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## Students 'highly unlikely' to return to campus next month

Following the lead of LAUSD, Downey officials said students will likely start the fall semester at home.

**DOWNEY** — Students will likely not be returning to school campuses at the start of the school year, according to the Downey Unified School District.

With many COVID-19 related regulations in constant flux, DUSD has spent most of the summer with very few answers as to how the upcoming school year might look.

It was only recently the district released some sort of potential solution to coronavirus safety concerns, offering a "hybrid" format that would see students physically in class for two days of the week.

However, protocols released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on Monday have Downey officials reevaluating their options, and according to a statement released by the district on Tuesday, has left the previously pitched "hybrid" model highly unlikely.

The district added that its anticipated Return to School Family survey would be delayed

pending decisions to be made at the Board of Education's upcoming July 20 meeting.

The superintendent for the Los Angeles Unified School District announced Monday that students will not return to the classroom when the fall semester begins next month.

Along with LAUSD, the San Diego Unified School District will also begin its fall semester in a virtual format. The two districts released a joint statement confirming the move.

"Both districts will continue planning for a return to in-person learning during the 2020-21 academic year, as soon as public health conditions allow," the statement read.

Beutner did not provide an estimate regarding when in-person classes might resume.

"The right way to reopen schools is to make sure there's a robust system of testing and contact tracing to mitigate the risk for all in the school community," Beutner said in a video address Monday.

All this comes after United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), the union which represents LAUSD teachers, announced Saturday that of 18,000 members who took part in a poll, 83% voted against



Downey education officials said it's increasingly unlikely students will start the new school year on campus. (Downey Unified photo)

physically reopening schools to students. The union applauded LAUSD's announcement as the correct move in light of the circumstances.

"It was the right thing to close school campuses then, and it's the right thing to keep them closed now," UTLA President

Cecily Myart-Cruz said in a statement. "In the face of the alarming spike in COVID cases, the lack of necessary funding from the government to open schools safely, and the outsized threat of death faced by working class communities of color, there really is no other choice that doesn't put thousands of lives at

risk."

St. John Bosco High School announced students will return to campus five days a week when classes resume Aug. 17.

Bosco students will have the option of hybrid instruction or fully online learning.

## Tod Corrin endorses Jose Rodriguez to replace him on school board

An engineer and former PTA president, Jose Rodriguez enters race for school board.

**DOWNEY** — Longtime Downey resident Jose Rodriguez has announced he is running for a seat on Downey's Board of Education.

He is running to replace Tod Corrin in Trustee Area 2; Corrin's term expires this year and he is not seeking re-election.

"Tod Corrin has done a great job in leading our school district for many years and I am honored to have his endorsement and support. I take great pride that he would endorse me, and I will honor that trust with my

dedication to our students," said Rodriguez.

"I am also proud to have the endorsements from outstanding DUSD Board Members Martha Sodemani, Nancy Swenson and Donald LaPlante. I look forward to working together with them on behalf of all Downey students."

Rodriguez is an involved parent of three children in DUSD and his wife is an elementary school teacher in the neighboring Norwalk - La Mirada School District.

"I moved to Downey many years ago because I wanted a great school district and safe community to raise my children," Rodriguez said. "I have been coaching my twin boys since they were in kindergarten

through nine seasons at Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA). I love our community and want to continue to help in any way possible."

Rodriguez's boys will attend Downey High this upcoming school year. His daughter plays soccer for AYSO United and attends Doty Middle School.

Rodriguez served as PTA President at Gallatin Elementary for two years while his three kids attended the school. He was awarded an Honorary Service Award by the Gallatin PTA for his commitment to the campus.

"The elementary school years were extremely rewarding for me as a parent. Gallatin Elementary gave my children the opportunity to really flourish as learners, but

also build their confidence and character while participating in programs such as Character Counts Council, Playworks Junior Coaches and numerous talent shows," he said.

"The professional development the teachers received really translated into the classroom, and I saw that firsthand. I want to help build on that by serving on the Board of Trustees for DUSD."

Professionally, Rodriguez graduated from UCLA with a Civil Engineering Bachelor of Science degree. He is currently an engineer for a large national general contractor and has been with his company for almost 20 years.

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Jose Rodriguez (courtesy photo)

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### ON THIS DAY JULY 16

**1769:** Father Junipero Serra founded California's first mission, Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Over the following decades, it evolved into the city of San Diego.

**1861:** Under orders from President Abraham Lincoln, Union troops began a 25-mile march into Virginia for what would become the First Battle of Bull Run.

**1935:** Oklahoma City installed the world's first parking meter.

**1941:** Joe DiMaggio hit safely for the 56th consecutive game, a streak that still stands as an MLB record.

**1945:** The Atomic Age got underway when the U.S. successfully detonated a plutonium-based nuclear weapon in New Mexico.

**1956:** Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus closed its last "big tent" show, with all subsequent circus shows held in arenas.

**1969:** Apollo 11, the first mission to land astronauts on the moon, launched from Kennedy Space Center.



Apollo 11 launch

### Notable Birthdays

Actor and comedian **Will Ferrell** turns 53.

NFL Hall of Famer **Barry Sanders** turns 52.

Former child actor **Corey Feldman** turns 49.

Two-time World Cup champion **Carli Lloyd** turns 38.



Carli Lloyd

### Notable Deaths

**Mary Todd Lincoln**, former First Lady of the United States, died of a stroke in 1882. She was 63.

Singer and songwriter **Henry Chapin** died in a traffic collision in 1981. He was 38.

**John F. Kennedy Jr.**, his wife **Carolyn Bessette**, and sister-in-law, **Lauren Bessette**, were killed in a plane crash off the coast of Martha's Vineyard.

