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Duarte Representative on Citrus College Governing Board Honored as State's Longest-Serving Trustee

GLENDORA – With more than 50 years of service on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, Edward C. Ortell, J.D., will be honored by the Community College League of California (CCLC) for being the longest-serving community college trustee in California.

In May 2020, Dr. Ortell will be one of 10 individuals who will receive a CCLC Fulfilling the Trust award. Designed to celebrate the enduring service of California's community colleges trustees, the Fulfilling the Trust award is presented to those trustees who have achieved 20 years of service or have reached other milestones at community colleges in California.

Originally elected to the college's governing board in 1969, Dr. Ortell represents Trustee Area 3, which encompasses Duarte and portions of Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia, Covina and Irwindale. This is the third time he has received the Fulfilling the Trust award from the CCLC.

"On behalf of the entire Citrus College community, I congratulate Dr. Ortell on receiving this honor. For more than five decades, his commitment and dedication to Citrus College, its students and its surrounding com-



Edward C. Ortell, J.D., is a governing board member of the Citrus Community College District. He represents Trustee Area 3, which includes Duarte and portions of Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia, Covina and Irwindale. Dr. Ortell has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since he was first elected in 1969. (Photo courtesy Citrus College)

munities has been unwavering," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Citrus College superintendent/president. "Throughout his tenure, Dr. Ortell has witnessed significant progress in the growth and development of Citrus Col-

lege. As a member of the Citrus College Board of Trustees, he has helped guide the college as it navigated challenges and embraced opportunities. For this, we are grateful."

office, the district was renamed the Citrus Community College District to reflect the college's evolving role. Dr. Ortell has helped provide vision and guidance at Citrus College. The student population has doubled over the last fifty years, increasing from 10,000 students enrolled in the 1970s to the approximately 20,000 enrolled today. Additional areas of growth include the expansion of student services, an increase in the rates of students transferring to four-year colleges and universities, the introduction of new vocational education programs and the construction of many new buildings, such as the world-renowned Haugh Performing Arts Center.

"As a long-standing member of the board of trustees, Dr. Ortell has been instrumental in helping promote significant initiatives at Citrus College. He has advocated on behalf of all community colleges on issues such as the extension of the Gold Line and the expansion of dual enrollment," said Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "I have served alongside him since 2007 and know that he believes deeply in the mission of community colleges. I join my fellow board members in thanking him for the time and energy he has devoted to this cause."

Prior to Dr. Ortell's election, the Citrus Junior College District expanded to include students from Claremont, Duarte and Monrovia. Soon after he took

held all board offices, including more than 10 terms as board president. He has also served on other boards and associations, including the California Community College Trustees State Board, the California Master Plan for Education Task Force and the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association.

A professor emeritus of business and computer technology at Pasadena City College, Dr. Ortell has authored two college textbooks on mathematics and has received several National Science Foundation grants. He was also the former executive director of the Pasadena Education Association. Additional honors include receiving the CBS anchor Ralph Story Service Award, the Community College Association We Honor Ours Award and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Civic Service Award.

"Receiving this recognition from the Community College League of California is very humbling. It is definitely an honor to be among those whose service to the state and its students is being celebrated," Dr. Ortell said. "I am very appreciative of the support that the citizens of Duarte have shown me throughout the past 50 years, and I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with my fellow board members, as well as with Citrus College faculty, staff and administrators."

Remembering Donna Crippen (1928-2020): El Monte's Treasure

By Joan Schmidt

EL MONTE - Sometime in the early 90's, I met a remarkable woman, Donna Crippen. I took my elderly mom to museums when she visited, and The El Monte Museum was her favorite! Mrs. Crippen was the curator and shared much local history.

As a teacher, the El Monte Museum became an annual field trip. Both students and parents loved it. Many parents had no idea it existed. Consequently, over time I wrote about this exceptional museum, but today my focus is Donna Crippen. She loved El Monte, was an expert on the City's history and loved to share her knowledge in such an interesting fun way. El Monte had many founding fathers. When you enter El Monte, a sign may say, "End of the Santa Fe Trail". A caravan of wagons continued through Santa Fe and kept going until they found "El Monte", not a "mountain", but a "beautiful lush area".

Mrs. Crippen explained all the displays, showed how a power-



Jacob Blake with Donna Crippen. (File photo 2016)

less vacuum cleaner worked and answered many questions. She was curator till her 90th birthday. She passed away on March 21, 2020.

Donna graduated from El Monte High School in 1945 and became a nurse. She met Jack Crippen, an ambitious man, who just started "Crippen's Ambulance

Service". They dated and eventually eloped in Las Vegas on September 15, 1948.

Both Donna and Jack had a passion to serve their community; they began "Meals on Wheels" in July 1974, which still is operating today. Donna was active in the Parent Teacher Association and served on the Board of Directors for Hope House. Most of her life was spent serving others. She received much recognition over the years. Here is a sampling: "Woman of the Year" by the El Monte, South El Monte Chamber of Commerce"; "Senior of the Year" by El Monte Seniors; "Woman of Achievement" by the Business and Professional Women's Club; "Good Guy Award", by Meals on Wheels Board of Directors; and "El Monte's Person of the Century" by the Mayor and City Council of El Monte.

Donna's husband Jack and eldest daughter Sharon preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters Penny Crippen-Infante and Sheila Crippen-Thomas, seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held, Friday, June 12, 11:00 am, Valley Community Church, 3039 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte.

97th Birthday Celebration in West Covina for WWII Veteran



Bob Reiter, Lieutenant Travis Tibbetts, Lieutenant Ken Plunkett, Captain Doug Murray, Chief Richard Bell, and LASD Deputy Joe Mendoza went to wish Bob Reiter a Happy 97th Birthday and also to thank him for his service. Bob is a WWII veteran.

by Staff Writer

WEST COVINA - On April 30th, Chief Richard Bell, Captain Doug Murray, Lieutenant Ken Plunkett and Lieutenant Travis Tibbetts went to wish Bob Reiter, a WWII veteran, a Happy 97th Birthday. They were met there by Deputy Joe Mendoza, a family friend.

Bob is a longtime resident of West Covina. Bob was raised in Los Angeles and graduated from Garfield High School. At the age of 13, he built his first ham radio and got his ham radio license. He was an active radioman for Covina's Christmas parade for many years. He was active with his ham radio up until about 10 years ago.

Bob was in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II serving in Italy during that time. He made rank to staff Sgt. and he was honorably dis-

charged after the war. Bob and Mary, who is 96, got married and they have been married since 1946 and if you do the math... that is 73 years. Now, because of the coronavirus, he's locked up with her and can't get away.

The West Covina Police Department caught wind of the fact that Bob was going to be 97 years old on April 30. They decided to pay him and his wife a visit and wish him a happy birthday. A friend of theirs, Joe Mendoza, who is with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, also was on hand to make sure the West Covina Police Department behaved themselves.

Lt. Ken Plunkett notified Cmdr. George Ogden of the VFW about this veteran's birthday. Ogden then notified Councilman and former Mayor of West Covina Lloyd Johnson.

They got together on May 1st and paid him a visit to wish him a happy birthday and to present him with a dozen flags that could be placed on the neighbor's lawn for Memorial Day. Johnson brought his famed 1956 Chevy which is dedicated to veterans and Ogden brought his vintage Rolls-Royce after hearing that Bob loved cars and never had been in a Rolls-Royce.

Ogden and Johnson spent some fun time with Bob and Mary and getting them behind the wheel of the cars. Their daughter Paula was on hand to provide a lot of fun information about the happily married couple. Special thanks to the West Covina Police Department and the Sheriff's Department for taking time to wish this great World War II veteran a happy birthday.

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- Required at essential businesses, using public transportation or ride shares, and when unable to physically distance.

For more information, visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19; New Frontier

Remember JFK's slogan for the 20th century America about new challenges we faced back then and how to overcome those challenges? We are here in the 21st century and are facing somewhat different scenarios which threaten mankind and the existence of the global normalcy in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

We, as Infectious Disease physicians got excited to hear that the very first antiviral for COVID-19 was FDA approved yesterday for emergency use in moderate-to-severe COVID 19 patients. Based on review of the topline data from the randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial conducted by NIAID and from the Gilead-sponsored open-label trial that evaluated different durations of Remdesivir, it is reasonable to believe that the known and potential benefits of Remdesivir outweigh the known and potential risks of the drug for the treatment of patients hospitalized with severe COVID-19.

Most doctors are somewhat paranoid about the inevitable surge of a new wave of COVID-



Dr Deepthi Jayasekara

19 as we talk about reopening businesses next few weeks. While some believe that stay-at-home orders are impinging on their constitutional rights, countries like Japan and Singapore already experienced new waves of cases, prompting some soul searching on who are mostly affected by the new wave cases like the low-paid migrant workers who live in congested dormitories in urban settings. Therefore, we need to be cautiously optimistic about reopening the economy. Let us all be mindful of the fact that this is not only a healthcare crisis but also an economic tsunami and people are currently impacted by both those adverse scenarios equally.

