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David Gafin, civic leader and former mayor, dies at 65

Friends and colleagues hail David Gafin as a gentleman and public servant.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY — David Gafin, a prolific civic leader who dedicated much of his adult life to Downey community service, culminating in his election to the Downey city council and a term as mayor, died June 25 following a battle with cancer. He was 65.

Gafin's imprint on the city stretches across various sectors, from public safety (he was a past president of Gangs Out of Downey) to business (past president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce).

He was also instrumental in the development of Downey's only dog park, which is named in his honor.

"He was a true gentleman in every respect of the word," said city manager Gilbert Livas. "He was honorable, courteous, respectful, and dedicated to the community."

"He was very cerebral about certain things, especially when it came to finances. He was also very passionate about serving."

An accountant by trade, Gafin's deftness with numbers made him popular among local non-profits. He volunteered extensively with the Downey Chamber of Commerce, as a board member, then president,

and later a lifetime ambassador.

He served as chairman of two important chamber committees: the Downey Christmas Parade and the Street Faire, both popular Downey events.

He was a two-time president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, a service club he joined in 1984, and also belonged to the Downey Coordinating Council and the now defunct Citizens for Downey.

"Dave was a wonderful, caring and thoughtful family man who cared deeply about the city of Downey," said Kiwanis President Claude Bilodeau. "He volunteered much of his time for the betterment of our community and his absence will be deeply felt. Our condolences and prayers are with his family."

Gafin won a seat on the Downey City Council in 2004 and immediately put his financial expertise to work, helping Downey grow its financial reserves. This would prove critically important four years later when the global financial crisis hit; Downey was able to weather the storm without extensive disruptions to local programs or service.

"I was fortunate as a city manager to have a wide variety of professionals on the council and certainly having someone who knew numbers as a CPA was always beneficial," said Livas. "He asked good questions, delved in the details, and made sure we were being fiscally responsible to the community. That's something I always appreciated."

Gafin cast several critical votes while on the city council, including the crucial swing vote that brought Porto's Bakery to Downtown Downey.

"Downey had no better servant during his eight years in office," said Mario Guerra, who served with Gafin on the city council. "We collaborated a lot and I was proud to call him a friend."

Gafin also voted to open a farmers market in Downtown Downey and to rename Clark Avenue to Columbia Way, both controversial decisions at the time.

In 2007, Gafin was chosen by his council colleagues to become mayor of Downey, a critical time for the city with the onset of the nation's financial crisis.

Meanwhile, Gafin had to contend with another crisis but this time on a local level: testing revealed elevated bacteria levels in Downey's water supply. Restaurants were forced to close and residents were advised to boil their water. (Subsequent tests revealed Downey's water was safe and the first test result was faulty.)

After winning re-election in 2008, Gafin became involved in negotiations to have Tesla open a manufacturing plant in Downey. Tesla ultimately opted for a Northern California facility but CEO Elon Musk was complimentary of Downey in a letter to city officials.

Term limits forced Gafin off the city council in 2012

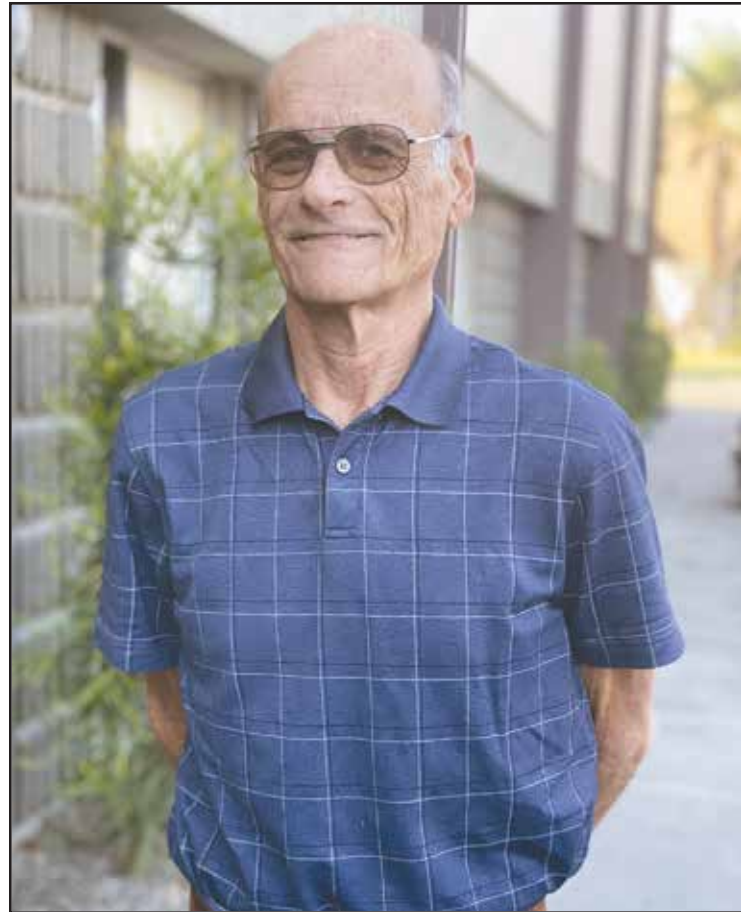


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but he remained active in the community, particularly with the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. He chaired the Measure S citizens bond oversight committee, ensuring that proceeds of the tax increase approved by Downey voters were properly spent.

"I always thought, 'What's best?' Not for me or the city staff per se, but what's best for the

whole community," Gafin said of his approach to public office in a 2019 interview with the Downey Patriot. "And if it went contrary to what people thought, and they couldn't explain it to me to change my mind, I didn't mind being on the bottom end of a vote."

"Politician? No, I never wanted to be one."

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Students demand end to sexual harassment at Downey schools

Students and alumni demand changes in protest outside Downey Unified headquarters.

By Sabrina Picou Contributor

DOWNEY — On Monday, at 1 p.m. roughly 50 people gathered in front of the Downey Unified School District headquarters demanding reform on current policies within the school district.

The crowd wore face masks and practiced social distancing while organizers provided free water and snacks for those in attendance.

Many held signs with phrases written on them that stated, "Take responsibility for your staff DUSD" and "Side with the victim, change the system."

The movement began on Twitter when DUSD alumni and students began posting their experiences of sexual assault, harassment and racial injustice

within the district.

Protestors asked to not be identified by their full names or remain anonymous due to the sensitive issues involved.

"This gathering is not just about sexual assault, it's also in regards to the racism, the microaggressions, the curriculum has got to go," they said.

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Photo by Sabrina Picou

Up for re-election, Blanca Pacheco makes case for second term

Mayor Blanca Pacheco enters re-election with Downey in unprecedented times.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

DOWNEY — The final year of Mayor Blanca Pacheco's first term on city council hasn't been an easy one, plagued by the effects of a worldwide pandemic that did not spare the city of Downey.

So with the election just around the corner and her seat

at the dais already contested, Pacheco says it's important for residents to vote for candidates who are engaged with the community.

Pacheco was originally elected in 2016, serving as Mayor Pro Tem under then Mayor Rick Rodriguez last year. She was sworn in as mayor last December.

Despite what has proven to be a tumultuous several months, Pacheco says that she has managed to still enjoy her run as the leader of the city.