Cuban singer **Celia Cruz**, one of the most popular Latin artists of the 20th Century, died in 2003 following surgery for a brain tumor. She was 77.

**Johnny Winter**, named one of the 100 greatest guitar players of all time by Rolling Stone, died in 2014 of emphysema. He was 70.

**George Romero**, a film director and pioneer of the horror and zombie genre, died of lung cancer on this day in 2017. He was 77.

## D. Mark Morris seeks re-election to school board

First elected in 1982, veteran school board member D. Mark Morris counts on his experience.

**DOWNEY** — D. Mark Morris, incumbent school board member and lifetime Downey resident, has announced his candidacy for re-election to the Downey Board of Education.

He is looking to continue serving the residents of Trustee Area 6 during this difficult time in education.

"Mark Morris is extremely well prepared to continue to serve on the school board because of his years of experience and knowledge of the educational issues facing our students and community" said Donald LaPlante, president of the DUSD Board of Education.

Morris is committed to ensuring that Downey Unified students receive the best quality education possible by providing them with a "21st Century education that ensures they are college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of

strong character."

"It goes without saying that our students, teachers and staff must be safe," he said.

Ensuring student safety is why he supported establishing security presence in the schools, a hotline at the high schools for students to report problems, mental health counseling and the Human Relations Council to discuss problems students are having.

"I believe that our children deserve the best and that means

the best teachers, administrators, principals, support staff, facilities, technology and instruction that our budget will support," Morris said.

"As a result of our being able to employ the best teachers, when the Coronavirus hit, iPads were issued to all students, and our teachers and staff were able to transition to a distance learning model for the rest of the school year."

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D. Mark Morris (courtesy photo)

# Obituaries

## Nakotah LaRance

Nakotah LaRance, a world-class hoop dancer who won nine world championships and brought the art to the world as a performer with Cirque du Soleil, died Sunday in a fall while climbing in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. He was 30.

LaRance, who was Tewa, Hopi, Navajo and Assiniboine, started dancing when he was 5 after his father took him to a pow wow, where he watched and met hoop dancers. He built his skill over the years, incorporating modern elements such as hip hop and moonwalking into his hoop dance and winning several youth titles.

As an adult, he won the Heard Museum World Championship Hoop Dance Contest three times, making him the world champion of the art.

LaRance began touring with Cirque du Soleil in 2009 and traveled the world with the troupe for several years.

He was also an actor, appearing in the 2005 Steven Spielberg series "Into the West" as well as the films "Longer Expiration Date" (2006) and "Longmire" (2012).

"As a kid, I was just amazed by the whole idea of this kind of performance," LaRance said in an interview with Indian Country Today. "What got me going as a dancer was the challenge of the hand-eye coordination and the fact that you could use your imagination to take the dance as far as you could."

## Flossie Wong-Staal

Flossie Wong-Staal, a molecular virologist whose research on HIV was crucial in the development of blood tests to detect the virus, died of complications from pneumonia at a hospital in La Jolla. She was 73.

A native of Hong Kong, Wong-Staal immigrated to the U.S. as a student and later began working with the National Institutes of Health.

In the 1970s, as her career was on the rise, science and medical research were still largely controlled by men. Wong-Staal excelled as an early woman in the field and became the most cited woman in science of the 1980s.

Among her achievements was discovering the first human retrovirus, HTLV-1, which causes diseases including lymphoma.

Wong-Staal's work with retroviruses led her to study HIV as the AIDS epidemic hit in the early 1980s. She led the first team to clone HIV, a breakthrough that paved the way for HIV tests and the drug cocktails that allow people to live with HIV/AIDS.

In later years, Wong-Staal led the Center for AIDS Research at the University of California-San Diego. She co-founded the pharmaceutical company Immusol, where she worked on hepatitis-C treatments.

## Grant Imahara

Grant Imahara, an electrical engineer and roboticist who was best known for hosting "MythBusters" and "White Rabbit Project," died July 13 of a brain aneurysm. He was 49.

Imahara studied electrical engineering at the University of Southern California, and as a young graduate, he was hired by Lucasfilm.

There, he worked as a modelmaker on films including episodes I-III of the "Star Wars" saga, "Galaxy Quest," and "The Matrix Reloaded." Among his projects for Lucasfilm was updating R2-D2 robots for the "Star Wars" prequels.

Imahara joined the Discovery Channel's "MythBusters" in 2005, building robots and operating electronics as part of the Build Team. He remained with "MythBusters" through 2014 and later returned for guest spots and reunion shows.

Imahara went on to host "White Rabbit Project" on Netflix with fellow "MythBusters" hosts Kari Byron and Tory Belleci in 2016.

Imahara made appearances on "BattleBots" with his robot Deadblow. He was also an actor, with notable roles including Sulu on the web series "Star Trek Continues" and Lodge in "Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!"

In 2010, Imahara built a robotic sidekick for "The Late Late Show" host Craig Ferguson.

"I was one of those kids that would take apart the remote control and take all the wheels off my little toy cars," Imahara said in a 2010 interview with ZDNet. "My life really changed at four when I got my first Lego set. The idea that Lego is a system and it's modular and it gives you a way to build things is really the foundation for my interest in engineering."

## Emily Warner

Emily Howell Warner, a professional pilot who was the first woman hired by a U.S. commercial airline as a permanent pilot, died July 3 at age 80.

Warner was a teenager training to be a flight attendant when her interest in flying was sparked. She began taking flying lessons, and within a year, she had earned her private pilot license.

Warner worked as an airborne traffic reporter and as a flight instructor for years, watching the men she taught get jobs at commercial airlines. She became determined to do the same, and she began applying for commercial pilot positions in 1968.