Scientists are working diligently in search of an effective vaccine against COVID 19 and the most promising news were reported from Oxford group and Pfizer with a German group called BioNTec last week. New FDA-approved Remdesivir and other medications like Hydroxychloroquin, Ivermectin, Tocilizumab with Convalescent plasma have already been instrumental in saving thousands of lives affected by COVID 19. While healthcare professionals accelerate the clinical trials on those therapeutics and vaccines, we need to be confident and optimistic about what the future holds after the pandemic. It will not be a utopian dream of a prosperous world, but we are going to get through this, and we will be back to near-normalcy in a few months.

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Get Stronger Every Day With At-Home Workouts

These days, people are navigating unprecedented times that have them rethinking how they live and work. While big shifts to normal, daily habits can be unsettling, this also provides an opportunity to start new routines and make positive changes.

Many are spending more time at home, so adding structure is more important than ever—especially when it comes to staying active. Studies have shown that exercise can help boost your mood, productivity and immunity.

According to Tom Holland, exercise physiologist, Bowflex fitness adviser and host of iHeartRadio's Fitness Disrupted podcast, it takes most people a minimum of two months to form a new habit. He recommends making the most of your time at home to establish healthy routines.

To help you get started, Holland offers these simple tips to add at-home fitness into your daily routine:

Connect with a Coach: When motivation wanes, there are plenty of subscription services and online resources. For example, there's the Bowflex JRNY app (<https://www.bowflex.com/jrny-app.html>), which features a personal fitness coach who



Staying active at home is easier with the Bowflex Max Total, which offers personalized workouts and coaching technology that can keep you motivated over the long term.

gives spoken instruction and encouragement as you push through your custom workouts—available on the Bowflex Max Total (<https://www.bowflex.com/max-trainer/>) and Bowflex BXT216 treadmill (<https://www.bowflex.com/treadmills/>).

Start small: You don't have to commit to an hour or more; aim for several micro workouts of 5, 10 and 15 minutes throughout the day; those add up and count as much as one long workout.

Put it on the Calendar: Keep exercise at the top of your to-do list by scheduling a daily walk or run or streaming a yoga class.

Multi-task: Connect to streaming content and sweat through your favorite daytime show, or catch up on the news.

Home Gym Essentials: Holland recommends including one piece of cardio and one piece of strength equipment in your home gym.

If space is limited, two good cardio-strength options are the Bowflex Max Total (<https://www.bowflex.com/max-trainer/>) and Bowflex 840 kettlebell (<https://www.bowflex.com/selecttech/>).

Creating healthy habits now can carry you through the current times, and help set you on a path to finish up the year feeling healthy and stronger than ever. (NAPSI)

Queen of the Valley Staff Honored with First Responders Parade

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Last week the staff, nurses, doctors and anyone who worked at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina were honored by a first responder's parade. This was a multi-agency response with the Sheriff's Department and many different local police and fire departments throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles responding to the Queen of the Valley Hospital. There were police cars and sheriff's vehicles parked all along the curb from Merced all the way north on Sunset past the hospital campus.

The ladder truck from West Covina Fire Department was extended and honorably held in American flag in front of the hospital. Emergency vehicles headed north on Sunset with lights and sirens blaring to honor all those who are working so hard in the hospital. Many patients also par-



The ladder truck from West Covina Fire Department hoisted the American flag in front of the hospital.

ticipated by coming out of their rooms and applauding all of those who work at the hospital as the parade of emergency vehicles came through the parking lot.

Many of the firemen as well as police officers said this was one small way to say thank you to all those that are doing so much.

California Highway Patrol To Distribute Face Coverings To Truck Drivers

SACRAMENTO— The California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced that it will distribute 100,000 face coverings supplied by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to truck drivers in California.

"The California Highway Patrol is honored to be a part of the distribution of these protective face coverings for truck drivers," CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "The Department recognizes the essential task these drivers are providing to keep critical goods and supplies available."

"The Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) and trucking stakeholders to coordinate and ship 800,000 protective masks to State Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) law enforcement agencies throughout the country for distribution to truckers all over the country," said Collin B. Mooney, executive director of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. "State and local partners, in conjunction with FMCSA, continue to assist in the distribution of the masks ... to ensure that the masks are supplied directly to truckers who maintain our nation's supply chain during this crisis. The Agency is appreciative of FEMA for supplying these masks, and for our state partners who have worked together to ensure they

reach America's truck drivers." The CHP will distribute the face coverings to its 17 commercial vehicle enforcement facilities in each of our eight field Divisions throughout the state based on known truck volume. Truck drivers will be provided coverings at the front counter of the enforcement facilities and during other contacts by departmental commercial vehicle personnel.

To find the locations of CHP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facilities by CHP Division, go to <https://www.chp.ca.gov/find-an-office>, scroll down and click on a specific geographic Division or call 1-800-TELL-CHP (1-800-835-5247).

Dairy Farmers Of America And Alta Dena Dairy Donate More Than 12,000 Gallons Of Milk To Those In Need Throughout Southern California

Surplus Milk Due to COVID-19 Being Put to Good Use

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), a national cooperative owned by dairy farm families across the U.S., and Alta Dena Dairy worked together to donate local milk to multiple food banks and pantries throughout Southern California.

Kicking off in mid-April and continuing this week, more than 12,000 gallons of milk are being donated to more than 15 food banks throughout Southern California, including organizations that help fight hunger in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino and Ventura counties to name a few.

"Much like the rest of the nation and the world, COVID-19 has brought unpredictability and challenges to the dairy industry. As schools and restaurants have closed, overall demand for milk and other dairy products has de-

creased, unfortunately leaving us with a surplus of milk," said Gary Stueve, chief operating officer, DFA Western Area. "Knowing that millions of Californians are struggling right now and with food banks being a critical local resource to help feed those individuals and families, we knew that we had to figure out a way to help."

Together, DFA and its California farm families along with Alta Dena Dairy coordinated the processing of more than 108,000 pounds of raw milk into more than 12,000 gallons of milk. In addition, Alta Dena processed and donated an additional 5,000 gallons of milk for food banks in the area.

"It's heart-wrenching to see milk go to waste and not being used to help feed people who so desperately need it right now,"

said Melvin Medeiros, a DFA Board member and local dairy farmer from Laton, Calif. "As dairy farmers, we work hard each and every day to help produce food for our local communities, so I'm really proud to be a part of getting this milk to food banks here in California."

As demand for food assistance rises with the COVID-19 outbreak, Feeding America, with its more than 200 affiliates across the country, has projected a \$1.4 billion shortfall in the next six months.

"Alta Dena Dairy and its over 800 employees are proud to support this combined effort to ensure our Southern California communities have fresh milk for all in need during this health crisis," said Terry Dana, Vice President and General Manager, Alta Dena Dairy.

Carjacker Steals Car and Almost Kills Seniors by Running them Down

By George Ogden

COVINA - On Thursday, April 30, around 5pm, the authorities reported a carjacking of a car in the 21,200 block of E. Arrow Hwy. This is in the unincorporated area of Covina.

The victims are senior citi-

zens with the man being an 84-year-old with his 70-year-old wife. The suspect approached the couple and told them there was an issue with their car, a Kia Korte, which was parked in the driveway.

The senior couple went out to move their car. After moving the car, the suspect pulled the man from the car and threw him to the ground. He then jumped into the car and tried to drive it away. The suspect then ran over the 84-year-old victim while the victim's wife hung onto the car's door handle where she was dragged and

thrown to the ground. The suspect was able to take off in the car leaving the victims in the roadway. People in the area came to the aid of the seniors and called the police and paramedics. They treated both victims and transported them to the hospital.

The vehicle was later found in Montebello and recovered and a suspect was arrested. The suspect will most likely be facing attempted murder charges of the victims. The Montebello police have not released information on the suspect at this time.

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Supervisor Barger Introduces Los Angeles County Roadmap To Economic Recovery

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced a motion, co-authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis and unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, that outlines the framework for economic recovery and development in Los Angeles County following the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Although the Safer at Home order remains in place, Los Angeles County must put forward a comprehensive plan to revive and reopen our economy and return to full employment,” Supervisor Barger said. “We must take swift action to help workers, businesses, and organizations as we navigate the impacts of this public health crisis on our region and ensure we emerge stronger and more resilient than before.”

This motion, entitled “Los Angeles County Roadmap to Economic Recovery,” details extensive plans and efforts to rebuild and revive the local economy. This includes:

- Creating an Economic Resiliency Task Force, comprised of business, industry, labor, and county and city leaders, to develop recommendations that leverage public-private partnerships to improve the economy, create jobs, and return to full employment

- Utilizing County assets to promote neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, and economic opportunity

- Considering a permanent 501(c)3 County Fund for Los Angeles to raise private capital to support local businesses, employees, and underserved communities.

