage and save repair receipts.

Survivors should contact their insurers and file a claim for the disaster-caused damage before they register with FEMA. Eligibility is determined once an applicant's insurance claim is settled. If residents have insurance

but aren't sure whether they will be eligible for monetary assistance, they should still register with FEMA.

Residents who fail to register by the deadline, December 16, 2020, will not be granted any FEMA reimbursement.

Wildfire survivors can register with FEMA for federal aid in one of three ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov;
- By downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; or
- By calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) 7 a.m.-10 a.m. PST.

If residents use a relay service such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel, they should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to that service when they register.

When registering for FEMA assistance, residents should be prepared to provide their personal information, including Social Security number, insurance policy information and a description of the damages or losses suffered due to the Bobcat wildfire.

For additional Bobcat wildfire recovery resources, please visit www.lacounty.gov/recovery or dial 2-1-1 for information and resources.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Monitors And Drive Cycles

Recent repairs to your vehicle's "Check Engine Light" have included a reset of the On Board Diagnostic (OBD) system. The on-board computer of your vehicle must now perform various self-tests referred to as "monitors" that may take up to a week of driving to complete. (1996 to 2002 cars require more time to complete the checking of monitors by the cars computer system).

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Drive the car normally. All OBD systems self-test the computer while you're driving and you will never know it. Depending on the age and make of your vehicle it needs to be driven in various situations such as freeway travel, 10-30 minutes of continuous driving, sitting over night and having various levels of gasoline in the tank.

The original concern that caused the check engine light to come on may have suspended or locked out some of the vehicles other self-tests that it needs to perform. Now that all of the tests are enabled and can complete the cycle, there may be a possibility of hidden issues that may cause the check engine light to come back on. Therefore, a code that did not

show up previously may now set indicating a new, hidden, intermittent or remaining problem.

At Certified Automotive Specialists we do as much as we can to ensure that your vehicle is repaired properly, is safe and dependable for our customers. There are some instances that require extensive driving in order to complete tests that we cannot perform here in the shop. Therefore, if the check engine light does come on, please call or return to the shop at your convenience to have the system rechecked at no cost.

In most instances we can retrieve the code within a few minutes. Always use your best discretion if the vehicle is not operating properly. Warning: if the "Check Engine Light" is flashing, this requires immediate action.

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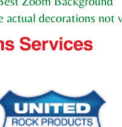
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Super Bowl Contracting Opportunities for Local Small Businesses

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission is looking for local, diverse businesses to provide various services during Super Bowl LVI, which will be held in Inglewood in February 2022.

The application deadline for Super Bowl LVI Business Connect closes at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 1, 2021.

The Super Bowl LVI Business Connect program is a partnership between the National Football League (NFL) and the Los Angeles Super Bowl Host Committee. The program aims to connect experienced, event-ready Los

Angeles County businesses with opportunities to compete for contracts related to the Super Bowl in Los Angeles.

The Business Connect program is committed to supporting minority, woman, LGBTQ+ and veteran-owned businesses through professional development, networking and contract opportunities. Certified businesses selected for the program will be profiled in the Business Connect Resource Guide, which NFL vendors and event producers use to identify and select local suppliers to fulfill their Super Bowl LVI sub-contracting needs.

Applications for Super Bowl LVI Business Connect opened on October 27, 2020 and closes at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 1, 2021. To qualify for Super Bowl LVI Business Connect, each business must:

- Be 51% owned by a minority, woman, LGBTQ+ or veteran individual and be certified as one of the following:
 - * Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)
 - * Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (DVOSB)
 - * Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)
 - * Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
 - * Small Minority Business Enterprise (SMBE)
 - * Small Woman Business Enterprise (SWBE)
 - * Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB)
 - * Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Have been in operation and have a physical office in Los Angeles County since February 2018.
- Provide a product or service requested by Business Connect (see Business Disciplines).
- Be the direct source of the goods and services you propose to sell.
- Be in good standing and eligible to do business with the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles or State of California.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