It was 1973 before Frontier Airlines made the historic decision to hire her. Within five years, about 300 more women had been hired as commercial pilots.

In 1976, Warner earned her captain's wings and became the first female captain flying for a U.S. commercial airline. In 1986, she led the first all-female flight crew in the U.S.

In later years, Warner worked as an examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration. Warner was honored with the Amelia Earhart Award and membership in the National Women's Hall of Fame and National Aviation Hall of Fame.

Her uniform hangs in the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

## Naya Rivera

Naya Rivera, an actress best known for her role as Santana Lopez in the hit musical TV series "Glee," died by drowning in Fillmore at the age of 33.

Ventura County Sheriff's Department confirmed her death at a press conference on July 13. Her body was discovered seven years to the day her "Glee" co-star Cory Monteith died from a drug overdose.

Rivera was featured in commercials for Kmart when she was a baby, and her first television role came when she was just 4 years old, appearing in the short-lived sitcom "The Royal Family."

She had small roles in popular series including "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," "Family Matters," and "Baywatch," and she had a recurring role on "The Bernie Mac Show."

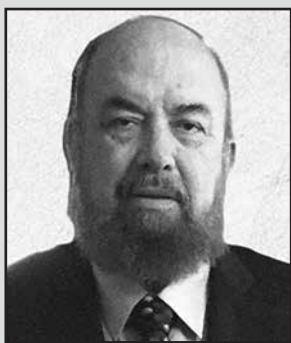
In 2009, Rivera landed the role that would make her famous, playing the mean-girl cheerleader Santana Lopez on "Glee." She became a series regular in the second season, with solo performances and opportunities for her character to grow, including her coming out story as a lesbian.

After "Glee," Rivera starred in the YouTube Red series "Step Up: High Water." Rivera had a brief music career that included the 2013 Top 40 track "Sorry," featuring Big Sean.

### In Memory of

### Edgar Ramiro Hidalgo

December 30, 1950 - June 29, 2020



Edgar Ramiro Hidalgo passed away in his home, surrounded by family, on June 29, 2020 at the age of 69.

Ramiro was born in Quito, Ecuador on December 30, 1950. A 28-year resident of Downey, Ramiro took great pride in calling the city his home.

Ramiro was a loving husband,

father, and abuelito.

Ramiro is survived by his wife Mireya, children Mireya, Carlos, and Stewart, grandchildren Adeline and Logan, and siblings Romulo, Elba, Pablo, Maria Augusta, Mario, Francisco, Roberto, and Jorge.

Ramiro will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Cypress in a private ceremony.



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# Illegal fireworks continue to plague Downey

Fourth of July fireworks now start in early June and continue well into July.

By John Zander  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** — Downey's social media was flooded with people complaining about the constant explosions leading up to the Fourth of July. It is very hard for a lot of people to deal with. Yet there are those who somehow purchase illegal fireworks and are all too eager to use them.

And as you can imagine, Downey's police and fire departments were dealing with the constant barrage of calls from residents reporting illegal fireworks. On July 4, there were over 200 calls placed to the police department by residents reporting illegal fireworks. The calls came in all night, the department said.

Fireworks are classified as explosives yet people treat them like toys. It's not just Downey of course, every city has its problems with fireworks around the holiday.

It's really too bad that people do not realize the dangers involved with illegal fireworks, and lack respect for their neighbors and their city. Illegal fireworks go off two weeks before the holiday and for a few days after.

I asked the fire and police departments if illegal fireworks would be easier to deal with if "safe and sane" fireworks were prohibited as well.

"When everybody is shooting off fireworks and we are getting the complaints, we can't even get down the streets so it makes it hard to identify where the illegal fireworks are coming from," said Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie.

"Ninety percent of our calls were on illegal fireworks,"

added Downey Police Lt. Dave Zimmerman. "I hate to equate it with drugs but it's a supply and demand thing. If people want them they are going to get them."

On the Fourth, Downey firefighters responded to nine incidents related to fireworks. There were likely more but a lot of people put fires out on their own and don't call the fire department.

Downey police officers cited 40 people on the Fourth of July. Those fines are \$2,000 each.

The police department placed notices in the newspaper and on social media that anyone caught with illegal fireworks would be fined. And on the Fourth, no written warnings were given that night, only citations.

Yet that doesn't seem to be much of a deterrent. The explosions were constant.

The way the law is written, a person must be "caught in the act" in order for the police department to issue a citation.

"Most people are not willing to come forward to report a neighbor," Gillaspie said. "So most go unchecked."

"At night it is very difficult and when they see us coming, they stop," said Zimmerman.

There used to be a fire department task force who in the off season would track illegal fireworks and try to identify people who had them, but Chief Gillaspie said there just doesn't seem to be a lot of support for that now in this economy.

The temperature on a firework can reach 2,000 degrees, Gillaspie said, a house fire is 450 degrees, so fireworks can be up to five times as hot as that.

It is also really unfortunate that the city's pets also have to deal with the constant explosions. They are terrified all

night.

Denise Woodside, executive director of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) said animal runaways were actually down this July 4, which she attributed to more people being home with their pets.

But even pets kept indoors with their owners felt the effects of the fireworks.