- Developing a Los Angeles County Works initiative to support a return to full employment through job training, subsidized employment opportunities, and youth employment programs

- Facilitating a working group devoted to fostering innovative ideas and initiatives from County employees, businesses, and labor partners that can streamline contracting and identify cost-savings actions

- Directing the Los Angeles County Office of Education to engage with state and federal Departments of Education and local school districts to create safe environments for youth that enable parents to return to work.

“As a former U.S. Secretary of Labor who served during the Great Recession, I understand

the economic hardship facing Los Angeles County residents at this critical moment. There is no question our small, minority-owned businesses were hardest hit. I have seen firsthand the pain this COVID-19 pandemic has caused: families mourning the loss of loved ones due to this virus; small business owners shuttering their businesses and struggling to put food on the table, and families grappling with food insecurity,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, co-author of the Board motion. “Over the last month, County residents have been adhering to the Safer at Home Order and have worked to flatten the curve, and as a result, I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to initiate a path to recovery soon. This road to recovery will be gradual and deliberate. Gov. Gavin Newsom has outlined six critical indicators —each grounded in science—that the State will consider before moving ahead, and similarly, LA County’s Health Officer has also laid out prerequisites that need to be fulfilled prior to modifying the County’s Safer at Home Order. The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated that the health of our residents and the health of our economy are interwoven — and a measure of the economy’s strength cannot be separated from the health of the people who drive it.”

County To Receive \$13.6 Million In Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funds

Funding Approved During National Community Development Week

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to receive and administer the County’s initial allocation of \$13.6 million in Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, as well as future allocations, in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Nationally, \$5 billion in CDBG-CV funds will be distributed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, resulting from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress and signed by the President on March 27, 2020. In Los Angeles County, LACDA staff are currently working with partner agencies to develop CDBG-CV activities, which will assist residents with limited means who have been impacted by COVID-19, including temporary rental assistance, grab-and-go/delivery meal programs, business assistance to retain employees that are low- and moderate-income, and support of other COVID-19 response services.

The Board approved this funding during National Community Development Week, which is the County’s opportunity to commemorate the longstanding accomplishments of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. This year marks the 34th year of this

national effort to actively promote awareness, education, and advocacy for these crucial programs.

Emilio Salas, LACDA Acting Executive Director, said, “As we commemorate National Community Development Week, we are reminded how the CDBG Program has demonstrated time and again its value to Los Angeles County. This additional infusion of funding will have a great impact on the work the County and our partners are doing to respond to COVID-19.”

The LACDA administers the largest Urban County CDBG Program in the nation, serving over a million residents in the County’s unincorporated areas and an additional 1.4 million living in 48 participating cities.

The Program’s success is in its flexibility, allowing local governments to directly address community needs, targeting about 96% of allocated funds to benefit persons with limited means, through activities which include: housing rehabilitation; public services for groups such as seniors, youth, and persons experiencing homelessness; economic development activities; and making public facilities, housing, and sidewalks accessible for persons with disabilities.

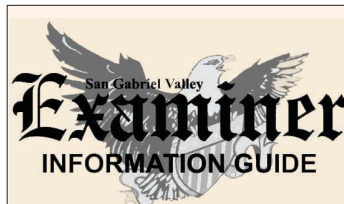
Now more than ever, the County is taking this opportunity to commemorate National Community Development Week to not only acknowledge the continued successes of the CDBG and HOME Programs

and bring awareness to their impact on Los Angeles County residents, but also to highlight how important the CDBG Program is to the County in responding and recovering from crises. In the past, CDBG funds have helped County residents recover from other disasters or emergencies, such as the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 2008 Great Recession.

While the accomplishments from the CDBG Program are far-reaching and severely needed, past national budget cuts have overshadowed their merits. Through aggressive advocacy efforts this year, the CDBG Program, nationally, is to receive \$3.4 billion for Fiscal Year 2020, which is \$100 million more than last year. And, the HOME Program will receive \$1.35 billion in FY 2020, which is also a \$100 million increase.

Lastly, as funding for these federal programs rely on Census data, the County and the LACDA encourage all County residents to complete the 2020 Census and be counted. In addition to mailing it in, residents can complete it online this year at my2020census.gov. It is imperative that the County has an accurate count to maximize the receipt of federal resources.

For more information about the LACDA’s programs and the impact from COVID-19, please visit lacda.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, LACDA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.



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LA County Will Send Vote-By-Mail Ballot to Every Voter

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a proposal by Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Sheila Kuehl to send a Vote-by-Mail ballot to all eligible LA County voters for all elections—starting with the general election this November.

“It is hard to imagine that, amid the coronavirus crisis, we have a major election coming up this November,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn who authored the motion. “No one should have to choose between their health and their right to vote. We don’t know what challenges we will be facing in this pandemic this fall, but by sending every voter a mail-in-ballot we can ensure that everyone can cast their ballot

safely, no matter what the future holds.”

The current “Safer At Home” public health order is set to expire May 15, 2020 but health officials have acknowledged that some form of social distancing will be needed for an extended period of time and that “Safer At Home” orders may be reenacted if deemed necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19. These issues could present challenges for the General Election, including possibly hampering the recruitment of election workers or making it difficult for in-person voting locations to meet capacity demands while ensuring social distancing.

“Nothing, including all the challenges related to COVID19, should be allowed to prevent

voters from casting their ballots in November,” said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who co-authored the motion. “This motion takes necessary steps to ensure that all LA County voters could vote by mail in November.”

The measure was passed unanimously Tuesday and will mean that the County of Los Angeles will send mail-in-ballots to every eligible voter in all elections starting with the November 3, 2020 General Election.

In addition, the Registrar-Recorder will take appropriate measures to align in-person voting options for the General Election with guidance from the Department of Public Health to ensure the safety of both voters and election workers.

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 will come 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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Practicing No Bail Agenda

On the November 3rd ballot you will be asked to vote yes or no about requiring those accused of committing a crime to post bail or allow an appointed committee to decide if the accused should be released with a promise to return for arraignment - no bail - or held in jail.

With COVID 19 we are reading about more prisoners demanding, and receiving, early release, to prevent spreading the disease. L.A. County D.A. Jackie Lacey has announced that prosecutors have been directed to take steps to lower the number of people in local jails and area courthouses as part of an effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus. Discussion revolves around the release of 2,000 prisoners after determining they are non-violent felony and misdemeanor offenders.

The California Judicial Council has ordered no bail for misdemeanors and other low-grade felony charges in all jails for three months after the state lifts its quarantine order according to Sheriff Bill Ayub, Ventura County. He told his Supervisors he objected to the "one-size-fits-all" approach by the Judicial Council.

August 2018, SB 10 by Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) was passed and signed by former Gov. Jerry Brown after a two-year battle to eliminate cash bail. The bill proposed to establish agencies in each county to provide an assessment of the person's risk to public safety and potential fleeing versus showing up for the court date.

- Low-risk offender would be released with minimum conditions assigned like none, or ankle bracelet, or periodic check-in with an assigned authority;

- Medium-risk offender could be released or held in jail depending on assessment protocols to be developed by the California Judicial Council;

- High-risk offender would remain in custody until arraignment (violent crimes, already under court supervision, violation of previous pretrial releases).

Bail bonds came into being when the Bail Bond Regulatory Act was passed in 1937. A bail bond is a surety bond, which is posted by a bail bond company to



Shade's Perspective
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Former Mayor of Glendora

the court as a guarantee for an arrestee's appearance at all court dates. The counties set the bail rates and the bond company sets the premium rate or what is charged for release from jail along with requiring additional collateral.

For instance, if bail is set at \$5,000 for a charged offense, the offender or his friend would come up with 10% or \$500, plus a car, house or other valuable asset worth \$5,000 to guarantee that "loan" or bail money. When the case is settled, the valuable commodity is released but the bond company keeps the 10% or \$500 for their service rendered.

Two issues came to the forefront as this bill was about to make California the first no-bail state with then Gov. Jerry Brown saying, "Today, California reforms its bail system so that rich and poor alike are treated fairly." Supporters of this proposal said with two-thirds of today's inmates stuck in county jails because they don't have the resources to post bail, we have an unequal justice system based on wealth.

The American Civil Liberties Union of California told the Sacramento Bee it originally supported the bill to end the "predatory lending practices of the for-profit bail industry." But after bill revisions, Margaret Dooley-Sammuli with the ACLU's Campaign for Smart Justice said this proposal was not an improvement over the old system just more about reducing the jail population and the racial and financial disparities in criminal justice were not addressed.

We all know Brown and the Democrat majority are all about reducing prison and jail popula-

tions rather than building new facilities from their support of AB 109, Prop 47 and 57; and, Gov. Newsom's philosophy by trying to outlaw private prisons for ICE incarcerations of criminal illegals.