"This has been a year we haven't seen before, at least not since the 1918 Spanish Flu," said

Pacheco. "But even still, I've enjoyed my time being mayor... the reason why I ran for office is to serve my community."

Pacheco says that she has been extremely active on social media, trying to remain engaged with her constituents and keeping them informed.

"This year has been a year where residents needed as much information as possible," said Pacheco. "When residents call, I return their phone calls. Some residents send me messages on social media, and I respond to those messages. I try to be as engaged as possible."

She added that the city has continued to stay active and productive, even during this difficult time, including several of the major Measure S projects which Pacheco inherited that are due to complete by the end of the year.

"We just opened Golden Park recently, and we will see Furman Park opening up," said Pacheco. "We have finished Fire Stations 1 and 3, and we are nearing completion of our Library and Downey Theater. Everything is moving along."

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ON THIS DAY JULY 2

1776: The Continental Congress adopted a resolution severing ties with the Kingdom of Great Britain although the wording of the formal Declaration of Independence was not published until July 4.

1839: Twenty miles off the coast of Cuba, 53 kidnapped Africans led by Joseph Cinqué mutiny and take over the slave ship Amistad..

1890: U.S. Congress passed the Sherman Antitrust Act, antitrust law that regulates competition in industries.

1937: Amelia Earhart was last heard from over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first equatorial round-the-world flight.



Amelia Earhart

1962: The first Walmart store opened for business in Rogers, Arkansas.

1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 meant to prohibit segregation in public places.

2000: Vicente Fox was elected the first President of México from an opposition party, the Partido Acción Nacional, after more than 70 years of continuous rule by the Partido Revolucionario Institucional.

Notable Birthdays
TV producer **Larry David** turns 73. WWE wrestler **Bret Hart** turns 63. Figure skater **Johnny Weir** turns 36. Disney actress **Ashley Tisdale** turns 35. Actress and socialite **Lindsay Lohan** turns 34. Soccer player **Alex Morgan** turns 31. Actress **Margot Robbie** turns 30.



Margot Robbie

Notable Deaths
Louis Zamperini, a World War II veteran and distance runner who competed in the 1936 Olympics, died on this day in 2014. He was 97.

James Stewart, considered one of the greatest actors of our generation, died of a pulmonary embolism in 1997. He was 89.

Mario Puzo, the author and screenwriter who wrote "The Godfather," died in 1999 of heart failure. He was 78.

Nobel Prize-winning writer and journalist **Ernest Hemingway** took his own life on this date in 1961. He was 61.

Holidays
Today is **I Forgot Day**, a day to apologize and make up for forgotten birthdays, anniversaries, and other important life events you may have forgotten this year.

Friends, colleagues mourn David Gafin

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Originally from Lynn, Mass., Gafin was only 6 when his family moved to Downey. He went through the Downey school system, attending Alameda and Gaudin elementary schools, Woodruff Junior High School, and Downey High School. He was inducted into Downey High's Hall of Fame in 2008.

He earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Accounting from Cerritos College (graduating with honors) and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (with an emphasis in accounting) from Cal State Fullerton.

After a few years working for large accounting firms, he started his own practice and never looked back. He'd be self-employed for 33 years as a certified public accountant,

selling his office in 2017.

In the early 1980s, Don Dixon got Gafin involved with the Downey Chamber of Commerce. And when you're an accountant by trade, all the local non-profits and service clubs inevitably will ask you to serve as treasurer. Gafin usually obliged.

"I was incredibly sad to hear about David Gafin's passing," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "He was such an amazing man who gave so much to the community. We will miss him."

Jennifer DeKay, publisher of the Downey Patriot, first met Gafin in 1990 when she was a princess on the Miss Downey Court.

"He was very genuine and real," DeKay recalled. "Being new to the court, you didn't really know a lot of people and

he was one of the first to come up and make sure you were OK and meeting people. He was very welcoming."

Gafin always supported the Downey Rose Float Association, DeKay added.

"From Parade of Winners, to casino night, to our murder mystery shows, he was always the first to buy a ticket and show support," she said.

Dorothy Pemberton met Gafin as a member of Downey Soroptimist. They performed in five studio productions at the Downey Theatre, fundraisers for the Downey community.

"I always seemed to play his love interest or the girl he had to hide," Pemberton laughed. "He was such a focused person; serious, always knew his lines. He would get upset when others

forgot them."

Pemberton recalled asking him once how he dealt with the constant criticism that comes with being a public official.

"He said, 'You gotta be honest and do what you think is right,'" Pemberton said. "People elected you to do what's right."

David Gafin is survived by his wife, Brenda; son, Brent Gable; daughter-in-law, Trisha; and grandchildren Mika and Noah Gable.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1052, Downey CA 90240.



David Gafin at the opening of the David Gafin Dog Park.



David Gafin receives a certificate of congressional recognition from Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard.

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Students demand change at protest

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“We pay so much respect and we thank the survivors for coming forward with their stories because they’re the reason this was created, they inspired us. So we thank y’all for your strength and for even showing up and even for the people who haven’t told their story yet, you’re still valid even if you never tell your story.”

Demonstrators began by mentioning the city’s budget and that the city of Downey approved a \$2.3 million increase for the police budget.

“That’s \$2.3 million that could have gone to sexual assault counselors, but again it went to the people that terrorized us,” they said.

Demonstrators called out the members of the Downey city council who voted for the police budget increase.

“Their names are Blanca Pacheco, Sean Ashton, Rick Rodriguez, Claudia Fromata, and Alex Saab. They need to be voted out, the election season is coming up in November and we need to vote them out,” they said.

Demonstrators also had a four-page list of demands, some of which included: no police officers on Downey schools without police reform; a more inclusive curriculum that includes Black and Indigenous people of color; as well as more inclusive sex education that includes LGBTQ sex education and teaching students about consent.

A Warren High School alumni who asked to remain anonymous helped organize the event along with a group of other people.

“Earlier this week many

women/femmes that I graduated with came forward with their sexual assault and harassment stories,” the person said. “Many alumni and current students came forward with their racist and prejudiced remarks made to them during their time as students within DUSD. A group of organizers and I have decided to take action.”

The anonymous Warren High graduate mentioned that many of their peers took the proper steps in reporting these incidents, however, in many cases their teachers and administration were not supportive. In some instances, the school relocated students to other schools while their alleged abusers were still kept on campus.

Giovanni, a 20-year-old former Warren High student, expressed that he was sexually harassed by one of his instructors when he was 17 at the time of the alleged incident.

“He had sent me X-rated pictures and messages but when I had taken them to the attention of the band director, David Niemeyer, he did report it to the office but when people asked him what had happened to me, he antagonized me,” Giovanni said. “People accused me of being a liar because he accused me of raising false accusations against the instructor who had sent me sexual messages.”

“When I came to the district here in Downey, they kind of swept that under the rug, they decided that it was best for me to get an administrative transfer but they never did anything. The band director still works there.

“We’re so scared of

speaking out and we’re barely starting to speak out two years later and I also want to mention that I saw on social media that a lot of the band boosters, which are the parents of the band people, are calling out students’ parents telling them to punish their students if they catch them supporting any of the victims on social media,” he added. “Which I think is dangerous because it could silent potential new victims’ voices.”