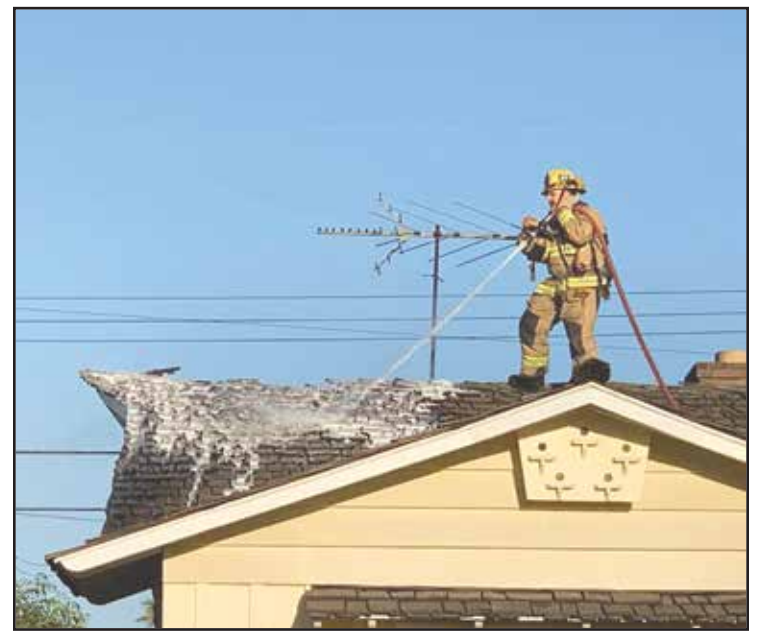
"You can never predict the behavior that is going to come out of an animal experiencing something like this," Woodside said. "You could experience things like shaking, nervousness, pacing, panting and strange behavior like trying to jump or hide and trying to escape."

She does recommend that

every pet have a microchip and that the microchip's information be kept up to date. This makes it a lot easier for SEAACA to identify a lost pet and return it to its owner. SEAACA offers pet microchips for \$30.

So there doesn't seem to be a clear solution and I am sure that next year we can expect more of the same. The holiday is no longer about celebrating our nation's independence but more about blowing stuff up.

In fact, I would go so far as to say that most people who are "celebrating" with explosions have no idea or even care what the Fourth of July is actually about. That is really sad.



Downey firefighters put out a roof fire on Chaney Avenue on July 4. (Photo courtesy Downey Fire Department)

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Jose Rodriguez with his family. (Courtesy photo)

# Morris launches re-election campaign

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“Additionally, Downey was one of only a few districts that provided its students with two meals (breakfast and lunch) throughout the school year, and into the summer, courtesy of our great food service staff.”

Morris said he supports “maintaining a strong fiscal position, balanced budget, completing all the modernization projects at our schools and working collaboratively with our union partners.”

Morris said he has never supported lay-offs or furlough days in salary negotiations. He will continue to advocate for strong academics including expanding the Advance Placement Program (AP Program), career/Technical Education (CTE), STEAM classes, and Global Language Academics of Downey (GLAD) at Carpenter Elementary.

He is also a strong supporter of Community Based English Tutoring, Parent Advisory Groups, and the PTA.

Morris is married to his wife, Pam, who is a teacher at Gauldin Elementary. They are the parents of six children, all of them attended Downey schools and graduated. Their eldest daughter, Evelyn, was a teacher at Sussman Middle School before her passing in 2008.

Morris has served four terms as president of the Downey School Board and as a member of the Budget Committee and the Enrollment

Committee. He was the founding president of the Cerritos College Alumni Association, and a member of both the CSBA Delegate Assembly and the Los Angeles County School Board Advisory Committee. He has also been a member of the Downey Water Board and the Downey Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Committee.

Morris was inducted into Downey High School’s Hall of Fame, and has a building named in his honor on the Downey campus.

Morris is endorsed by all members of the existing members of the Downey School Board, Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco, Council member Alex Saab, Eric Pierce, Elvin Galindo, Classified Commissioner Angie Rademaker, Downey Foundation for Education President Linda Saldana, Abraham Lopez, Dean and Martha Michael, and Jim and Lois Buchanan.

Morris attended Downey schools, and graduated from Downey High. He has an AA degree from Cerritos College, a BA degree from California State University Fullerton, and a JD degree from Western State University College of Law.

He worked in municipal government for 34 years, retiring as a housing planner for the City of Downey. He also speaks fluent Spanish. He can be reached via email at [vote.dmarkorrisdusd2020@gmail.com](mailto:vote.dmarkorrisdusd2020@gmail.com)

# Rodriguez looks to replace Corrin

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“As an engineer and active recruiter for my company, it’s important that our school district build students who are college and career ready with good character and are globally competitive,” Rodriguez said. “This translates into the real world where competition is tough and we are constantly looking for the best and brightest talent with strong leadership skills.”

Rodriguez has also served on the Southeast UCLA Alumni Board as director at large over the last two years.

“I look forward to the opportunity to serve our community and students and to continue the vision of DUSD and the board. This board has provided stability and strength to the Downey Unified School District and I look to continue the collaboration between the board, the city, and our community,” he said. “The future will not be easy and there will be difficult budget and teaching transitions as we live during this pandemic and it will be important to continue to secure the financial stability of our district.”

“Parents and students want to be heard especially during these times, and as a parent, I want to help ensure those voices are heard, understood and are acted upon.”

Rodriguez can be reached at [rodriguez4downeyschools@gmail.com](mailto:rodriguez4downeyschools@gmail.com) or on his cell at (562) 203-2531.

# Vikings prepare for uncertain soccer season

Players are back on the field and practicing but the fate of the season remains unclear.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** — The Downey High School boys’ soccer program began their summer workouts on June 22 and are finishing their fourth week of drills.

The first week of practice did not include a soccer ball and the last three weeks have included a ball with a little more activity as each week has passed. Players were busy preparing for the start of their 2020-21 winter season.

Mires mentioned that he has around 100 players attending his summer workouts, including 33 freshmen.