Sen. Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) and former Chair of Board of Prison Terms, said, "This is a stay-out-of-jail card. Criminals will thumb their noses and dismiss court orders. With our criminal justice system already weakened by AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57, this bill will further deteriorate our public safety. With parole supervision virtually eliminated, bail agents are the only boots-on-the-ground supervision for most convicted felons."

Bail bond companies, facing wipe out of the entire industry with one swoop of Jerry Brown's pen, along with the American Bail Coalition and Executive Director, Jeff Clayton, formed the Californians Against the Reckless Bail Scheme and collected 575,000 signatures in just 70 days to get this issue on the November 3, 2020 ballot. They have raised \$3.577 million to support a "NO" vote on the November 3rd ballot that would force a repeal of SB 10 and keep the current system and cash bail in place.

Among the donors who have contributed \$1.275 million so far to maintain SB 10 and replace cash bail with a risk-assessment programs, and protocols still to be established, are NextGen California, a Tom Steyer PAC, and SEIU California State Council, an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union.

SEIU California State Council is a committee that was formed to support and oppose ballot measures. In the past they have supported Prop. 47 with a contribution of \$50,000 and Prop. 57 contributing \$122,000 and they are now on record opposing California Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNA Collection, the Initiative to correct the egregious errors in Props 47 and 57.

Tom Steyer donated \$1.750 million in support of Prop 57 while former Gov. Brown, through his Ballot Measure Committee, raised \$4.138 million to make sure Prop. 57 passed.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Extraordinary Times

By Joe Castillo

COVID-19... In this year of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, we have seen things that not many of us have ever seen before. For decades we have felt safe from anything that may have resembled a disease, virus, gas, plaque or even radiation as our medical knowledge and health expertise were the best in the world. But Coronavirus caught the entire world by surprise as we had no remedy or vaccine available which could control the spread of an unknown disease.

We've seen the world's health experts perplexed by its cause and effect, and worse yet how to treat patients who encountered the dreadful disease. We were defenseless with the only protection being to wash our hands, keeping a safe distance from others and covering our faces. It was all we could do to protect ourselves. But the number of infections rose and even worse the number of deaths steadily increased. Businesses were shuttered, gatherings were prohibited, or-

ders were given to stay at home. The financial markets crashed and the economy came to a sudden halt, not only here in the United States but across the entire world.

COVID-19 has become one of the worlds greatest killers and the numbers continue to rise. As of this week, 65,000 American have died as a result of COVID-19. In American history, this ranks more than the 2,400 deaths killed at Pearl Harbor, the 3,000 victims of the 9/11 terrorists' attacks, the 3,000 lives lost in the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, and the 8,000 fatalities in the 1900 Galveston hurricane. The Korean War resulted in 36,600 military deaths and the Vietnam War ended with 58,200 losses. World War II claimed 405,500 American lives while the Spanish flu killed an astonishing 675,000 American lives with 20-50 million people killed worldwide.

The Spanish flu occurred just over 100 years ago in 1918 and lasted nearly two years before a treatment was identified.

As of today, no vaccine has been developed for COVID-19 but the experts have indicated one will be coming before the end of the year. Vaccines have been developed before for other viruses and diseases but none in less than a year. In the 1960's, it took four years to bring the mumps vaccine to

market. For the varicella vaccine, it took 28 years to develop while it took nearly five years to develop and approve of the vaccine to counter the Ebola disease in 2014. There are currently 102 vaccines in development for Coronavirus but only 8-10 look promising, according to Bill Gates, the Microsoft Billionaire who has used billions of his own money to research a solution for COVID-19.

We are living in extraordinary times, at a time when we are trying just to survive. Our streets are void of cars, masks are being worn for protection, restaurants are closed to seating and everyone is out walking because there are minimal other activities which we can do. We may never again see what we are seeing today, with an unseen threat of disease being ever present. We are living history before our very eyes but the story is not over yet. You will remember these days of uncertainty as we have all been impacted by the changes to our entire world. Changes which we would never have expected. Extraordinary times, indeed....

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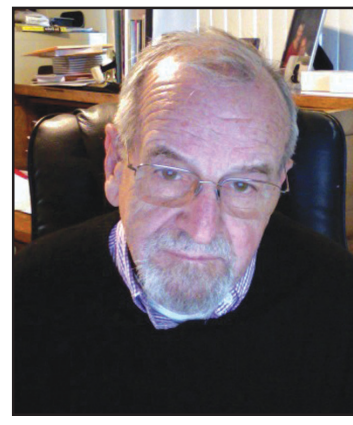
Here Come The Students

This is a third column NOT shaped by the coronavirus

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. During the months that followed, news about the Vietnam War was increasingly grim. By August, Chicago's oppressive weather only added to the starkness. Early one mid-summer morning a student stopped me on the street waving a handbill announcing an emergency gathering of a student organization to take place in Chicago at the same time as the Democratic National Convention. This handbill had been distributed across the nation. I was shocked to read that the headquarters for the action was "The Church at 57th and University Ave," where I was the new pastor. These plans had been made without any notice to me or to the congregation.

Three days later, here came 300 students! I had been warned that this particular group was the radical arm of SDS (Students for a Democratic Society), calling themselves "The Weathermen." They were gathering in order to disrupt the Convention by demanding an end to the Vietnam War. Their project was called "The Days of Rage." And here was this pastor right in the middle of it. Having been alerted to the potential violence, I enlisted two very large men to guard me and the church building. Everyone who arrived was searched. Guns and knives were confiscated and held in the church's safe.

I found myself in a difficult cul-de-sac. On the one hand, I had been deeply involved in the movement to end the war in Vietnam. I had been in anti-war demonstrations in Washington, Chicago and elsewhere. University Church was a focal point of opposition to the war, and the congregation was fully involved as well as supported my involve-



Charles H. Bayer

ment. On the other hand, the congregation and I had consistently pleaded for a non-violent response. The horror of the war, and the potential violence in aspects of the anti-war movement had both been consistently resisted. And now here came students who were dedicated to ending the war, but at the same time seemed committed to violence as the operative tactic. What was I to do?

In conversation with the leaders of the congregation, and the local student majority who had been consistent in denying the use of violence, I decided to stand with the group that was using my church as the base of operations. At the same time I made it clear to them that I disavowed their proposed tactics, and would keep any such action out of the church facilities. That meant that even planning for "the days of rage" would be out of bounds. As a result, I still stood with the students and was the closest thing they had to a chaplain even while I resisted the dark aspects of their agenda. I would be tear-gassed with them in Grant Park during the "police riots."

Looking back, it seems clear that my attempt at a dual stance might have been impossible.

My dilemma came to a head the next year during the trial of "The Chicago 8" (David Dellinger, Rennie Davis, John

Froines, Tom Hayden, Jabbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Lee Weiner, and Bobby Seale) While disavowing their tactics, I had consistently tried to maintain this dual role as a supporter, but one whosood in opposition to the violent nature of their action. The 8 had been indicted for their role in "The Days of Rage." I had met with them, welcomed them in the church building and stood by them during their trial.

Did I get away with it? Possibly not. I was called before the Grand Jury that indicted them, as "a person of interest." That was a harrowing experience. I was questioned by the district attorney. I was not allowed an attorney, nor did I have the right to confront my accusers. Two young undercover FBI agents, who had infiltrated our student group, had identified me as a co-conspirator.

My job, at which I was probably less than successful, had been to keep the demonstrations as peaceful as possible. However, as time went on, I became more and more convinced that the students were right and that the war was both immoral and illegal and had to be stopped. As a result of my involvement in the demonstrations, my phones were tapped and pictures were taken from a tower at the University right across the street, of everyone who entered our church building.

I have never been certain whether or not my difficult stance was really possible, but I stand behind what I did. The ambiguity might have been expected. When everything on which you stand is shaking, to hold your ground is both a commitment to act and the courage to face the consequences. I would do it again.

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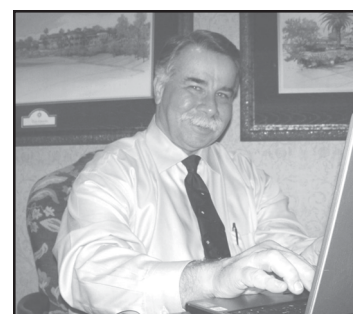
Now We Don't Jail Them! What Do We Do?

I thought we elected people to represent us, not to control us. Where did we go wrong?

If things weren't bad enough with all this corona stuff going on, our government officials feel it is okay to release prisoners back into our population. They say they are nonviolent prisoners but we all know that that's a bunch of crap. Now we find out that the police departments are not jailing people for the crimes that they're doing. They simply cite them out. Like a traffic ticket. Police departments really have no control over this. They say this is because of the coronavirus and there's no room in our jails.

I've said this in the past but we all need to realize that we have to protect ourselves. Right now the police can't protect us and the government is doing nothing about it. You have residents coming home and finding burglars and transients leaving their houses. When they attempt to stop them they end up getting hurt.