Giovanni had a scheduled meeting on June 29 with someone in the district, however, he chose to not attend the meeting because he felt it was more important to show up to the protest.

Another former member of the Warren High School color guard, Jordan, 20, said he also experienced issues with the band director. In 2017, she was experiencing mental health issues, forcing her to leave the color guard.

“I was being hospitalized... and he told me, ‘You’re letting your program down, all of your peers you’re letting them down, you’re ruining the show,’ stuff like that,” Jordan said “When I told him I was going to a hospital, he told me like, ‘Well when you come back are you going to be here in time for shows?’ and I was like this program is what’s hurting my mental health. I have to leave because it was a really toxic program.”

Jordan alleged that Niemeyer was often inappropriate in his speech towards students.

“I remember one time we were at practice and he yelled out to the flute section, ‘Daddy’s gonna spank you’ because they weren’t doing their work right. And he said



Photo by Sabrina Picou

that to the whole practice over the microphone in front of everyone,” Jordan said. “We would be at Christmas parties and he would beg girls to sit on his lap to take pictures with him.”

Jordan said she is hoping for reform from DUSD, specifically, that girls in marching band can obtain more protection from district. Jordan said that oftentimes

at competitions girls would have to change out of their uniforms in an open bus with no coverage.

Organizers of Monday’s demonstration created a Google document titled “DUSD Call to Action” that includes a statement on their goals. It states that the purpose of the document is for anyone to express any inputs they may have on their

efforts and changes that need to be made within the Downey unified school district.

On Monday at 12:11 P.M., Downey Unified tweeted they will be hosting an “HRC Digital Townhall Series” in order to “actively listen to student voices regarding issues related to safety, discrimination, accountability, and systemic racism.”

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Mayor points to experience in re-election bid

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Pacheco also takes pride in the current city budget.

"We have been fiscally responsible; we have balanced our budget without having to dip into our reserves," said Pacheco. "That's a huge accomplishment, especially given that we were dealing with a pandemic and a loss of revenue from sales tax."

The city is also looking forward to more economic development along the Imperial Highway corridor, specifically with the anticipated arrival of Chick-fil-A.

And while a lot of the community engagement programs and activities the mayor had hoped to see were forcibly sidelined, Pacheco says that "a lot of great things have been accomplished in our city in this year."

Should she be reelected, Pacheco hopes to see more engagement with families and youth in the community.

Looking towards November's

election, Pacheco faces an opponent in the form of Alexandria Contreras - a young, progressive candidate whose platform includes increased protections for renters in the city.

Council members have been the target of scrutiny by a group of regular protestors who claim that the council is "corrupt" and act to serve ulterior motives.

This group often demonstrates at council meetings - even going as far as to council members houses - on topics ranging from rent to the Central Water Basin.

In response, Pacheco says that, "They don't know me and the rest of my council colleagues."

"It's unfortunate that we are seeing these attacks; I wish we knew what the true intentions were," said Pacheco. "They're calling us criminals; they're calling us every name in the book. If they truly knew us on council, they would know how much we care about the community."

"I think at the end of the

day, the residents see how hard we try and how dedicated we are to community...I know the residents know how much we love our city, and it's unfortunate that these people are coming around attacking us."

When it comes time to cast their vote, Pacheco says that residents should vote for the candidates "that have been involved in the community, that understand the community's needs."

"The current council we have, everyone has the heart of the community, has the best intentions for helping the residents," said Pacheco. "We just have to make sure we continue to vote those kinds of people into office, so that way we can continue on with all the great things we've done in our city."

Pacheco has the endorsement of her council colleagues, the entire Downey school board, and Supervisor Janice Hahn.



Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco

Victor Sanchez making run for Bellflower City Council

BELFLOWER — Lifelong Bellflower leader and public servant Victor A. Sanchez today announced he will run for Bellflower City Council in District 4 where he lives, becoming the first to do so ahead of the November 2020 election season.

Council District 4, one of five Bellflower City Council districts created by Bellflower voters in 2016, covers the southwest portion of the city generally between Downey and Ardmore Avenues and between Flower and Rose Streets. This is the first time District 4 will have a direct representative as member on the City Council.

Due to his connection with the community, Sanchez was appointed to the Bellflower Planning Commission in 2016

and currently serves as its chairperson.

Born and raised in Bellflower, Sanchez began his service to the Bellflower community after-hours while attending Bellflower High School. He currently serves as the Director of Community and Donor Relations of the non-profit Community Family Guidance Center in Downey.

"In terms of business growth, Bellflower has seen a lot of progress in the past few years with much more on the way," Sanchez said.

"Growing up and now raising a family here in Bellflower, I want to see our city thrive as a place where we can live, play, and work. Engaging our residents and businesses and helping them



develop better relationships with law enforcement, community leaders, and with each other is a top priority.

Sanchez, a graduate of Cal State Long Beach, and his wife, Suzie, have a 1-year old son, Santiago.

For more information, please visit SanchezforBellflower.com or follow Sanchez's campaign on Facebook, and Instagram at @SanchezforBellflower or Twitter @ForBellflowerD4.

Susan Rice is Biden’s best option for VP

By Steve Chapman

In the history of political campaigns, no topic has a higher ratio of punditry to significance as the choice of running mates. It provides a refreshing break after the long race for the presidential nomination; it typically features many possible contenders; and it fills airtime on news and talk shows.

For all the attention it gets, the decision usually makes no difference. Paul Ryan was the dream 2012 running mate for Mitt Romney, for all the good it did him. Dick Cheney added zero political value, which didn’t stop George W. Bush from winning in 2000. Jack Kemp, Dan Quayle, Geraldine Ferraro — none of them mattered at the polls.

But some vice presidents do matter in office. Mike Pence ran the coronavirus task force with slightly more competence than we have come to expect from this administration. Joe Biden spurred Barack Obama to endorse same-sex marriage. Cheney pushed relentlessly to invade Iraq.

The choice of a running mate is important, though, for what it reveals about the presidential nominee. When John McCain chose the abysmally unqualified Sarah Palin, he contradicted his slogan: Country First. When Bush picked Cheney, it showed that he valued substance more than anything else.

Biden has a harder decision, because his options are more limited. First, recognizing the political and historic importance of ending the male monopoly on our highest offices, he promised to choose a woman. Second, with the sudden national focus on racial equity, he is under heavy pressure to make it someone of color.

His decision is critical, if only because Biden, who will turn 78 in November, would be the oldest person ever to become president. He carries an outsized risk of dying or becoming incapacitated in office.

He can’t have great confidence that his No. 2 would remain in the spare-tire compartment. So Biden ought to give the highest priority to finding someone equipped to take over the presidency at any moment.

There is only one contender who meets that standard: Susan Rice, whose preparation puts her in a different league from anyone else in the running. During the Clinton administration, she worked on the National Security Council and served as assistant secretary of state for African affairs. She was Barack Obama’s U.N. ambassador and national security adviser.

Her background is a crucial asset in the area where a president has

the greatest power, and where deep knowledge is the best safeguard against catastrophe. Rice would not need an education in dealing with Iran, North Korea, Russia, China, Israel or our NATO allies. She’s not only better equipped in foreign and defense affairs than the other vice presidential prospects; she’s better equipped than any president since Richard Nixon.

