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BUSINESS

Amazon's Bezos to step down

CEO says he plans to remain with massive company he founded as executive chairman

By Karen Weise
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When Jeff Bezos founded an online bookseller named Amazon in 1994, he said the question that he was asked most frequently was, "What's the internet?" Bezos answered by building

Amazon into a \$1.7 trillion behemoth that sold so many different items online it became known as "the everything store." In the process, he upended the retail industry, turned Amazon into a logistics giant and expanded into cloud computing, streaming entertainment and artificial intelli-

gence-powered devices. For a time, he was the world's richest person.

Tuesday, Bezos, 57, said his run at the top of the Seattle-based company was over.

As Amazon reported its latest set of blockbuster financial results, Bezos said he planned to hand over the



Bezos

reins this summer and transition into the role of executive chairman. Andy Jassy, 53, CEO of Amazon's cloud computing division, will be promoted to run the company. The change will be effective in the third quarter, which starts in July.

"As much as I still tap dance into the office, I'm excited about this transition," Bezos said in an email to Amazon's employees. As executive chairman, he said,

he intends "to focus my energies and attention on new products and early initiatives."

The changing of the guard is set to ripple out beyond Amazon, which Bezos has personified for more than two decades. His impact on corporate America and his remaking of the way that goods are sold turned him into one of the world's most influential technology and business leaders. **BEZOS » PAGE 5**

LOS ANGELES

GROCERY WORKERS COULD SEE PAY BUMP



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A worker stacks potatoes at a grocery store Tuesday. The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to draw up an ordinance requiring hazard pay of an additional \$5 per hour for workers at major grocery and drug retail stores in the city.

New measure: If City Council OKs ordinance, it would join Long Beach in increasing employee wages

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The day after Kroger said it would shut down two markets in Long Beach in response to a similar measure, Los Angeles leaders voted Tuesday to begin the process for mandating \$5 per hour hazard pay for many grocery workers in the city, with several members arguing that such workers have taken on the brunt of the risks as front-line workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

The 15-person L.A. City Council voted unanimously to draw up an ordinance requiring hazard pay for workers at major grocery and drug retail stores **GROCERY » PAGE 6**



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Pasadena Unified School District nurse Jhona Rupp vaccinates Dan Deguchi, of the technology department, at McKinley Elementary School in Pasadena on Thursday. Los Angeles County has made progress vaccinating its residents, with 80% of the doses out so far, health officials say. **VACCINES » PAGE 6**

County: Officials still concerned about vaccine supply but tout ability to get those doses into arms

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While still concerned about the sluggish coronavirus vaccine supply, Los Angeles County public health officials are touting their ability to get nearly 80% of the roughly 1 million doses received so far into the arms of residents, first to health care workers and long-term care residents and now those 65 and older.

"Although our doses are limited, we have immunized so many among the most vulnerable in our communities," said Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis, who later called the figures **VACCINES » PAGE 6**

PASADENA

Council mulling four to fill vacancy

Leaders set to select a candidate for its vacated District 5 seat

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The Pasadena City Council is poised to appoint one of four candidates to its District 5 council seat, vacated after two decades by Mayor Victor Gordo, who assumed the city's top elected post in December.

There's been a hole in the eight-member City Council since then, but it's expected to be filled in a special meeting Thursday when the four candidates will address the council.

Each candidate is a District 5 resident who submitted an application in December after receiving the requisite number of signatures and meeting a handful of other requirements. Only one will be appointed by a majority of the council: **VACANCY » PAGE 4**

CORONAVIRUS

Southland man proud of his actions to thwart spread

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On Feb. 3, 2020, Ken Meng held one of the first news conferences locally to raise awareness of the coronavirus threat and promote efforts to prevent its spread.

In an email to county and state officials, community members and the media, the Chinese American leader and activist living in Rowland Heights wrote in English and Mandarin: "Disasters know no borders."

Though few people came to his mobile home park clubhouse that day, Meng was not deterred. He sent posts to over 100,000 people across the United States on We **MENG » PAGE 5**

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