There are many states that have laws that allow citizens to carry their weapons. If you find the criminal element on your property, don't approach them unless you have some type of protection with you. These people are dangerous. I feel every homeowner should have a firearm for the protection of themselves, family and their property. Today, you will also need that firearm to protect our police officers if they should respond into your neighborhood on an emergency call. Do not run outside with a gun in your hand to help the police if the police are looking for someone. It's a good way to get



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!
yourself shot.

I'm of the opinion that we have the right to stand our ground. The government has us on a modified martial law status. Remember back in the old days, those that come to "loot" your personal property, they could be shot. I'm not saying that you should go out there and blow away the bad guy for stealing your property, but do what you can to make sure you and your family are safe.

There is a story that I'm trying to locate where a man caught a guy looting tools from his pickup truck. It was in his driveway. He approached the guy with a handgun and the guy turned towards him and acted as though he had a weapon. The victim shot the man and he fell to the ground. He was able to get up and ran off to a waiting vehicle. The suspects

fled in the car and sped away from the scene. It appears as though the victim didn't bother to call the police because he felt they were going do nothing and it would be a waste of their time. He resolved the issue himself and recovered his own property. He felt he did his due diligence and also at the same time he saved the taxpayers some money by not calling the police.

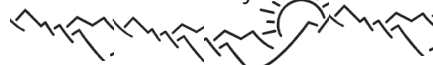
When I saw that story, I could not feel that he just might have something there. I guess there was no real reason to call the police and waste their time. Even though he shot the dude, he was protecting himself, and he also recovered his own property. I wish I had saved and marked this story because it would be interesting to contact this individual and get some more information.

When you hear stories like this, you can't help but root for the victim.

We have become extremely vulnerable. We have put ourselves in a situation to be controlled by others that many of us no longer trust. You just don't know who to believe anymore.

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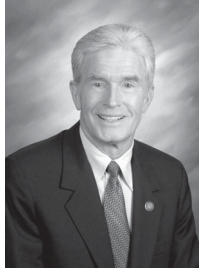
When Will Blue States Support American Freedoms?

Are you old enough to remember the 1976 movie Network with the TV anchor yelling "I am mad as Hell, and I am not going to take it anymore"! Honestly, I think many of us are reaching that point. We are becoming more and more convinced that the media's expressed fears of significant ongoing deaths from the Wuhan coronavirus is primarily politically motivated. More than a few Americans believe that the goal of continued business shutdowns is to further damage the economy, in hopes of electing a different President in November. Yes, it smells like a conspiracy!

Let's face it, nothing has "stuck" in the fake news' ongoing finger pointing against the President. The Russia hoax could not be supported even by the most determined (Democrat appointed) investigators. House impeachment efforts created another extended waste of valuable time and more worthwhile government focus. The fact that the President's popularity actually increased (after the Democrat's lie filled impeachment trial) led leftist leaders to look for something else that might motivate voters to support a change. The Chinese Communist Party's apparent plan to damage the free world (by keeping its Wuhan coronavirus secret until it had time to spread) offered the Democrats another opportunity to damage the President as much as possible before November.

But, keep America closed? Really? Could Democrats "sell" China's plague as an ongoing life or death threat, an extended Epidemic of the Century? Could the media make China's virus into something like those Trials of the Century or Perfect Storms? Unfortunately, the CCP's secrecy was allowed to cripple our economy, even though it is currently killing fewer than our annual opioid deaths or accidental poisonings, or deaths suffered from the regular flu season of 2018. The coronavirus death toll could have been higher without social distancing; but, isn't there a good

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What's up in the Economy?



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chance that America has been over-reacting?

Recent media stories may even be an attempt to support keeping Blue states "shut down". Russia, China and Iran apparently are experiencing a second wave of the Wuhan coronavirus. Knowing that all three countries significantly understated initial cases, it is very likely that those enemies to America are now overstating new Wuhan coronavirus cases! Most American's understand that those three enemies of the free world do not report the truth. Let's not allow new lies to slow America's efforts to "re-open America" for our citizens and our economy!

I see ongoing evidence of a malicious political agenda as blue states like California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, New York, etc. fight to stay "closed for most businesses", further damaging America's total economy! Each additional "closed for business" week means more delays as the USA (as a whole) starts slowly heading back toward normal economic activity. Daily reports indicate that some blue states have a higher "death" count than red states. But, can we believe those numbers? Recently, Mayor de Blasio admitted that New York City's death count was distorted. We have been "fed" differentiating data that claims we should do one thing, only to be somewhat reversed not too much later. Has anyone (other than me) felt that this "blue state" shutdown "envelope" is being pushed to the maximum by Democratic Governors? How far should the President let blue states go before he says "enough"?

While we watch as this damaging political war continues, think about the ongoing infringements on American freedoms! We are being conditioned to think people that stand up for THEIR freedoms are selfish! This is all due to a virus that could revisit the globe yearly, that may kill some Americans yearly. Coronavirus deaths (so far) fall between annual suicides (48k) and the 2017-18 flu season (61k). USA coronavirus deaths in 2020 may end up close to the number of drug overdoses (70k). With ongoing personal separation, we should be able to limit future co-vid deaths, while re-opening businesses and starting America's needed economic comeback!

I personally think we have little choice! Poverty kills, and total isolation yields total poverty. The bulk of America is not as densely populated as New York City. America certainly should allow sparsely populated areas to live and work with only minor safety requirements (established by respective circumstances). For everyone else, social distancing, wearing protective masks, and sanitizing surfaces should allow all healthy American's to get back to work. America's business owners will find safe solutions which lead America out of today's CCP induced recession. America is made up of many intelligent, brave pioneers. We can't afford to stay locked up for months while perfect immunity solutions are developed!

Yes, one more death from China's plague (which it shared with the world) is too many! However, how much are we willing to risk America's future, and how far are we willing to be pushed, before most of us say: "I am mad as Hell, and I am not going to take it anymore"?

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Happy Mother's Day!

What are you doing to make this a special day for someone? Consider those whose mom has passed, or a mom who has had a miscarriage or has had a child pass. What about doing something to positively affect the life of the lonely mom or grandma in a nursing home? If you are a single mom, or it just seems that way because your spouse is serving in the military or travels often, set aside time to celebrate you and others in your situation.

I'm 58, lost my job to Covid-19, and have bills. Can I get money from my 401k or IRA?

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

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

First, take an honest look at your finances and credit scores. Your 'Mortgage' credit scores are often lower than your 'Consum-



Julia Yoder

er' credit scores due to different determining factors. If you decide to pay off a credit card, do not close that account. It looks good if you are using 30-percent or less of the credit available. If you haven't used a card for a while, use it, and pay it off when you get the bill. Second, do you have enough money saved for the down payment, property inspection, closing costs, tax and insurance reserves, and several months' payments? Do you have your tax returns for 2018 and 2019? Third, apply for, and get loan approval. (FindaMortgageBroker.com is a reliable site to locate an independent, licensed mortgage professional in your area.) With so many different types of loans and rates, what you qualify for really depends on your finances and credit scores. There is almost nothing more frustrating than finding your dream home, and not being ready to make an offer because you do not have proof of loan approval. Those selling their home want to see a pre-approval letter from a lender along with your offer to purchase.

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

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

I'm in my early 60's and have about \$100,000 to put into some sort of investment. I'd like it to be safe and make the most interest. What would you suggest I do?

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

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Planning During a Pandemic

Staying at home saves lives. This message has been in the news lately. People never planned on getting sick or catching Covid-19, but the fact is no one is immune to the virus and likewise no one is immune to death.

A beautiful finish requires a lot of effort and preparation. Eventually, we must realize that you can't take anything with you. For most people, I think the word that is scary to say is "death." The most painful and darkest moment in the world is that moment of separation from loved ones. Because of Covid-19, there are even deeper psychological issues. Some people who have experienced trauma cannot sleep when they think about death. But is it really "death" that you should never talk about?

Our unease with this taboo has serious implications. Many people say they want to die at home, but 50% of people will die in a hospital or convalescent home. Now is the time to decide and prepare how to face death with the right attitude. People who have the right perception of death will be happy and grateful for their lives. People who are social-distancing are saving the lives of their loved ones.

Sudden funeral services after the death of a person often leave the rest of the family in despair. Sometimes they lose the dignity of the deceased by making the wrong choices because they are overwhelmed by mental stress.

When a couple has a healthy mindset about death, they can value their lives much more. Their lives become a great lesson for children to share their true family values. Some lessons are: how important our lives are, we can't waste time, and being thankful for being alive.

I have experienced many great couples preparing their funerals together. They tell me that it's an opportunity to find meaning and think about how to spend the rest of their time together.

Some couples, however, are embarrassed to decide which option to take should their beloved spouse leave first. Moreover,



Maria Cho

when economic conditions are difficult and burdensome, families are forced to choose an inexpensive service that costs the least money. The rest of the family can't shake away the guilt and regret over wrong decisions. With this extra time in our lives, it's good to reflect on our future. It's pointless to be angry about Covid-19. It is better to take this time and make it fruitful.