I say this though I often strongly disagree with her — as when she supported the Iraq War and our intervention in Libya. But her high-level experience is some protection against unnecessary risks. Any mistakes she would make would not be mistakes of ignorance or naivete.

Rice’s resume is skimpy only on domestic matters, where the president has both less control and less risk of fatal mistakes. No one can doubt that, with her abundance of brainpower (Phi Beta Kappa at Stanford, Rhodes Scholar), she would soon master that part of the job.

For all their talents, the other contenders look minor league next to her. Sen. Kamala Harris, a former district attorney and California attorney general, has spent most of her career in the narrow world of law and law enforcement. Likewise with Rep. Val Demings, a second-term House member who was chief of the Orlando Police Department.

Stacey Abrams’ highest office was as minority leader in the Georgia House of Representatives. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms has worked only at the local level. Rep. Karen Bass of California has 15 years as a state and federal legislator but no executive experience. Any of these women might make a good president eventually — but none is adequately prepared today.

Rice’s chief handicap is political: Republicans pilloried her for giving inaccurate answers about the 2012 attack on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya. But her role was minor. Getting voters to elevate that episode above the coronavirus pandemic, the battered economy and Donald Trump’s racism would be next to impossible. For Republicans to pound the drum on Benghazi would be advertising their own irrelevance.

Death, Biden knows all too well, can come like a thief in the night. If it comes to him as president, a successor who is ready would be his priceless bequest to the nation.

Steve Chapman is a syndicated columnist and blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

Our Declaration of Independence and the decision to revolt

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

“Government requires make-believe. Make believe that the king is divine, make believe that he can do no wrong or make believe that the voice of the people is the voice of God. Make believe that the people have a voice or make believe that the representatives of the people are the people. Make believe that governors are the servants of the people. Make believe that all men are created equal or make believe that they are not.” — Edmund S. Morgan (1916–2013)

In the summer of 1776, revolution was in the air. Congress was meeting in Philadelphia, and it was impatient. Bloody skirmishes between colonial militias and British troops were upsetting the countryside. More British troops were on their way. Congress sensed it needed to do something. It wanted to vote for secession from Great Britain, and it needed a compelling document setting forth the reasons for doing so.

Historians have estimated from reading letters, pamphlets, sermons, essays, newspaper editorials and speeches from that era that only about one-third of the colonists favored using force to secede. But that one-third whipped the winds of change.

At hand was the decision to revolt and to make an understandable argument in its support. Congress represented the radicals who wanted the British government gone. Neither the one-third of the public that wanted it to stay nor the one-third that didn’t care had a voice in Philadelphia.

In the late spring of the year of revolution, Congress appointed a committee of five to compose a document stating the reasons for leaving the mother country. One was Thomas Jefferson, and he was assigned the task by the other four of drafting the document. He wrote four drafts, the final of which the committee presented to Congress.

Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 2, 1776. It was dated July 4th and not fully signed until later that summer. The vote was unanimous. The word went forth to the 13 colonies that they were now free and independent.

The word also went forth to the king — whom the British people believed was divinely chosen to rule over them — who interpreted the Declaration as an act of treason and an invitation to war.

The Declaration’s essence is that all persons have equal natural rights that no government can take away by legislation or command. Those rights can be used freely to pursue and defend life, liberty and happiness. Those rights can also be used to consent or not to consent to a government. And the only legitimate role of government is to protect the rights of those who consented.

This theory, which Jefferson crafted, was the most radical theory of government at the time. No king, no ruler, no edicts crushing personal freedom — just a popular government born in the consent of the governed and limited to protecting their rights.

The government would not come about, of course, until the bloody war was completed. In reality, the real revolution was completed by July 4, 1776 because it was a revolution of minds more than of government. The colonists were not trying to kill the king — as the French would soon do — they just wanted him gone.

Ah, but the revolution of men’s minds — the idea that the government was not legitimate unless consented to and limited, that individual personal freedom, not government power, is the default position; all of this was stirred up by the radicals, articulated by Jefferson, embraced by Congress, achieved by blood and acquiesced by the king — was as much a change for our forbearers as was the violence against the British.

They were free. The revolutionary spirit of maximum individual liberty and minimum government embraced and personified America in July 1776.

Where did it go?

Today, we have government — at the local, state and federal levels — that claims authority to right any wrong, regulate any behavior, tax any event and transfer any wealth so long as it can find public support.

What once was a government that needed the consent of the governed not only to exist but also to do anything is now one that requires of us its permission to do nearly everything. What once were liberties guaranteed are now liberties mocked.

How is it that men and women take oaths to uphold the liberties that the founders risked all to achieve and then enter office and ignore them? If I can legally refuse health care, why can’t I legally take the chance of exercising my rights to travel and assemble whether that exposes me to contagion or not? Is not among the freedoms Jefferson wrote about the freedom to take chances?

Are laws written to preserve liberty or to enforce order? Is the concept of the consent of the governed real or is it make-believe? Does liberty expand in each generation or does it shrink?

Does the government really believe that our liberties are natural and it lacks legitimacy without our individual consent? Has any living person actually consented to the government we now have or is the belief that we have consented to the government merely a myth?

When Jefferson and his buddies revolted from the king, they, too, engaged in a little myth. They coined a popular phrase that they didn’t really mean but caught fire with the colonists: “Taxation without representation is tyranny.”

They didn’t mean it, because they didn’t really want to send representatives to Parliament. They wanted their own small government, and they wanted it here. But the colonists were sick of taxes imposed by London aristocrats.

Are all men created equal or are they not? Does the government have our consent or does it not? Are our liberties natural to our existence or are they not?

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

Band allegations

Dear Editor:

My name is Brenda Gutierrez, formerly Brenda Amiel. I was reading the article Sabrina Picou composed together and it brought such anxiety reading it.

I was a band student from 2008–2011 and attended every single event we had and even participated in events after I graduated. I have to say Mr. Niemeyer was always respectful and always pushed for the best when it came to his students. Leadership was a huge deal and the unity of families to be a part of our journey. So you can imagine reading this article how shocking it is for a former student who has never seen or experienced the allegations.

Will your future articles present valid evidence that this did in fact happen with Mr. Niemeyer? It is one thing taking in comments from various people but it is also another having valid evidence you can print to show.

I do apologize for coming off as upset or rude, understand that Mr. Niemeyer was a good band director and if this indeed is what is happening, I would like actual truth. If it is not, then my mind would rest a little better because imagine these allegations being false and it is towards one of your teachers that you had high respects for?

This does not take away the fact that I do believe the school district does need a better approach when students come forward in need for help. I am all for it because this is what causes many students to shut down, make wrong decisions, and at times end their lives.

There needs to be an end to this for sure.

Brenda Gutierrez Downey

Love thy neighbor

Dear Editor:

As Catholics, Christians and people of goodwill all over the world I think we’ve had enough of hate, anger, tearing down and saying down with this or down with that.

We have seen hatred against Black people, against Latinos, against Asians, against Caucasians, against people of mixed ethnic background, against Democrats, against Republicans, against conservatives, against liberals and many more. When we engage in hate, when we engage in resentment, when we engage in tearing down we cannot build.

I am a firm believer that tolerance is not enough. We are not called to tolerate our neighbor but to love our neighbor. I’m a firm believer that even those who are angry and resentful and prideful, those who are acting out in violent ways, those who are judgmental and filled with self will need our prayers. We cannot be victorious over evil with more evil.