CIF guidelines for soccer, as of June 10, state that soccer can include “conditioning, individual ball skill drills, each player can have their own ball, feet only (no heading/use of hands), no contact.”

Coach Mires is remaining on the side of caution while creating and conducting workouts for players to be safe while at the same time, enhancing each players’ abilities.

The Downey boys’ soccer program has been practicing Monday-Thursday on a rotation

basis. Mires has the younger players practicing from 8-10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and has the older players practicing from 8-10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Athletes are wearing face masks as they drill and are maintaining social distancing protocols.

Mires said that these are different times and he is preparing to play until he is told to stop preparing.

His players looked excited to be practicing and seemed very engaged in what they were doing. It was great to walk out on the soccer field Wednesday morning and watch an actual practice.

We have taken such a simple thing for granted as COVID-19 continues to dominate our local and national headlines.

The CIF said it would announce plans regarding the fall sports season by Monday.

“As our member schools begin planning for the reopening of school, the CIF, in collaboration with our 10 Sections, will be determining by July 20 if Fall Sports will continue as currently scheduled,” the CIF stated.

“The CIF is prepared to offer alternative calendars if it is determined by July 20 that Fall sports may not start as scheduled due to ongoing public health and safety concerns.”

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The AMAAD Institute, The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation, and Keeping Our Lungs Safe have all joined forces to create The Collective, a coalition of organizations and community members advocating for more comprehensive and progressive policies around secondhand smoke. Our policy campaign focuses on protecting outdoor air spaces within the jurisdiction of Downey.

To learn more about the campaign and how to get involved, please contact us at [yohaun@amaad.org](mailto:yohaun@amaad.org) or [jamar@amaad.org](mailto:jamar@amaad.org)

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## A brief history of freedom of speech in America

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

“I disagree with what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.” — Voltaire (1694-1778)

When Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, he included in it a list of the colonists’ grievances with the British government. Notably absent were any complaints that the British government infringed upon the freedom of speech.

In those days, speech was as acerbic as it is today. If words were aimed at Parliament, all words were lawful. If they were aimed directly and personally at the king — as Jefferson’s were in the Declaration — they constituted treason.

Needless to say, Jefferson and the 55 others who signed the Declaration would all have been hanged for treasonous speech had the British prevailed.

Of course, the colonists won the war, and, six years afterward, the 13 states ratified the Constitution. Two years after ratification, the Constitution was amended by adding the Bill of Rights. The first ratified amendment prohibited Congress from doing what the colonists never seriously complained about the British government doing — infringing upon the freedom of speech.

James Madison, who drafted the Bill of Rights, insisted upon referring to speech as “the” freedom of speech, so as to emphasize that it preexisted the government. If you could have asked Madison where he believed the freedom of speech came from, he’d have said it was one of the inalienable rights Jefferson wrote about in the Declaration.

Stated differently, each of the signatories of the Declaration and ratifiers of the Bill of Rights manifested in writing their unambiguous belief that the freedom of speech is a natural right — personal to every human. It does not come from the government. It comes from within us. It cannot be taken away by legislation or executive command.

Yet, a mere seven years later, during the presidency of John Adams, Congress enacted the Alien and Sedition Acts, which punished speech critical of the government.

So, how could the same generation — in some cases the same

human beings — that prohibited congressional infringement upon speech have enacted a statute that punished speech?

To some of the framers — the Federalists who wanted a big government as we have today — infringing upon the freedom of speech meant silencing it before it was uttered. Today, this is called prior restraint, and the Supreme Court has essentially outlawed it.

To the antifederalists — or Democratic-Republicans, as they called themselves — the First Amendment prohibited Congress from interfering with or punishing any speech.

Adams’ Department of Justice indicted and prosecuted and convicted antifederalists — among them a congressman — for their critical speech.

When Jefferson won the presidency and the antifederalists won control of Congress, the Federalists repealed the speech suppression parts of the Alien and Sedition Acts on the eve of their departure from congressional control, lest it be used against them.

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln locked up hundreds of journalists in the North who were critical of his war efforts. During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson — whom my alma mater Princeton University is trying to erase from its memory — arrested folks for reading the Declaration of Independence aloud or singing German beer hall songs.

Lincoln argued that preserving the Union was more important than preserving the First Amendment, and Wilson argued that the First Amendment only restrained Congress, not the president. Both arguments have since been rejected by the courts.

In the 1950s, the feds successfully prosecuted Cold War dissenters on the theory that their speech was dangerous and might have a tendency to violence. Some of the victims of this torturous rationale died in prison.

The government’s respect for speech has waxed and waned. It is at its lowest ebb during wartime. Of course, dissent during wartime — which challenges the government’s use of force to kill — is often the most important and timely speech.

It was not until 1969, in a case called *Brandenburg v. Ohio*, that the Supreme Court gave us a modern definition of the freedom of

speech. *Brandenburg* harangued a crowd in Hamilton County, Ohio and urged them to march to Washington and take back the federal government from Blacks and Jews, whom he argued were in control. He was convicted in an Ohio state court of criminal syndicalism — basically, the use of speech to arouse others to violence.

The Supreme Court unanimously reversed his conviction and held that all innocuous speech is absolutely protected, and all speech is innocuous when there is time for more speech to rebut it. The same Supreme Court had just ruled in *Times v. Sullivan* that the whole purpose of the First Amendment is to encourage and protect open, wide, robust, even caustic and unbridled speech.

The speech we love needs no protection. The speech we hate does. The government has no authority to evaluate speech. As the framers understood, all persons have a natural right to think as we wish and to say and publish whatever we think. Even hateful, hurtful and harmful speech is protected speech.