It is true that all people, wealthy or poor, happy or unhappy, knowledgeable or ignorant, cannot avoid death. And if we live by knowing the meaning of real life, there will be great energy in our lives.

From now on, you have to work hard and live carefully when you are healthy. You must also put away your greed and worry in your heart. And our lives must always be happy. Hard times will pass soon.

The first questions I get asked the most is: How much is the funeral cost these days? The cost of the funeral for a loved one's family cannot be determined by the value of the product.

During a painful time, the emotions are biased to make the wrong decision. Preparing for death can bring about a change in the perception of death. You can appreciate the value of life after dealing with death. I realize the importance of my family, and I am grateful to be alive and healthy now.

What is the meaning of death? What is death? How will I be prepared to face the time of my death? When you are healthy, organizing final expenses once and for all is the way to make your life stress-free and have a peace of mind.

Calculating the price of the funeral expenses is the tip of the iceberg. We need to consider how far we are ready for a funeral.

A cemetery certificate or a funeral insurance letter should be consulted with an expert. A funeral preparation has many details; so an experienced funeral planner can help you make decisions. You also could prepare a living trust with an attorney to prevent property fights with your children.

It is with a loving heart that parents pass on a funeral plan to their children as a gift, and they will remain forever as precious memories. If we are prepared, our lives can continue comfortably without worry.

Consultation with experts is important for cemetery preparations and funerals. When preparing for funeral insurance, you must first understand how many items are prepared at the cemetery.

The mother-in-law of a close acquaintance died at the age of 102, but the children signed the last document and paid nothing. That's because she spent \$ 457 in advance in 1986.

Nobody wants their families to face more money worries. As inflation increases, the cost of funerals will increase. Children who have never experienced a funeral, don't know what they have not done before. People experience stress in planning funerals. I live with a sense of pride that relieves my worries whenever I help families with funerals.

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

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Always Moving Forward

When you own, manage and work in the auto repair business one thing you learn, and you learn quickly, is that you always have to keep moving forward. Sometimes people refer to us as "car doctors" and that is true...but I will say that although "people doctors" certainly have to keep moving forward with ever-changing advances in medications and disease control, "car doctors" have to keep moving forward to keep pace with the ever-changing vehicle!

Myself and my employees never stop training. If we stopped, we would soon be out of business because today's vehicles are getting more and more sophisticated and comput-

er/software run. It takes a whole lot more talent than being good with a wrench...we have to be computer experts to keep pace.

Being the owner of an auto repair business means much more than hanging out a sign. Owners have to hire the right talent to begin with...then we have to make sure that talent is willing to keep training. That is one of the hardest things we owners have to contend with...keeping our workforce inspired to learn more. Motivation is the full-time job of ownership.

Thankfully, there are ways for me to keep training so I can manage my business to help motivate me and my staff. I

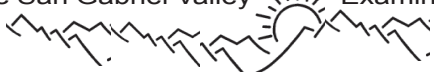
work hard to be the best I can be and support our industry. I just wanted my readers to know that we do this to better ourselves, motivate our staff and be the very best we can be for our customers. When a shop keeps striving to be the best, you will see many degrees and certifications hanging on the walls. Most of this training takes place after hours but it is so necessary. We can never rest on our laurels. Here's to always moving forward!

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Around the Valley & Senior News

LA County Allocates \$3 Million To Los Angeles Regional Food Bank To Ensure Food Security During COVID-19

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Los Angeles County announced a \$3 million allocation to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, a partner in the County effort to connect communities and families with needed resources during the COVID-19 crisis. An estimated 2 million residents in the County experience food insecurity on an ongoing basis—more than any county in the nation. This need is sure to continue and possibly increase in the coming months due to job losses associated with COVID-19.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been met with heartrending and widespread hunger among Los Angeles County communities,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. “The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has always been a critical partner in addressing food security, and it is rising to the challenge in collaboration with the County so that families can put food on the table. L.A. County is committed to

fighting hunger, and I want people to know that if you need food, we are here for you.”

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has been on the front lines of food distribution since 1973 and is a critical partner in Los Angeles County’s mission to ensure food security for all. The Food Bank collects food from hundreds of resources, enlists the help of 30,000 volunteers annually, and with the help of 600 partner agencies and through direct distribution programs, serves hundreds of thousands of L.A. County residents every month.

“Given the current situation, this allocation from Los Angeles County will immediately fund emergency distributions and increase the amount of food provided to the communities most impacted by COVID-19,” said Michael Flood, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank’s President and CEO. “We are proud to be working with the County at this critical time.”

Since mid-March, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has managed food distribution events throughout the County, where food boxes of non-perishable food items, fresh produce, and frozen protein are distributed in a safe environment. The events use physical distancing protocols to protect the Food Bank staff, volunteers, and the public. There is an intake, traffic control, and several loading stations to manage traffic. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank also can help LA County residents find ways to volunteer and create their own food pantries for distribution.

Residents can enroll for food vouchers, find free meals in their neighborhood and request delivery assistance if needed at covid19.lacounty.gov/food or can dial 2-1-1. Please follow @CountyofLA and visit covid19.lacounty.gov for the most up-to-date information about the COVID-19 response in Los Angeles County.

City of Azusa and Azusa School District Partner To Provide Congratulatory Signs For Graduating Seniors

AZUSA - On Monday evening, the Azusa City Council voted unanimously to approve a partnership with the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) to share the cost of purchasing congratulatory signs for graduating AUSD seniors. Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales and Superintendent Linda Kaminski acknowledge that this is a unique time for our community, with graduating seniors missing out on important milestones and celebra-

tions. Dr. Kaminski is “thankful for the support and partnership of the Azusa City Council as we work together to ensure AUSD seniors can celebrate their achievement.”

“Graduating seniors have the support of the City and the Council. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we want them to know that we stand with them during this time,” said Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales.

The City and the District will

work together to order the signs and host a celebratory drivethru pick-up for seniors. The Azusa City Council, Azusa Police Department, AUSD School Board, AUSD staff, and community partners will be present to cheer for our students as a show of community support. Further details on the pick-up schedule will be shared with parents, students, and via the City and District social media accounts.

Kids Read, Learn with Arcadia Library during Closures

ARCADIA — Parents wondering how to support their children’s learning during the COVID-19 closures can look to Arcadia Public Library for activities and resources this spring. Even though the building itself is closed, Arcadia Public Library is offering curbside pick-up, telephone assistance, online resources and more!

The newest addition to the Library’s roster of fun and helpful resources for parents and children is Spring Reading 2.0. Starting now, and running until May 23, children ages 4 to 14 can register online using Beanstack via the Library’s webpage. Once they’ve signed up, kids then read

and log up to 25 book titles to earn VIRTUAL badges. When someone has earned all five VIRTUAL logging badges, they will be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing for one of three \$25 Amazon gift cards. Participants may also complete fun activities to earn an additional badge. All reading and logging must be completed by Saturday, May 23, 2020. Grand prize winners will be contacted by Monday, June 1.

Readers and their parents can access great digital books through TumbleBook Library, OverDrive, Libby, or Gale eBooks. Library staff will also get books for you—up to 10 at a

time—and help arrange for you to pick them up. It’s all available on the Library’s website through the “eBooks and More” page.

Arcadia Library is as close as your telephone, smart phone or computer!

For more information, please call 626.821.5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library’s website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open via telephone, online, and online chat Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Facebook and Twitter.

6 Steps to Get Your CARES Act Funds Fast

Millions of U.S. residents will receive government stimulus payments (also known as Economic Impact Payments) under the CARES Act. Payments to eligible recipients will arrive by either direct deposit or a paper check.

Here are some helpful tips from Wells Fargo that may help you access your funds as soon as possible.

1. Determine if you qualify for a government stimulus payment. Your eligibility is determined by the federal government. To learn more about eligibility and payment amounts, visit [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) under the “Economic Impact Payments” link.

2. Learn how you’ll receive your stimulus payment. If you filed a federal tax return in 2019 or 2018 and typically receive your tax refund through direct deposit, your government stimulus payment will likely arrive the same way. If you did not file a tax return or have not given the IRS your direct deposit account information in the last two years, you’ll likely receive a U.S. Treasury check in the mail.

3. Set alerts for your government stimulus payment deposit. Use mobile and online banking to check your account balances from home so you

know when the stimulus payment is deposited. Set a deposit alert on your checking or savings account to be notified once you receive a direct deposit.

4. Know where you can deposit a paper check. If you have a checking or savings account, you may be able to make a mobile deposit if your bank has a mobile app, or make a deposit at an ATM. Make sure to check your bank’s applicable daily and monthly mobile deposit limits.