This is why Christ calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, of course after loving God with all our heart and our mind and all our strength.

If we as a culture do not move away from the violent things that we are saying and doing about and to each other we will suffer tremendously by tearing each other apart. Let’s not fall into the trap of blaming “Those people who are different from us.”

Remember that the greatest social movements in history were done to provide freedom and goodness for human beings. No social movement is perfect, and it never has been. Let’s be more patient and compassionate and understanding of one another.

Fr. John Higgins Downey

Lawmakers can get thousands back to work

By Bette Grande

With more than 40 million Americans out of a job due to the coronavirus pandemic, states are scrambling to help the unemployed and laying plans to reopen the economy.

Many of the proposed measures could take time to bring relief. In at least two states, though, governors could get thousands of people back to work right away by removing obstacles to existing energy infrastructure projects. Considering the dire economic forecasts, it would be a shame not to let them move forward.

Back in 2018, regulators in Minnesota approved a plan to replace an aging oil pipeline. Line 3, as it is known, carries crude oil from Alberta to Wisconsin, but because of its condition, operates at only half capacity. Last year, Governor Tim Walz renewed a state appeal to stop the project.

A similar delay is playing out in Michigan, where, in 2018, the state approved agreements to create a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac, the waterway between Lakes Michigan and Huron. The tunnel is designed to house oil and gas pipelines that now sit unprotected on the bottom of the Straits. Governor Gretchen Whitmer ordered state agencies to halt action on the proposed tunnel last year. A Michigan court reversed her order, but she still faces pressure to block any forward movement on the project.

In both states, environmental concerns have played a role in holding up pipeline upgrades, but they’re not well-founded. When we have less pipeline capacity, more crude oil is transported by train, and according to a recent study from the University of Alberta, greenhouse gas emissions from pipeline transportation are as much as 77 percent lower. Pipelines are also the safest way to move oil, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Enbridge, the company slated to build both the Minnesota and Michigan pipelines, had a safe-delivery record of very close to 100 percent for the decade ending in 2017.

Crucially as we head into a major recession, infrastructure projects offer a slew of economic benefits. Minnesota’s Line 3 replacement would create about 6,500 local jobs over a two-year period, pay some \$167 million to local workers and generate another \$162 million in purchases at local businesses. In Michigan, Enbridge has committed to spending \$500 million on the Straits of Mackinac tunnel, including \$40 million right away.

There are also up-and-running examples of the potential economic impact, like Louisiana’s

Bayou Bridge, a pipeline extension completed last year. That project paid \$71 million to local landowners, plus nearly \$35 million to Louisiana-based companies for materials used in the pipeline’s construction. It also created 2,500 construction jobs.

The Dakota Access pipeline, which was similarly stalled by protestors before it was finally completed in 2017, has been a boon for the North Dakota economy. The project produced some 12,000 jobs for North Dakotans during construction, and within its first two years of operation, the pipeline generated more than \$263 million in state tax revenue.

The coronavirus is hammering America’s economy. There’s no need to make things even worse by stalling perfectly safe infrastructure projects.

Bette Grande is President and CEO of the Roughrider Policy Center.

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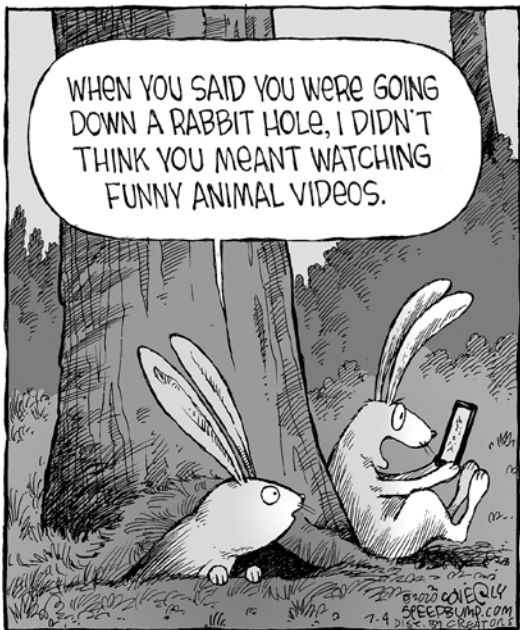
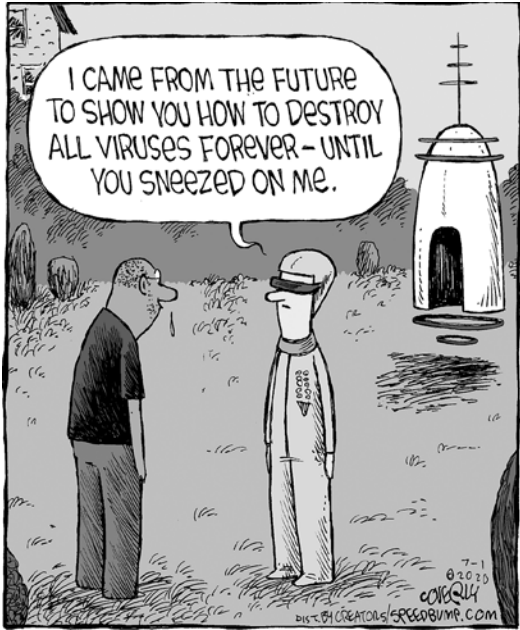
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CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

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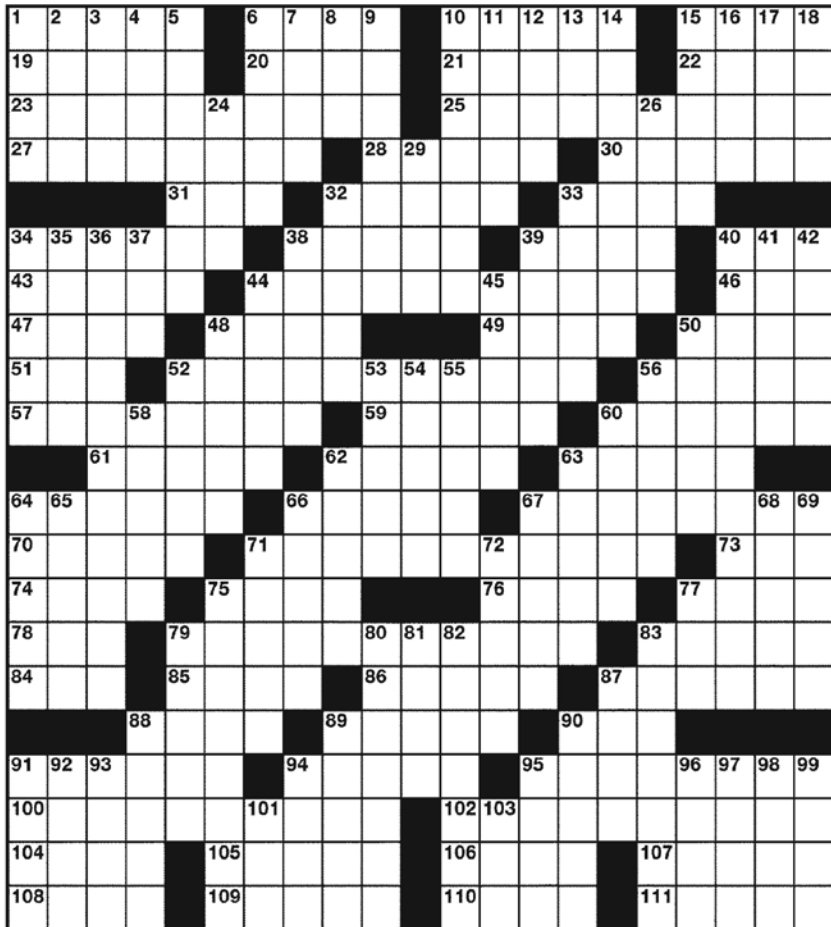
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Downey woman indicted on drug charges

Authorities are searching for Maria Mendoza, the alleged leader a drug trafficking ring.