Yet, in perilous times like the present, we have seen efforts to use the courts to block the publication of unflattering books. We have seen state governors use the police to protect gatherings of protestors with whose message they agreed and to disburse critical protestors. We have seen mobs silence speakers while the police did nothing.

Punishing speech is the most dangerous business because there will be no end to it. The remedy for hateful or threatening speech is not silence or punishments; it is more speech — speech that challenges the speaker.

Why do folks in government want to silence their opponents? They fear an undermining of their power. The dissenters might make more appealing arguments than they do. St. Augustine taught that nearly all in government want to tell others how to live.

How about we all say whatever we want and the government leaves us alone?

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

## Local governments can learn from crises

By Veronique de Rugy

There’s no doubt that this pandemic-induced recession is hitting states hard. But that’s no reason to bail them out, especially when many failed to prepare for emergencies, which are inevitable.

States today are dealing with a huge mess because of a sudden and steep reduction in their revenues while their pandemic spending is going up. But lost in the lamenting about the states’ misfortunes is the fact that politicians in these states spent the last decade bloating their budgets rather than cutting spending to be better prepared for crises.

Stories abound about the sorry condition of state and local government finances. A recent report in the *Wall Street Journal* explains, “State and local governments from Georgia to California are cutting money for schools, universities and other services as the coronavirus-induced recession wreaks havoc on their finances,” and, “Governments have cut 1.5 million jobs since March, mostly in education, and more reductions are likely barring a quick economic recovery.”

Yes, recessions are difficult. Millions of employees in the private sector have recently lost their jobs. In fact, traditionally, private sector employees are hit harder by recessions than state and local government employees are. Business owners, too, understand that recessions are terrible for one’s bottom line. Millions of them have watched as their livelihoods were pulverized in the span of a few weeks. Yet these business owners, after being allowed to delay their tax payments for a few months, are still on the hook for paying the salaries of government workers.

What’s more, these stories about state and local governments being hit hard rarely explain that politicians in those states failed to responsibly budget for crises. Such rainy-day budgeting should not have been that difficult, given that the country was experiencing an unprecedented decade of economic growth when rivers of revenue poured into state and local coffers. More revenue makes it easier to beef up rainy-day funds, which then helps fill in budget gaps. While some states have learned their lessons from the last recession, most states did not.

The Cato Institute’s Chris Edwards reports: “After a decade of economic growth, (some states) have saved little or nothing. Illinois and Kansas have completely empty cupboards, while Pennsylvania and New Jersey have rainy day funds of just 1 percent of their budgets. The largest funds are in energy producing states, which build war chests to handle the strong cyclical ups and downs in their economies.” If states never learn from their mistakes, why should we now feel sorry for them?

Between recessions, states should reduce their financial exposure in anticipation of the next crisis and learn to operate with fewer employees. In particular, they should reform their public employees’

benefits — a great source a fiscal woes. But most of them have done no such thing, especially the ones that needed it the most. Illinois, for instance, shelters its public employees from reductions in benefits while the private sector endures higher taxes and cuts in services.

With few exceptions, states used their boom-time revenue — cash extracted from the private sector — to increase spending and employ more people. Edwards highlights that: “Spending grew during the 2000s, hit \$2.4 trillion in 2009 and flat-lined for a few years, then began growing again to reach \$3.1 trillion by 2019. ... Real spending spiked in 2009 and then dipped a bit below the pre-recession level. Spending then began growing again and eclipsed the 2009 peak by 2016.”

This outcome is good only in a world where investments made by politicians spending other people’s money earn higher returns than those made by investors spending their own money. Not likely.

### Gun violence

Dear Editor:

Firearms are made to kill people and in that regard, in the USA, they are working extremely well.

There are more guns in the USA than people, with close to 400 million of these deadly weapons in circulation. We spend trillions of dollars on military defense. Who is the enemy? There will never be another war such as WWII.

The enemy is Americans killing each other: 700,000 since 9/11. Before bragging that the USA is the greatest country in the world, we should get our priorities straight.

Civilized countries look at us and wonder what is going on? The only people trying to get here are from third world countries. I don’t see us building a wall on the Canadian border as Canadians don’t wish to come here. They are too civilized to come to a gun-toting country.

The 2nd Amendment is absurd and was written by slave owners 250 years ago. A well regulated militia we already have in the National Guard. President Donald Trump, a 2nd Amendment zealot, just seems amazed by the carnage.

Please stop this nonsense.

**Colin Clarke Downey**

### COVID-19 and homeless kids

Dear Editor:

Youth are more at risk of experiencing homelessness during COVID-19 pandemic due to increased unemployment rates.

There are various risk factors associated with putting youth at higher risk for homelessness, one of which includes youth leaving the foster care system because of emancipation. Such individuals are at high risk for experiencing homelessness along with all of the physical and mental health complications that follow.

Rationalizing by individualistic values attribute homelessness to laziness, lack motivation and intelligence, to account for differences between privilege and poor citizens; whereas rationale to homeless youth point to societal factors, such as job shortages, low wages, discrimination, and unequal schooling opportunities (Seider, 2011).

This poses not only a public health concern but calls for re-evaluation of a systematic change which is needed for the following generations to come. Nonetheless, the inadequacy, inequality, and systematic barriers that are set in place need to be reevaluated by the people in order to make change for future generations.

The agencies that are to implement the homeless program and strategies to address the problem are; local government agencies, participants in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Continuum of Care Program, federal agencies, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, nonprofit entities working to end homelessness, homeless services providers, and the private sector.

**Tanya Barraza, Maria Fuentes, Kenia Gonzalez, and Aimee Uresti**  
*(The authors of Master of Social Work graduate students at Cal State Long Beach.)*

### Traffic light synchronization

Dear Editor:

Does Downey employ professionals to synchronize traffic lights? It doesn’t appear so.