5. Look before you leave. Make sure to verify if your local bank branch is open, as they may have reduced hours or ser-

vices. In the case of Wells Fargo, customers can go to the Wells Fargo branch locator for the latest information on closures, hours and services by visiting wellsfargo.com/locator/. Customers can also visit Wells Fargo’s COVID-19 resources and support page for additional information at wellsfargo.com/coronavirus.

6. Beware of scams. If you receive a suspicious email or text message, don’t respond, click on links, or open attachments. Check out [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more tips to help avoid becoming a victim of fraud. (StatePoint)

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3 REPORT

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Hahn Calls on Metro to Require Face Coverings on Buses and Trains

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn is asking Metro to require all bus and train passengers wear face coverings to protect the health of bus drivers and their fellow passengers from COVID-19.

In a letter to Metro CEO Phil Washington Hahn said “given what we know about the COVID-19 virus, the policy of not requiring face coverings puts both Metro passengers and bus drivers at risk.”

The Supervisor’s letter comes after an LA Times article detailed the accounts of Metro bus drivers who fear for their own health and the health of their passengers. While the current Public Health Order requires the public to wear face coverings in essential businesses, Metro has put the onus on bus drivers to determine whether or not to allow passengers on board without face coverings.

“Because so many other essential workers, from grocery

store employees to restaurant workers, rely on Metro to get to and from work, Metro’s decision not to require face coverings threatens to compound the spread of this virus across our County,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Due to the urgency of this matter, Supervisor Hahn is asking Metro to take action immediately and not wait until the next meeting of the Metro Board of Directors.

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Arroyo High School Principal to Retire after 35 Years at El Monte Union

EL MONTE – Arroyo High School Principal Angelita Gonzales, who has been the top administrator at the school since 2013 and an educator at El Monte Union for over 35 years, will retire in June.

Gonzales, who was first hired as an English language development teacher at Rosemead High in 1984, has worked at every El Monte Union school throughout her career and held several roles, including counselor, bilingual resource teacher, migrant education coordinator, compensatory education coordinator and assistant principal.

“I can’t believe it’s been so long,” Gonzales said. “I have seen so many families come through the District, and that’s what I’ll miss the most – getting to know the students. Each school has given me its own individual challenge, but I have always been driven to put the students first.”

Gonzales became Arroyo’s assistant principal of instruction in 2006, a position she held until 2012, when she was named principal of South El Monte High. She later returned to Arroyo as principal.

“I strive to keep the doors open for students and encourage every student to follow their dream, whether it be college or a vocation,” Gonzales said. “It’s important for students to keep their options open. If something doesn’t work out, it’s good to have a backup plan.”

Under Gonzales’ leadership, Arroyo was recognized as a Gold Ribbon School for its visual and performing arts program in 2017 and received a Golden Oak Award from the California PTA. She has overseen the implementation of such programs as the College



Arroyo High School Principal Angelita Gonzales will retire in June.

Board’s pre-Advanced Placement program, the student-run Regenerative Learning Garden and an award-winning culinary arts program.

“Angie Gonzales is an extraordinary and dedicated educator, who has been a leader and men-

tor to many while at El Monte Union,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “Her legacy will inspire us and continue pushing our schools and students toward greatness. We wish her a wonderful retirement.”

El Monte Union AVID Senior Wins \$20,000 Dell Scholarship

EL MONTE – Arroyo High School senior Yvette Hernandez has been recognized as a 2020 Dell Scholar by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. She is one of just 500 students across the country to be selected for the coveted \$20,000 scholarship.

Hernandez, a first-generation college-goer with a 3.84 GPA, is one of just 260 Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students to receive the Dell Scholarship. Hernandez credits AVID for providing the support and resources to help her navigate the scholarship application process.

“I was so excited when I found out I had received the scholarship,” Hernandez said. “I want to thank my parents for being so supportive and my AVID teacher, Rebecca Herrera, for guiding me through the process and letting



Arroyo High School senior Yvette Hernandez has been recognized as a 2020 Dell Scholar, which includes a \$20,000 scholarship. Hernandez plans to attend UC Berkeley.

me know about so many scholarship opportunities.”

Hernandez, who is enrolled in El Monte Union’s Medical Assistant career technical education program, was interning at a local medical clinic prior to the school closures brought on by the coronavirus. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have motivated Hernandez to pursue a career in the health care industry, as well as public policy. She will study those topics at UC Berkeley.

“Yvette is one of the kindest and hardest working students I have ever had in my classroom. She has excelled in her academics because of her dedication, passion and love for learning,” Herrera said. “I am so impressed by Yvette’s ability to see challenges as opportunities. Her positive attitude and work ethic are admirable and inspiring.”

Hernandez previously attended a UC Irvine nursing camp, meeting and networking with nursing practitioners, registered nurses and other medical professionals. She is a member of Arroyo’s Link Crew, which mentors incoming freshmen, is an officer on Arroyo’s AVID council and was Arroyo Class Council vice president as a junior.

“Yvette is a great student and a pleasure to be around,” Principal Angelita Gonzales said. “I am so happy she is being recognized for her hard work and dedication. She is a role model for all Arroyo Knights.”

The scholarship will help pay for tuition, books and other school-related fees. She will also receive a laptop and access to Dell Scholars Connect, a mentoring network that offers year-round support from current and former Dell Scholars.

How to Make the CARES Act Part of Your Financial Plan

For many Americans, the current state of the economy is creating real financial challenges and concerns. However, the federal government’s recently enacted CARES Act is intended to provide some financial relief to families and business owners who may be struggling to manage their finances, using cash disbursements, expanded unemployment benefits, and different loans and tax credits.

In addition to reading up on CARES Act programs, experts say there are several ways to make sure you get as much financial support from the bill as possible.

Here are three things to think about:

- Estimate the value of your economic impact check and plan how you will use the money. The Internal Revenue Service may send up to \$1,200 to individual taxpayers and \$2,400 to married couples, plus another \$500 for each qualifying child. Tools such as The Washington Post’s stimulus check calculator can help you determine the amount you may receive. Then you can decide what to do with your check: e.g., pay your bills, buy essential goods, save it or even invest it.

- Check your eligibility for unemployment benefits. The CARES Act created a new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program to provide benefits to people who lost their jobs, had their hours reduced or are unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19. You may qualify for these benefits even if you are self-employed or an independent contractor. Unemployment benefits have also been increased by \$600 a week and extended to up to 39 weeks of coverage. The Department of Labor’s website (www.dol.gov/coronavirus) has more information on these changes, as well as guidance on applying for unemployment.

- If you own a small business,

consider applying for a federal loan. The CARES Act set aside hundreds of billions of dollars for the Small Business Administration and the Treasury Department to provide financial relief to business owners and their employees. Loan options include the Paycheck Protection Program to help businesses keep workers on their payrolls and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan to help cover a temporary dip in revenue. Visit the SBA’s website (www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options) to learn more and apply.

A Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional can help you understand these programs and make sound decisions about how to use your stimulus funds. A CFP professional can also provide competent, ethical advice on maintaining your financial well-being during this period of uncertainty. And, this advice can be provided remotely via phone calls, emails and video conferencing technology. To find a CFP professional near you, visit www.letsmakeaplan.org.

With thoughtful planning, you can make the most of these and other financial resources to weather the economic storm. (StatePoint)

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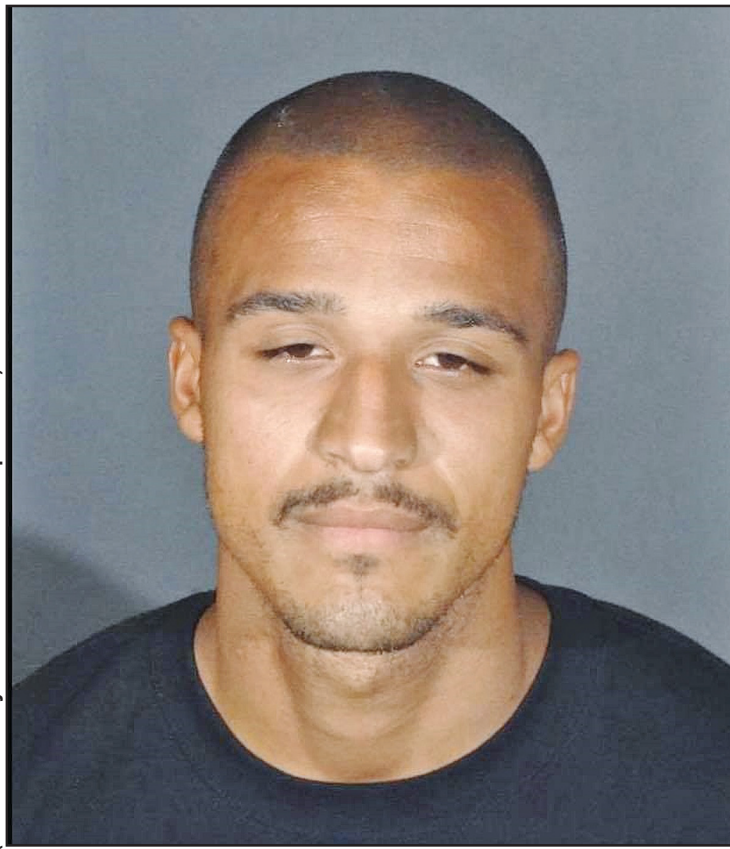
By George Ogden

GLENDORA - Citizens are in grave danger. Right now, there is a zero-bail policy put in place where arrested suspects are simply given a citation and set free. This is being done to limit the spread of the coronavirus in jails, and many police departments have had to release suspects. These same criminals would normally be kept in custody. That is not happening and this is putting citizens and police at risk. Many of these criminals have realized that they have a "Get Out of Jail Card" and they can continue committing crimes knowing they will not go to jail.