DOWNEY — Federal authorities this morning arrested two defendants named in a federal grand jury indictment that alleges a family-run drug trafficking organization trafficked in kilogram quantities of cocaine, as well as fentanyl pills.

With one of the named defendants already in federal custody, authorities are continuing to search for the three remaining defendants, which includes a Downey mother who allegedly oversaw the operation.

The eight-count indictment lists a series of drug deals, attempted narcotics transactions and money laundering activity starting in September 2018 and running through July 3, 2019.

The indictment charges six defendants:

- Maria Trinidad Gutierrez Mendoza, aka "Tia," 54, of Downey, the alleged leader of the narcotics ring, who allegedly

possessed 4.3 kilograms (about 9.5 pounds) of cocaine one year ago;

- Maria's son, Jose Ceja Gutierrez, aka "Feo" and other aliases, 32, of South Gate, who is currently in federal prison on unrelated charges;

- Maria's daughter, Karina Ceja Gutierrez, 35, of Los Angeles, who allegedly helped her mother obtain cocaine and was arrested today;

- Jose's girlfriend, Esmerelda Rodriguez, aka "Barbara Moran," 29, of Huntington Park, who allegedly helped obtain fentanyl pills;

- Primitivo Cisneros Cruz, aka "Primo," 70, of Los Angeles, an alleged source of narcotics for the drug ring, who allegedly was found with a kilogram of cocaine in May 2019 and was arrested today; and

- Bridgett Coates, aka "Sharol," "Janet" and "Yane," 55, of Lawndale, an alleged customer of the organization.

Karina Gutierrez and Cruz are expected to be arraigned this afternoon in United States District Court in downtown Los Angeles.

All six defendants are

charged with conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, a charge that carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a statutory maximum sentence of life.

The indictment further charges Gutierrez Mendoza with possessing 4.3 kilograms of cocaine one year ago. Jose Gutierrez and Rodriguez are charged with possession with intent to distribute controlled substances related to an April 2019 seizure of nearly 7,400 fentanyl pills falsely marked as oxycodone. Cruz is charged with possessing a kilogram of cocaine in May 2019.

The two-year investigation into the Gutierrez drug trafficking organization was conducted jointly by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations.

Substantial assistance was provided by the South Gate Police Department.

Five-day school week not happening, says Downey Unified

It looks unlikely students will return to campus full-time when classes resume next month.

DOWNEY — Students will not be returning to a five-day school week when school resumes in August, according to a recent update given by the Downey Unified School District on Tuesday.

DUSD has been relatively tight-lipped as to what awaits students in the 2020-21 school year, with Superintendent Dr. John Garcia citing an unwillingness to commit to any specific details amidst a myriad of fluid regulations and mandates coming from higher government agencies.

However, this changed

Tuesday when the district released a statement, saying in part that, "a five-day per week return for students is not a viable option."

Instead, the district projected two scenarios.

The first – a "hybrid model" – would see students in the classroom for two days a week and participating in distance learning for the remainder of the week.

The second choice would be

a full-time distance learning alternative, specifically for students and families who have health-related concerns and/or other concerns related to an in-person return.

The district said that they will be sending out a more descriptive and detailed parent survey next week.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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Is it safe to return to a City Council meeting?

After three months away, reporter Alex Dominguez returned to City Hall. This was his experience.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

It seems like forever ago that I added “attend a city council meeting” to my list of things that I wanted to do after quarantine; in actuality, it has only been about three months.

City Hall closed back in March, following a directive by Gov. Gavin Newsome to “stay at home.” As such, the general public was no longer allowed to participate in its city dealings in-house, instead having to stream meetings online, and having to transition to making their voices heard via email or calling in.

We are now at the point where things are slowly starting to open back up, including City Council’s bi-weekly meetings.

I had become so accustomed to watching council meetings on YouTube, that it was entirely lost on me that I could have attended in person as early as the June 9

meeting.

So, the big question is this – is it okay to come to a council meeting again?

If you have kept up at all with the updates coming from city hall, you would know that its opening is not without new procedure.

Like many places, you are now required to wear a mask to enter, and your temperature will be taken at the door. There is also hand sanitizer there at the ready for your disposal.

One less obvious move made by the city, is that the city now requires all visitors to enter through the main entrance. This is posted on a sign at the front door.

Easy. Nothing dramatic here.

What was significantly more jarring was when I entered the council chambers, where the seats had been marked off, and in some cases, entire rows blocked to socially distance attendees.

Again, this wasn’t anything huge despite my initial shock.

In fact, once I took my seat, I couldn’t help but notice city staff helping guide others

to available seating, which I thought was a nice touch.

Council members were split up across the dais, with every other seat left empty.

Is it six feet between each councilmember? If I had to guess, probably not. But it’s enough to get the point across that Downey is trying to keep everyone safe.

Councilman Sean Ashton was participating remotely, and could be seen on a screen.

Once things kicked off, the meeting was relatively normal, and lasted about 2 1/2 hours with no special presentations or recesses.

Truthfully, the only breaks in the action came when City Clerk Alicia Duarte would sanitize the speaker’s podium between almost every speaker. With the exception of one or two missed moments, Duarte was practically “Johnny-on-the-Spot” and did a fantastic job throughout the evening.

If there was anything to nitpick on Tuesday, it was the council and their sporadic use of facemasks throughout the evening.

When I first entered the building, I ran into Mayor Blanca Pacheco, who was wearing her mask as she made her pre-meeting rounds. However, once the meeting began, I cannot recall if I ever saw her put it on. She did, however, hold it up as she made comments about how we should all be wearing our masks to ensure the safety of others and ourselves.



Downey City Hall pictured on March 25. City Hall is open although face coverings are required and appointments are recommended..

Photo by Eric Pierce

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa had her mask with her, but spent a fair amount of time with it off.

I don’t think I ever saw Councilman Rick Rodriguez with his mask on.

Councilman Alex Saab was the only council member to wear his mask through the entire meeting, only briefly taking it off when he needed to speak; once he finished his comments, he would put his mask back on.

While I understand that wearing a mask is not the most comfortable thing, I was

disappointed to see the City Council be a little more on the lax side with wearing them.

Everyone in the audience – staff and attendee alike – were pretty compliant with mask protocols, perhaps only removing them for a second to adjust if needed.

As the leaders of our community, our council should be leading the way and setting the example, especially if they are going to make several comments about wearing masks throughout the night as they did.

Still, I’d say that the experience of returning to a council meeting was for the most part a pleasant one.