"TIME JOCKEY" - Yosemite

By Joe Castillo

COVID Effect... Yosemite National Park has always been a place to the various seasons with the blooming flowers of Spring, the full rivers heading into the summer, the full trees and bushes of the summer, the browning foliage of the fall and the snowy white-scape snow-packed views of the winter. But in a recent visit to the most popular tourist site in the United States, a new view was very apparent and one which I have never seen. Even during the wintery cold months, the park was always very well attended but this year it was very evident that the pandemic has hit attendance very hard. Gone were the unavailability of lodging sites, automobiles could move freely throughout the park, people could wander aimlessly without having to fight the crowds, and there were no lines anywhere. But there were also very limited services, especially food eateries, museums, visitor centers and ranger stations.

The park looked like it has been abandoned for some time with lots of locations and sites closed, and very few examples of human life and energy enjoying the physical opportunities which

Yosemite has to offer. In past years, even the snow season provided a schedule full of recreational opportunities but that was before COVID-19. The park still offers some of the most amazing sites and views you will ever see from Mother Nature, but its almost like nature has taken over and humankind has vacated America's Favorite Park. It's a rare site to see so many places appearing abandoned and most traces of people, like cabins, chairs, tables and vehicles, all stacked and parked just waiting for something to happen.

Camp Curry, founded by David and Jenny Curry in 1899, was like a ghost town, appearing as a long-lost city from another era. The Curry's built seven cabins for adventurous visitors to the park, and later added a dining hall, swimming pool and ice rink. The buildings were the first ones built in the park and their initial appearance of unpeeled log posts and wood shakes defined the look of Camp Curry and all the other structures in the park including the famous canvas tent bungalows which took on the look of a rustic mountain cabin in the beautiful Sierras. In 1917, the first

electric functional bungalows were constructed at the camp with Jenny Curry's cabin, known as Mother Curry's Bungalow, becoming the most modern lodging and was where Mother Curry remained until her death in 1948. She had spent nearly 50 years in Yosemite, living a life in the beautiful surroundings of the grandest National Park of all.

In the 121 years that Camp Curry has been around, the National Park Service (NPS) has strived to protect the natural resources of the park, and keep it safe from millions of human visitors and gas run automobiles by reducing the number of visitors as well as cars being used in various locations. But COVID-19 has done what the NPS found so challenging and could not do, it has returned Yosemite to mother nature with humans only providing a minimal footprint to the pristine wonderland of Yosemite National Park....

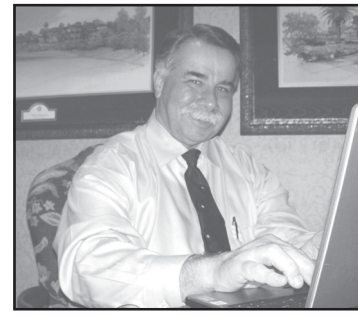
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How to Try to Comply With 6 Foot Separations

So I see we are still in the mess. With the governor vacillating on what he orders us to do and allowing us certain latitude then only to take it away a week later. Threats are thrown out there that certain things would happen. The business owners comply and spend a lot of money to comply only to have them say "no" a week later. They are threatened with fines and even jail if they try to run their business and try to support their family.

I have to wear a mask everywhere. For me, hypoxia is an issue but I work through it. Wearing a mask saves me from shaving... because who knows I didn't shave? You can't see my face, right? Trust me, you're not missing anything, I have seen this face. It's not all that.

I decide to put up the Christmas lights on the house. I tried placing the bulbs 6 feet apart, but it looked like crap, so I trashed



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

the idea of decorating the house. Actually, what for? The holiday season has been taken away from us. Nothing "merry" about that.

Since I am the big wig at the VFW, I thought I would try to work something out where everyone would be comfortable. I took rolls of toilet paper and cut them in 6-foot strips. Then I placed them on the floor strategically so we could be six feet apart as long as you stand at the end of the paper. Well, that was stupid, they took all the toilet paper. I forgot

how valuable it was. Besides, the governor said we can't be open... you know, just like his wine tasting lounge.