If the argument is there are simply too many cars or we must hold cars back for ridiculously long periods for better traffic flow, that doesn’t hold water. Visit the mess at Florence and Studebaker for one of many examples.

Someone isn’t doing what they are paid to do. Also, if it’s all due to a funding issue from the state to work with adjacent cities, that isn’t working.

I believe the problem is Downey’s engineering department. You have to do your job. They are not.

**Richard Franklin Downey**

### Confederate trophies

Dear Editor:

Apart from the pandemic, social distancing, mask coverings, and an economic collapse, the summer of 2020 will be remembered for police brutality and the civil unrest that alerted society to the great problem of racism and injustice in public institutions and in plain sight.

Many issues that have been around for decades reemerged in the melee of thoughts and ideas that followed the death of George Floyd. The “cancelling” or tearing down of statues paying tribute to the confederate army and its leadership became a hotly contested issue.

The history of the Civil War is pretty simple: for economic and personal reasons, the Confederate South wanted to keep slaves for as long as they could, while the Union North despised the cruel nature of slavery and favored paid labor for all workers. The two sides could not agree to disagree, and they fought to the death.

The North emerged victorious and later helped the South rebuild itself; after all, southern states were still a part of the union and it would not be nice to let militant southerners route in the carnage and destruction they brought onto themselves while innocent members of their communities suffered the poverty and sickness of a slow rebuilding process.

The country used tax money and other resources from northern consumers to get southerners back on their feet in what is known as the Reconstruction era.

In the years after the Civil War, many southerners remained prideful of their involvement in the defense of their states’ right to uphold slavery. The act of defending the right to own slaves, notwithstanding a browbeating in the Civil War, was still worthy of acclaim. So much so, that they began to build and erect grand statues for Confederate soldiers and generals.

When we think about this, we should see it as a participation trophy. In war, there is no such thing as a participation trophy. Only the winners get to erect statues. The statues designed by sore losers, for themselves, as trophies, should be taken from them as soon as humanly possible. These fraudulent trophies in the form of statues, diminish the trophies belonging to the true winners.

It would be unfortunate to have another civil war over the south putting itself on the back at the expense of everyone else.

**Dan Chantre Downey**

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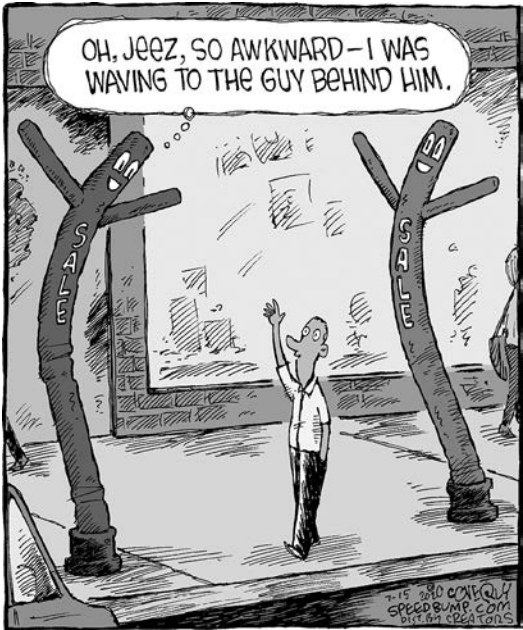
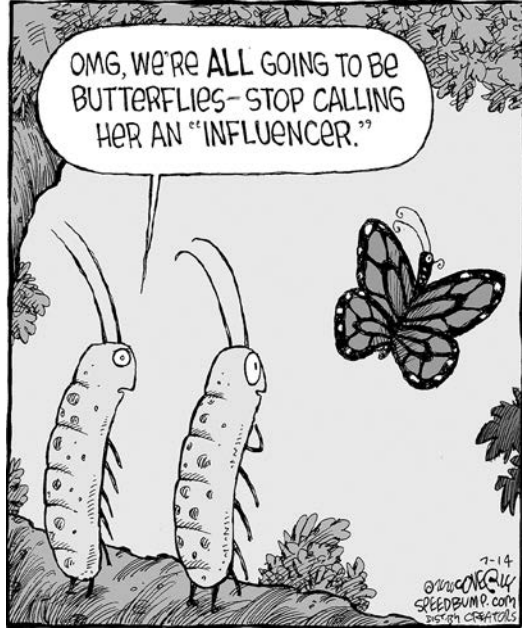
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## Downey Community Calendar

### 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.

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.  
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