Despite my qualms

about the council and their nonchalant mask usage, the City Hall Chambers was – by far – the safest I’ve felt in a place somewhere other than home since society has started to reopen.

Do I think that everyone should be knocking down the doors to attend a meeting at this point? Absolutely not.

There are still many ways to participate and be kept abreast of city happenings while still staying safe. If you are simply a spectator, do yourself and others a favor and watch at home.

However, if you do feel so compelled to attend a meeting, know that City staff is and will continue to work hard to maintain your health and safety.

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Sexual assault survivor hopes to inspire change by sharing story

Caroline Medina hopes to inspire change in Downey schools by sharing her story of survival.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — By most measures, Caroline Medina looked to be a typical 15-year-old student in the summer of 2013.

An “awkward, music-loving emo girl” is how she described herself. Streaks of turquoise ran through her jet black hair and her shy smile revealed braces just about ready to come off. She played the bass drum in Warren High’s marching band.

Caroline had a boyfriend -- her first real romantic relationship -- and life appeared exciting as she prepared for her junior year.

“I was in my first relationship and it wasn’t a very healthy one, I would say,” Caroline recently recalled. “That person did sexually assault me, he raped me.”

Caroline is one of several former students who have come forward in recent weeks to share allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment. Faculty members have been accused of directing inappropriate comments towards students, while administrators were criticized for not protecting young victims of sexual violence.

The online movement also raised questions about sexual

education in schools, specifically in terms of consent.

Caroline publicly shared her story on Twitter last week. The Downey Patriot does not usually print names of sexual assault victims but Caroline asked to be identified in hopes of inspiring other survivors.

“It was very difficult for me to get out of there because I wasn’t a very strong person nor at the time did I really know what happened,” Caroline said of her assault. “It was very difficult for me to process because it was my first relationship and I was infatuated with this person -- I felt very manipulated.

“I didn’t really understand what was going on and I felt like it was something that I had done. Maybe this is what love was supposed to be? But they’d never talked about what consent was or anything like that in the school system either, so I had no idea what any of that meant.”

Caroline didn’t plan on contacting the police but she had no choice after confiding to a teacher about her assault. As a mandated reporter, the teacher reported the incident to administrators.

“At the end of the school day, I was called into the office and the counselor just pulled me in, had me close the door, and they said I needed to call the police and I had to tell my mom what happened,” Caroline remembered. “And this was about 10 months after it had happened, so I was just trying to suppress it and forget that it even happened, so it just

reopened everything all over again.”

Caroline headed to the police station that evening and gave a detailed report. As part of the investigation, Caroline had to call her abuser and get him to talk about their sexual history, she said.

The district attorney’s office ultimately declined to press charges.

“They essentially said there was nothing they could do for me,” Caroline said.

To make matters worse, Caroline said she was denied a leadership position in the band and color guard because the band director labeled her a “distraction.”

“I went in for a leadership interview and he told me, and those words are burned into my brain, he said, ‘You are the most qualified person for this position but I’m not inclined to give it to you because you are a liability to me and my organization because of all the drama you created and the problems that follow you.’

“Hearing that from someone who was supposed to be an example for me really made me feel kind of worthless.”

Looking back, Caroline says the school could have done a better job of taking her situation seriously, especially since her alleged attacker was a fellow student.

“I didn’t feel like I was protected,” Caroline said. “With my counselor, I didn’t feel that they were a person I could feel

comfortable going to talk to about it. They didn’t offer me any resources within my community where I could seek help. I wasn’t offered any type of protection or anything to make me feel safe.

“A large part of the reason we’re having an uprising now for wanting to change the school district is because the school district isn’t offering those types of things to students now.”

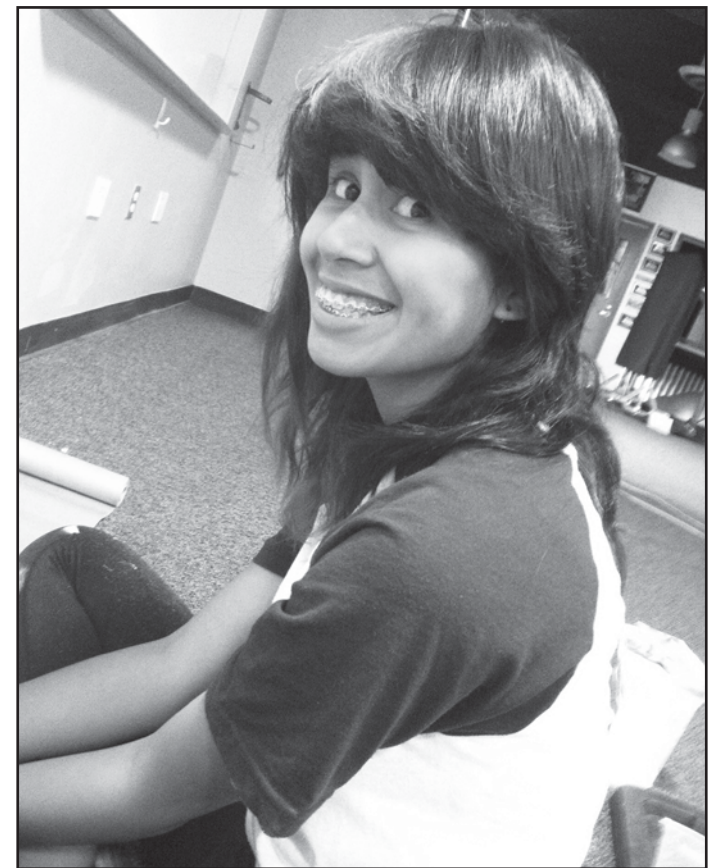
Caroline also recommended the school district include resources on the back of students’ ID cards, such as help for mental health.

“I feel like it would benefit students, whether it be a mental health resource or even a counselor that’s dedicated to talk to them about what they’re going through. I felt like with my counselor in high school, I could only really talk to them if I needed help with advising.”

Today, Caroline works for *Aspire*, the after-school program on Downey school campuses. She interacts with middle schoolers and tries to be a role model for the children.

After going public with her experiences, Caroline says reaction has been overwhelmingly positive online. It reinforced her decision to talk openly and control the narrative of her story.

“I knew with the societal culture that we’re living in, with me sharing my own story, it would inspire and encourage other people to share their stories, and that way people can see how big of a story it really



Caroline Medina in the summer of 2013. Photo provided by Caroline Medina and used with permission.

is,” she said.

Last month, Downey Unified announced the creation of a Human Relations Council whose purpose is to “develop an equity plan that supports and provides resources to improve our Downey Unified School District practices in acknowledging and addressing issues of safety, inequality, discrimination, accountability and systemic racism within our school system and community.”

Starting in July, the council will conduct virtual town hall meetings with students to address their concerns.

“I was willing to sacrifice a part of myself and I guess my well being,” Caroline said, “if it helps someone else find a little bit of strength that they didn’t know they had.”

PIH’s Richard Trogman speaks to Downey Rotary

The hospital executive encouraged the public not to put off regular medical care.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

“It’s been quite a journey,” said Richard Trogman, President of PIH Hospital in Downey.