I have seen a number of protesters marching through the streets of various cities. They blocked the streets and the message was to those in the government. They want their lives back and protesting the fact that restaurant owners, as well as other businesses, are being forced to close. What was strange, was that they didn't do graffiti, knock out store windows, loot, set fires, attack police and burn their police cars. What's wrong with these people? I guess you have to be a certain kind of person that do all the civil unrest and riots. It was nice to see a peaceful protest. Sadly, the message they sent to the governor and other political officials only fell on deaf ears. They really don't care.
"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Measure Y Approved, Paving The Way For Improvements At Citrus College

GLENDORA – Voters in the Citrus Community College District approved Measure Y, a \$298 million general obligation bond, during the Nov. 3, 2020, general election.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's election canvass period has con-

cluded and Measure Y – the Citrus College Career Education, Repair, Affordable Higher Education Measure – passed with 57.67% of the votes.

"I am delighted by the community's support for Citrus College, and I thank the thousands of residents and volunteers who supported Measure Y," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The college community is thrilled at the prospect of what lies ahead for our future students."

Measure Y will help the college retain well-qualified teachers and improve the quality of education by upgrading job training, science and technology classrooms; meeting earthquake and fire safety standards; and continuing to provide clean drinking water in buildings.

Facilities improvements were identified following an 18-month process where college stakeholders, along with a team of external consultants, assessed the facilities needs of the college. This resulted in a culmination of recommendations identified in the college's 2020-2030 Educational and Facilities Master Plan.

"Current and future students at Citrus College will benefit tremendously from the improvements made possible through Measure Y," said Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services at Citrus College. "We will be able to expand the college's training

partnerships with local employers, which will help create local jobs and boost our regional economy."

Measure Y includes strict fiscal safeguards, including citizen oversight, public disclosure of all spending, and annual financial and performance audits. No money from Measure Y will be spent on administrators' salaries or pensions, and all funds will be spent by the college and cannot be taken by the county, state or federal government.

Citrus College's long history of fiscal responsibility and sound business practices have already led to a reaffirmation of its AA bond rating from Standard & Poor's (S&P) for Measure G, the \$121 million general obligation bond measure, which was supported by voters in March 2004. S&P noted that the college is well-equipped to navigate the nation's current pandemic and its resulting economic environment.

Additionally, Moody's Investors Service upgraded the district's credit rating from Aa2 to Aa1 in July 2020 – the second highest level possible. This move further signifies that Citrus College is financially sound and has adequate revenues and cash reserves to pay off its debts.

"The community's long-standing support of the college's mission, vision and values will continue to make a difference for future generations of students," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "The success of Measure Y will ensure that students have access to an affordable, high-quality education."

Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital Earns Primary Plus Stroke Center Designation

The certification by DNV-GL Healthcare allows the hospital to provide complex stroke care including emergency thrombectomies to remove blood clots

WEST COVINA. – Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina has received certification from DNV-GL Healthcare as a Primary Plus Stroke Center (PSC+), reflecting a high level of competence for treatment of complex and serious stroke events. DNV-GL is one of the two most prestigious stroke care certification entities in the country.

The PSC+ Program Certification includes all the requirements of the Primary Stroke Program (PSC) with the addition of thrombectomy capabilities, medical staff and metric requirements that are in a comprehensive stroke program. A thrombectomy is an interventional procedure for the removal of a blood clot from an artery or vessel.

"This designation demonstrates Emanate Health's commitment to provide stroke victims in the San Gabriel Valley with the best possible care in their immediate community," said Emanate Health CEO Robert H. Curry. "Time is brain and by offering this high level of care

at Queen of the Valley Hospital allows stroke victims to receive emergency care far sooner instead of ambulance transport to a distant facility elsewhere."

According to the American Stroke Association, about 795,000 Americans each year suffer a new or recurrent stroke. That means, on average, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds. Stroke kills more than 137,000 people a year and is one of the leading causes of death. On average, every four minutes someone dies of stroke and is a leading cause of serious, long-term adult disability. Because stroke affects blood flow to the brain, response time and immediate treatment is crucial to limiting the extent of long-term damage.