They have realized that they can simply go into a store and pick up as much merchandise as they can and walk out knowing they will not be arrested. They are also doing smash and grab where they break a window in a store and steal as much merchandise as they can.

This past week, the Glendora police arrested one man and took him into custody on three separate occasions for committing 3 different crimes in a single day. This included two stolen vehicles. Each time he was arrested, he was released with a citation.

Wednesday morning April



(Photo courtesy of Glendora Police Department)

Glendora arrested, Dijon Landrum, 24, was arrested 3 times in one day and released under Zero-Bail measures.

29, Glendora police responded to an attempted break in of a vehicle in the 1400 block of South Grand Avenue. When officers arrived, they found that the vehicle had already been started and the suspect, Dijon Landrum, 24, of Monterey Park, was attempting to drive away and was blocked in. Still in the stolen car, he was removed and arrested, but let him go right there and let him

walk away with a citation.

In less than an hour later, Glendora police were called to a neighborhood where a suspect was stealing property from various homes' porches, driveways and garages. They located the suspect and found out that it was, Dijon Landrum, the same man that they had let go an hour earlier. Police were able to recover the stolen property that he had put into a box that he had with him. He was given a citation and once again released.

Later that day, police were involved in a dangerous pursuit of a stolen vehicle that ended up in Pasadena. Once the car crashed, the suspect was found to be, once again, Dijon Landrum. He was arrested and released right there. Landrum has a huge arrest record and is a dangerous criminal.

Glendora Village Business Update

GLENDORA - The following businesses in the Glendora Village are having Mother's Day Specials:

- Village Eatery: Mother's Day Brunch for 4, \$50
- Knot too Shabby: personal shopping reservations \$15
- LucaBella: Breakfast in Bed special \$65, serves 4
- Peaches & Cream Med Spa: 10% off products
- T Phillips: Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Tote \$52
- Crust & Crumble Special Mother's Day Menu starting at \$2.50
- The Ice Cream Shop US: DIY Sundae Kits \$25



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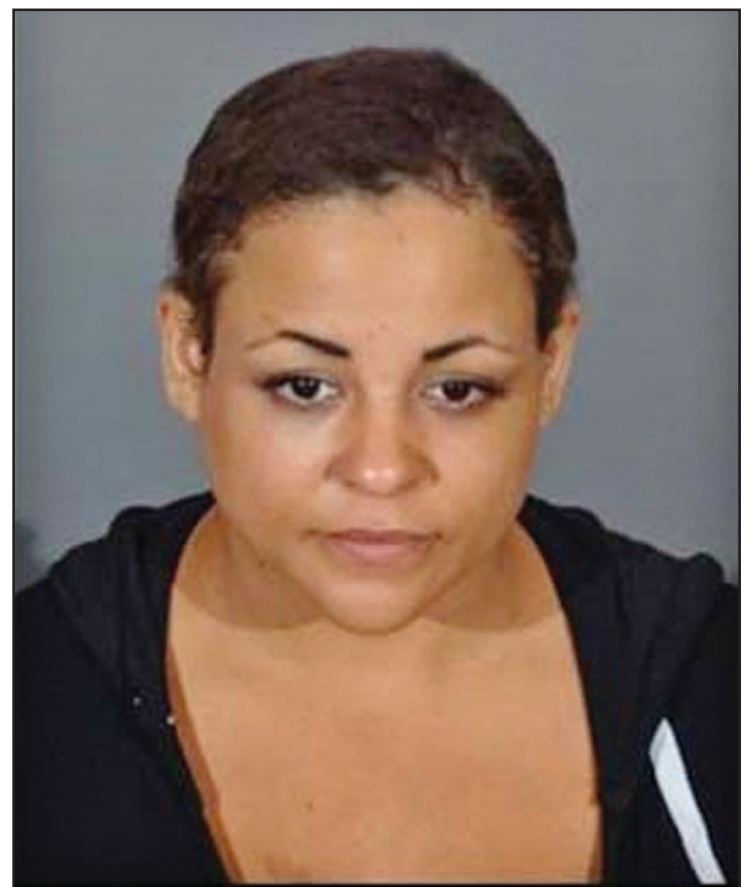
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- Emporia Salvage Gifts starting at \$12.50
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Busted Again at Vanlee Hotel in Covina

By George Ogden

COVINA - On April, 28th, around 2:15 PM, the Covina Police Departments Community Impact Team Detectives were continuing their investigation into the narcotic sales and prostitution going on at the Vanlee Hotel from the previous day. While there, they observed a different male, meet with Teri Burress, who was just released the night before on charges of narcotic sales from that same location. The male was contacted after leaving the hotel and arrested for soliciting prostitution. An additional criminal complaint is being sought for consideration of criminal filing on Burress for prostitution. She has since been banned from staying at the hotel.

This is the same hotel that will become a home for the homeless. They are doing this under the Operation Roomkey program. The plan was to place 200 homeless people at the hotel for 90 days as the story has been told. Covina was never notified and they



Teri Burress arrested again for prostitution.

protested this action. This hotel borders West Covina as well with a residential neighborhood just to the west of the hotel.

There was a protest by Covina's representatives and citizens. West Covina also had a councilmember and former mayor Lloyd Johnson who was there supporting protesters along with West Covina residents at the site of the hotel.

All Road Users Are Essential; May Is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

BALDWIN PARK - May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and the Baldwin Park Police Department encourages the community to think about the safety of riders on two wheels and look twice for motorcycles.

"While we should be staying at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand people need to get out once in a while and run essential errands," Sergeant Andy Velebil said. "Don't let safety on the road go by the wayside, whether you are on two wheels or four."

With nearly 900,000 registered motorcycles in the state, many road users are going places without the same protections as drivers. Motorcycle riders are 28 times more likely to die in a crash than vehicle occupants.

To help protect you and your family, keep the following tips in mind while driving or riding:

- Drivers
 - Always check twice for motorcycles. Both your mirrors and blind spots.
 - Use your signal when changing lanes.



- Never follow a motorcycle too closely. Always keep a safe distance.
- When at an intersection, allow enough space before turning. Motorcyclists:
 - Always wear a DOT compliant helmet and protective gear like gloves and leather clothing.
 - Consider adding reflective tape to your clothing to make it easier for other drivers to see you.
 - Keep your lights on at all times, even during the day.
 - Don't assume drivers see you: signal well in advance before changing lanes and watch for turning vehicles.
- Lastly, never drive/ride under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Remember, we are all in this together, even if we are told to stay apart.

Diamond Bar High Crowns Prom Royalty With Surprise Home Visits



Diamond Bar High School held surprise prom coronations on April 25. King Irwin Chen, Queen Charlotte Tu - Class of 2020

DIAMOND BAR - Diamond Bar High School made some special deliveries on Saturday afternoon.

Students are missing out on end-of-year experiences due to the coronavirus pandemic, including the "Night of a Thousand Lights" Prom which was to be held that evening.

So, Class of 2021 advisors Shari DeCambra, Jazmine Silver, Lisa Arionus, with class officers

Daniel Min, Philip Ma, Aileen Park, and Chris Tan quickly began brainstorming ideas.

"As soon as our school was closed, staff went to work planning activities and trying to create memories for our students," said Principal Jones who was excited to join the coronation.

A crew of Brahmas gathered up the glistening crowns, personalized banners, candy necklaces, and buttons and carpooled to



Diamond Bar High School held surprise prom coronations on April 25. King Irwin Chen, Queen Charlotte Tu - Class of 2020

homes to crown the royalty right in their front yards.

"We love our students and are determined to make the most of this difficult time," he added.

Wearing protective masks, junior class vice president Philip Ma and committee member Cameron Tsai took turns ringing doorbells and then the royal winners were greeted with shouts of congratulations by the group.

King Irwin Chen, Queen Char-

lotte Tu - Class of 2020 and Prince Cristian Vargas, Princess Keili Ishitani - Class of 2021 were selected by student body online nominations and voting.

"It was exciting to still have a vote for prom court and honor the winners!" DeCambra said afterward.

Families marked the moment joining the celebratory photos on the lawn.



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