When Richard joined the PIH family in Downey eight months ago in October, he little expected what a journey it would be. In his talk on the state of the COVID virus at the hospital at the Zoom meeting of the Rotary Club of Downey, Richard spoke in front of an image of the freshly renovated building, formerly the Downey Community Hospital, with the American flag flying at half-staff behind him.

“There have been a lot of confusing messages,” Richard said, a UCLA graduate. Richard also has his Master’s of Health Administration from Cal State, Northridge.

“We follow the Federal guidelines of the CDC as well the Los Angeles County Public Health Department. We are affiliated with Whittier

Presbyterian and the Good Samaritan Hospital in downtown Los Angeles, so we are constantly getting new data.

“We have had a steady level of patients so far,” Richard said, “not a new spike, with the gradual reopening of businesses. But the fact is, what we are seeing is more positive cases. The good news is that many are ambulatory, not as ill, that is.”

But the flu is coming. “When fall arrives, the flu’s not going anywhere,” said Richard. “It’s seasonal and it’s coming. There will be a second wave that will show that and then there will be a spike of patients.

“What we know to be effective is wearing masks, keeping a social distance apart, and voluntarily sheltering at home.”

“We find that patients are delaying necessary care,” said Richard, “for serious conditions such as diabetes. They aren’t coming in for diagnostic screenings, or they don’t come back. The result is a lack of revenue. People don’t realize it but health care is the second-most impacted industry. We are seeing far fewer cases that are non-COVID related.”

“We want the people of

Downey to know that we have non-COVID units

for patients with non-COVID related illnesses. We have set up a 72 bed COVID ICU unit in the cafeteria.

And we are testing more. All admissions for any cause are tested for COVID. But people need to realize that a test result only reflects a moment in time. Testing negative simply means one does not have the virus at this moment.

And even with a serology test, the virus may not be detected if it is in the early stages and has not reproduced itself enough to register yet.

“The good news,” said Richard, “is that we are not, like some headline places, running low on Protective Personal Equipment for our employees. Protecting staff is our priority.”

“We have a strong work force. Hospital workers are not staying away. The Downey Fire Department and Police are at full strength and the support from Downey is phenomenal. Everybody is helping us to get through this.”

“We are always training for the unexpected. In California, that includes earthquakes, fire and flooding. We have even

had rigorous drills in chemical warfare attacks. So we are in disaster mode.”

Mel Sanchez, asked whether family can visit a loved one if they are in PIH Downey right now. “It is too dangerous,” said Richard, “to allow non-patients in with the infected patients. We have lost patients and staff that way. But family may say good bye through the glass window of the ICU, and pay their respects.”

Greg Welch who with wife Barbara owns and operates Risher Mortuary, asked, “How long does the body of a loved one have COVID after they have passed?”

Richard said he would refer to CDC guidelines. “We have been told two weeks,” said Greg.

Not one to let a good opportunity go by, John Lacey asked Richard if he would like to become a member of Downey Rotary.

“I want to be in an organization like Rotary, where I can give back to the community,” said Richard. “I have had several other service club invitations. I want to consider them all. But thank you for asking.”

Public invited to car parade for Downey PD

DOWNEY — A drive-thru parade to show appreciation to Downey police officers is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to participate by decorating their vehicles and driving past the Downey Police Department.

Staging will begin in the civic center with vehicles traveling north on Civic Center Drive and exiting at Brookshire Avenue.

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KATONYA TURNER, 7864 STEWART AND GRAY RD., DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ KATONYA TURNER, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 29, 2020
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE
PLN-19-00162

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL on the 14th day of July, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-19-00162) Zone Change: A request to approve a Zone Change to remove the antiquated P-B (Parking Buffer) zone along the northern 42' of the property so that the entire site will have one zoning designation of C-2 (General Commercial) in compliance with the General Plan, of the property located at 9432 Telegraph Road.

Public Participation and Accessibility for July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting
Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer Revised Order Issued June 11, 2020 as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19, this meeting will allow the public to participate and address the City Council during the open sessions of the meetings via live stream and/or teleconference as well as a limited number of in-person attendees within the City-Hall Council Chambers.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or participate via teleconference to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. The agenda will include a special notice with clear instructions on the various methods that the public can participate in the meeting.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-fill development projects).

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If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact City Planner Crystal Landavazo at (562) 904-7154, or at clandavazo@downeyca.org.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCPO0102
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner

SALLIE JO BROWN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SALLE JO BROWN to Proposed name (1) MARY JO MOPPIN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 4, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SEVERO ORTELLO AVILA aka SEVERO O. AVILA
Case No. 20STPB04696

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Concepcion Avila in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Concepcion Avila be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A
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State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 19, 2020
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As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-fill development projects).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT WATER STANDBY CHARGE

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT
PLN-20-00042

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 15th day of July, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-20-00042) Code Amendment: A request to amend Section 9520.08 of Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code, to allow for electrified security fencing within M-1 (Light Manufacturing), M-2 (General Manufacturing) and C-M (Commercial-Manufacturing) zones.

Public Participation and Accessibility for July 15, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer Revised Order Issued June 11, 2020 as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19, this meeting will allow the public to participate and address the Planning Commission during the open sessions of the meetings via live stream and/or teleconference as well as a limited number of in-person attendees within the City-Hall Council Chambers.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or participate via teleconference to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. The agenda will include a special notice with clear instructions on the various methods that the public can participate in the meeting.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines, 14 C.C.R. Section 15270 (a) et seq. because CEQA does not apply to projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves. Staff is recommending denial of this request and therefore CEQA does not apply.

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If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Assistant Planner Madalyn Welch (562) 904-7154, or at mwelch@downeyca.org.

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Isabella Galvez, a 15-year-old incoming Downey High sophomore, found a pretty lavender lace dress on Amazon and mom Myriam, dad Sergio, and brother Alexander dressed up as well.

The party began with honking and shouts of birthday wishes from almost 30 cars coming down the street. Cars were decorated with balloons, signs, crepe paper streamers and other birthday party regalia, and neighbors came out of their houses to join in the fun. The Churro Man, also dressed in his finest, handed out warm churros and coffee to the passing birthday guests, all wearing masks.

Happy birthday, Isabella.

After 31 years of answering calls, Fire Communications Operator Lee Lindquist is retiring.

Lee has been a 911 dispatcher for the cities of Downey, Compton, La Habra Heights, Lynwood, Montebello, Santa Fe Springs and Vernon since 1989. Lee will be on-duty until Thursday morning, July 2. He plans to work his final two night shifts with his partner before walking off into the sunrise.

In retirement, Lee will continue to serve as head coach for a college women's lacrosse team.

"Thank you Lee for your many years of outstanding dedication and service to southeast LA County," the Downey Fire Department posted on Facebook.



Rio San Gabriel (RSG) Elementary School held a fundraiser by hosting a family dine out night at Jimmy Johns to support Downey TLC and raised \$2,000 through the efforts of the RSG parent community and the RSG PTA.

There to present this donation to TLC were RSG PTA Co-Presidents Anabel Mendoza and Misty Bykoski as well as RSG's Principal David Cid, Vice Principal Diana Israwi and Categorical Resource Teacher Rose Zeisel. Also included in the photo are TLC staff members Rachel Montero, Lucy Perez and Oliva Gutierrez; TLC Director, Jennifer Robbins and Board member Giovanna Perez-Saab.

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