DNV-GL's new stroke care certification is for organizations that meet the requirements of the primary stroke program and are fully thrombectomy capable but cannot quite meet the Comprehensive Stroke Center requirements due to reasons such as volume requirements or capability to provide full services, as re-

quired. Queen of Valley Hospital received a rigorous on-site review in October 2020 to determine if it complied with stroke-care standards and requirements established by DNV-GL Healthcare. This certification from DNV-GL validates the hospital stroke program at the highest level of quality and capability to deliver optimal patient outcomes and safety.

"We're grateful for this certification because it's a critical step on our road for Emanate Health to become a Comprehensive Stroke Center and we're confident that we'll achieve this designation soon," Curry said.

Queen of the Valley Hospital is working to become a Comprehensive Stroke Center by demonstrating that it has the highest level of infrastructure, imaging capabilities, specially trained neurology specialist and staff ready at all times to treat complex strokes and provide specialized treatment options including medications and neuro-intervention procedures available 24/7.

Virtual Alzheimer's Program

ARCADIA - Alzheimer's Los Angeles is providing two free virtual programs. On **December 15** at 10am you can learn about the latest findings, symptoms, causes and treatment from an Alzheimer's Research Update with UCLA. On **December 22** at 10am you can learn how to keep your memory strong as you get older by "Keeping Your Brain Healthy."

If you are interested in learning about these programs but do not have a computer there is a dial-in option. All individuals must pre-register by calling Arcadia Senior Services by December 11 at 626.574.5130. We will be requesting you to provide an email address if you have one. For more information, please call the Senior Services Office at 626.574.5130.

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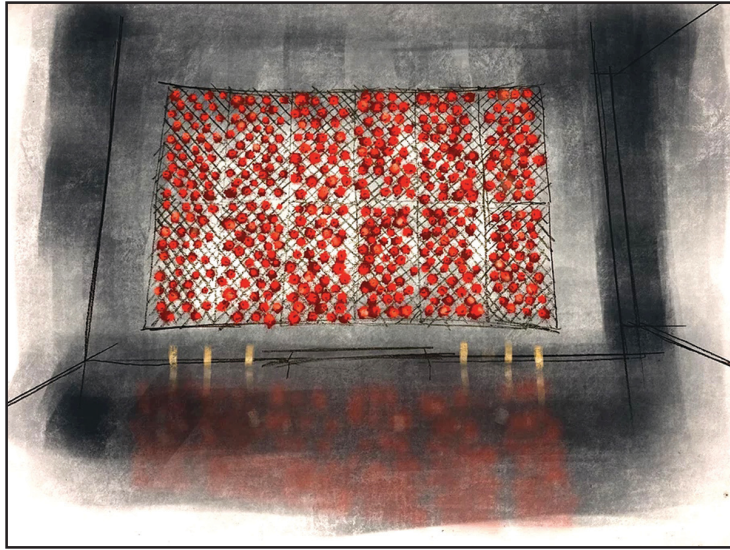
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CNH Division 35 Kiwanis Family partnered with Building Bridges - Rose River Memorial Project

The Kiwanis Family of Clubs in the San Gabriel Valley learned recently about a unique artistic opportunity. Building Bridges Art Exchange, a non-profit art organization in Santa Monica is hosting a unique project with world renowned artist, Marcos Luytens and co-founder Tilly Hinton. Marcos and Tilly have a vision of the need for a collective "grieving" process for all of us experiencing loss due to Covid-19. From this vision, they have created the Rose River Memorial Project. The concept of this project is to create a rose in memory of every person whose life was lost due to Covid-19. The exhibit will travel to many communities to help express the grief of the entire community.



Rose River Memorial Project

When Mary "Happy" Price, Kiwanis, Lt. Governor of Division 35, heard of this project shared by Tina Carey, Lt. Governor Elect of Division 35, she had a vision. Normally, Kiwanis Family Clubs and the SLP (Service Leadership Programs), especially Key clubs and KIWIN'S from all the local high schools in Southern California would be decorating floats during the Christmas holiday for the annual Rose Parade - of course that cannot happen in 2020. So, instead the students and their families can create felt roses as a part of the Rose River Memorial Project. The Lt. Governors of three SLP Division 35 programs (Hilary Wong, LTG D35E, Catherine Nguyen, LTG D35W, and Juliana Miranda, LTG Gold-

stone KIWIN'S) all agreed that this would be a great holiday project and intend to share it with their counterparts within the Cal-Nev-Ha District throughout California, Nevada and Hawaii. Petra Eiko, Director of Education for Building Bridges, will be delivering 200 kits for these students and their families to work on (a total of 1600 roses). Then the roses will be delivered and added to the installation scheduled to take place at Santa Monica, Bergamot Station prior to the exhibit closing on January 16, 2021.

"At Building Bridges we feel very honored to have the possibility to bring Rose River Installation to Bergamot Station and have a collective grieving for the community of Santa Monica" said Marisa Caichio, Founder and Director of Building Bridges Art Exchange. "Currently as a product of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the world population is

experiencing a series of losses at different levels that has caused a collective sadness, grieving is needed and will have to be processed little by little as soon as this confinement ends. The installation will be a sacred space where people can connect with their own feelings and senses to experience their own grieving, individually or in a collective way (with families and friends)."

"For this memorial, our goal is to include as many locally handmade roses as possible, to deeply engage the community with this act of collective grief," said Rose River memorial co-founder Marcos Luytens. "People who make roses tell us that it brings them great comfort and peace in these difficult days. Family members who are grieving are comforted by this idea of strangers recognizing and remembering the enormity of this pandemic in such a beautiful way."

It Was Forty Years Ago Today:

By Russ Rentschler

For many of us, there are events in our life that we always remember. For my parents, who were members of the Greatest Generation, two events stand out. One was the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7th 1941 and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22nd 1963. No matter how old they became, they could always tell you where they were and what they were doing when they received the news.

For me, the event that stands out in my mind was the horrific murder of Beatle John Lennon on December 8th 1980 in New York City. What I remember about this event was myself and a friend of mine, Chris Moore, were out picking up a Christmas Tree using my truck to bring it home because he did not want to scratch his car having it tied to the roof. When we returned home, my girlfriend, now my wife, informed us that KNBC News 4 Anchor John Schubeck, had just interrupted regular programming to announce that John Lennon had been shot outside his residence, the Dakota Apartments in New York and had died at Roosevelt Hospital. For the rest of America, many of us, heard the tragic news from football commentator Howard Cosell as he announced it during Monday Night Football. I remember being shocked and being in disbelief of why somebody would shoot and kill someone like John Lennon. After the news spread, there was a large gathering in front of the Dakota Apartments by Beatle fans, and they were playing Beatle music on their portable radios. The next day, the Beatles drummer, Ringo Starr, and his wife Barbara, paid a visit to Lennon's widow Yoko Ono and their son Sean. Ringo along with Yoko had asked the large crowd to honor Yoko's grieving and to go home. Yoko



The author sits in front of four local newspapers with the headlines that came out on December 9, 1980.

would schedule an event to honor John Lennon's memory with a ten-minute moment of silence to be held at Central Park, which was across the street from Lennon's residence. Lennon had just returned to the music world with his new release of an album titled Double Fantasy, which he had recorded at the Record Plant in New York. The album was released on November 17th 1980, and was number one almost overnight. It had the lead single "Just Like Starting Over". Other songs on the album were about his time in a five year, self-induced sabbatical from the recording industry. With the birth of his second son, Sean, who was born on John's thirty fifth birthday, John decided to be a house husband and raise his son, and let his wife Yoko handle the business. John was very happy in this role as he learned different domestic responsibilities, and

learned how to do things such as baking bread from scratch. John would still play music at home and write music for fellow Beatle drummer Ringo Starr. One song John wrote, which appeared on Ringo's 1976 album Rotogravure, which was titled, "Cookin'". John took a brief trip to L.A. to play piano on the song with Ringo. The other two Beatles, George and Paul, also wrote songs for the same album and played on them. For us diehard Beatle fans, some may consider this the last Beatle album as all four Beatles appeared and played on this album.

When the New York police arrived on scene at the Dakota, they saw that John Lennon was gravely wounded by multiple gunshot wounds and felt there was not enough time to wait for an ambulance and decided to transport Lennon in the back of a police car to Roosevelt Hospital. Upon arrival at Roosevelt Hospital, as fate would have it, the Beatles song "All my Lovin'" was playing over the hospital intercom. For those who knew John Lennon's wit and sarcasm, you can almost hear him say "here I am about to die, and I am going to be listening to one of Paul McCartney's songs". Sadly, John Lennon was not the only Beatle who was a victim of violence. In 1999, George Harrison was a victim of a knife attack from an intruder at his Friar Park Estate in England. Lucky for George, his wife Olivia helped fight off the attacker and hit him over the head with a lamp, knocking him out cold. This act of defense saved George's life. Sadly, George Harrison would pass away only two years later from cancer. It was hidden from the public and not discovered for years later that George had quietly passed away at the Beverly Hills home of Paul McCartney. Through it all, even though they were four musicians, in reality, they were really four brothers who loved each other.

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Drive-By Birthday Party for James Young

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - James Young, son of Tiffany and Stephen Young, celebrated his 4th birthday on Sunday December 6th, with a Drive-By past his home on East Cypress Avenue in Glendora. This was of course due to the circumstances of the Covid 19 "Stay at Home" order. About sixty cars with friends and relatives participated. James loves fire trucks and the idea of being a firefighter, so he dressed for the occasion and each friend in the line received a fire fighter hat, toy Dalmatian and flame cupcake. He got the chance to see many of his friends from preschool (Hope Lutheran) and even got a surprise visit from Glendora's finest firefighters from Station 151.



Birthday boy "firefighter" James Young gets ready to give his school friend, Gracie a toy dalmatian and a cupcake.

Even though the rest of the day was just celebrating with family, his parents rented a bounce house from a local rental company, Hop Skip N' A Bounce, and ordered pizzas from Round Table. It was an unconventional birthday, but James seemed to have loved every moment of it.



James was thrilled to see the firefighters from Station 151.

His special day ended driving through the Christmas in Color experience in San Dimas with an amazing light show!

For a pandemic birthday, it was absolutely perfect!

Cameron Elementary School, Room 13 Sends "Thank You" Cards to Veterans

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Students from Cameron Elementary School room 13 went out of their way to send "thank you" cards to the Veterans. The veterans were very appreciative of the thanks that they got. Some

of the cards were taken and sent to soldiers overseas the next day. Some remained at the VFW Post so others could read the messages that were written inside for the veterans and their auxiliary.



Cameron Elementary Classroom 13 sent "thank you" card to the Veterans.



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GLENDORA - Santa arrives early at Glendora Unified School District with much needed Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for Students and Staff complements of BYD via Mr. Sam Kang the head of Total Solution of Sales for BYD and the current Mayor of the City of Duarte. Part of the donations are student kits that include masks, sanitize wipes, and hand sanitizer. Over three thousand masks plus individual hand sanitizers were

part of the donation.

BYD through Mr. Kang has been donating large amounts of PPE's to schools, hospital, and municipalities to help ease the stress and fears of all those that

have received these generous gifts. Mr. Kang has been with BYD for the last year and is on the Duarte City Council and is currently the Mayor.

Covina Opens Banna Park



COVINA - The City of Covina is excited to announce the opening of Banna Park to the public! The park is now open for passive recreational uses (green space, walking path, bicycle path) and a new fenced space for our four-legged friends. In accordance with County Health Orders, play and exercise equipment has been taped off, but we look forward to opening these areas once condi-

tions allow. Banna Park is located at the corner of N. Banna Avenue and Cypress Street, across the street from Charter Oak High School.

Banna Park was funded through a competitive grant award from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and involved no expenditure of City General Funds.

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