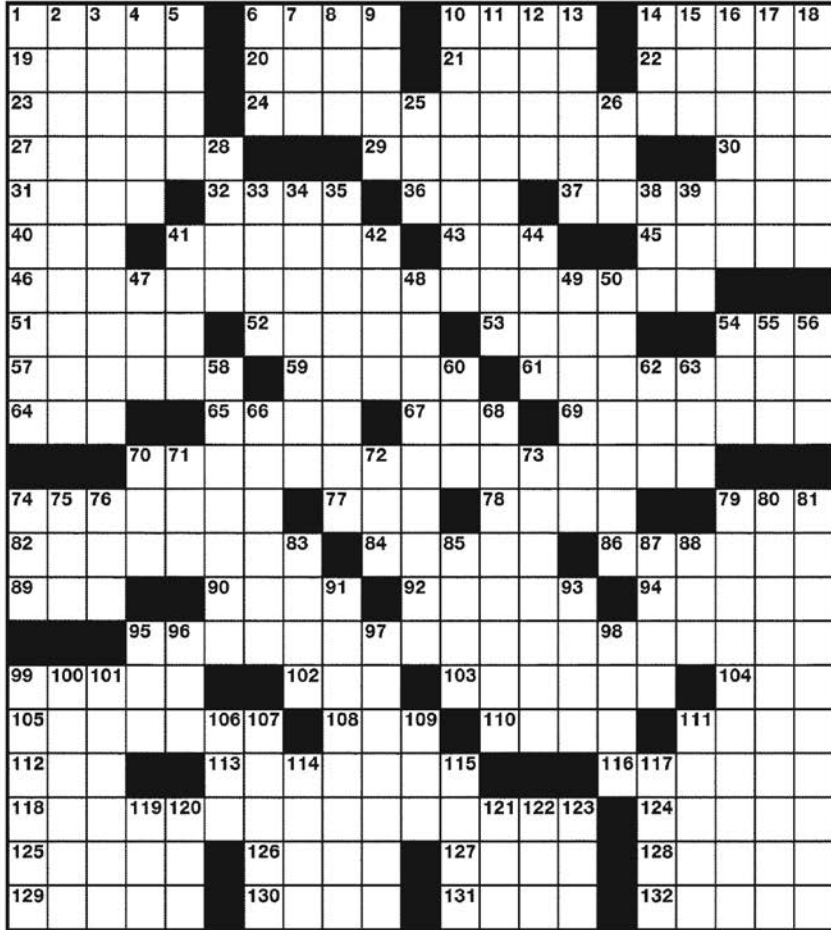
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# Dental office hasn't lost its touch, despite COVID

At a time when COVID restrictions are changing how humans interact, familiarity can be comforting.

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** — If it weren't for her engaging smile, which shone even under all the wrappings, I might have thought I was being treated by a robot.

"I'm glad I'm nearing the end of my career," Lisa said, as she greeted me at the door. "Because I feel sorry for anyone just trying to start out like this. We've just come back a week ago, after being laid off for two months."

Lisa is my dental hygienist, and I had finally rescheduled my routine appointment.

Lisa is an example of an individual subcontractor within a small Downey professional office. The coronavirus has made most dental work dangerous, leaving some dental practices scrambling to survive. Fortunately, because dentistry is such a personal and intimate service, clientele usually have already developed a loyal relationship with their "family" dentist and staff.

The American Dental Association (ADA) realized that the most basic routines of dentistry, from close contact with mouths to water-spraying tools, send fluids flying. So extra precautions have been added.

The team at the dentist's office has always had protocols for wearing masks. But today Lisa my hygienist was togged out in much more.

She wore a baggy blue full length jump-suit over her clothes, and on top of that, a discardable plastic apron. Over her nose and mouth was the usual mask, but over that, a plastic face shield suspended from a helmet. Lisa's blond hair was tucked into a paper shower cap, and she wore gloves.

"We change the apron every time we go into a new patient's room," Lisa said.

"Look at my scuffies." She shuffled her paper-clad shoes.

"You look like you're going to the moon," I said. And despite the cap being tilted at a slightly rakish angle, she did.

My masked dentist Dr. Sanjabi waved to me as I walked by the room where he was engaged in doing something inside the mouth of a recumbent patient. Essential and emergency services have been available in the office during the COVID crisis, but optional procedures such as root canals and cleaning have been on hold since the emergency began.

"I can't turn my head with this visor," Lisa said, "so I can't talk much. And they won't let us use our water spray. I can't polish your teeth to finish the job."

In spite of these CDC-approved limitations, I felt sure she would find ways to do her usual thorough job. And Lisa's personal touch had not left her. She remembered that I liked to have a small pillow to prop my head while she worked.

Before I could get under Lisa's ministrations, I had my temperature taken by the receptionist, and now as I sat in the examining chair, there was a clipboard with questions

to answer: had I been in contact with anyone with the coronavirus, and did I have any of the symptoms that were listed.

Despite the limitations, my teeth got a full going-over. After my appointment was finished, wearing my face mask again, I took the time to check out the rest of the office security.

"We have a high tech HEPA air filter, to make sure any airborne particles emissions get removed," Lisa said.

Clear plastic panels had been hung from the ceiling around the receptionist area to protect the masked staff behind the counter. And to protect me as well. No magazines were arrayed on the low table in the waiting room, so no one would share the virus by passing around Yachting Today or Home Health.

Appointments are arranged so that there are no patients waiting together.

Office schedules run on time, but in dentist's offices, unlike doctor's, they usually do anyway. Dentists are seeing a lower number of patients, partly because people hold back for fear of getting infected. But if people are scared to get their dental needs cared for, their overall health suffers.

They may be just exchanging one problem for another.

# Roybal-Allard demands FAA transparency in transportation budget

The Downey congresswoman inserted language into the bill requiring the FAA to track fuel dumps.

**DOWNEY** — Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard included language about aviation fuel dumps in the fiscal year 2021 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill and report.

The provision requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to be more transparent about the details of recent fuel dumps, and about the FAA's fuel dump review process.

The congresswoman, who represents several of the communities affected by the Jan. 14 Delta Airlines jet fuel dump, made the following statement prior to the committee's passage of the bill; a video of her statement can also be seen on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

"I'd like to begin by commending Chairman Price and his staff for putting together a great THUD appropriations bill for fiscal year 2021, and I would like to thank him for including language in the report to address the issue of fuel dumping by commercial airlines.

"In January of this year, a low flying airline on emergency approach to LAX dumped 85,000 pounds of jet fuel over my district, including over several elementary schools where children were playing outside, as well as in neighboring communities.

"This event was extremely traumatic for the children and families it impacted. Because the jet fuel was dumped at low altitude, the fuel did not properly disperse into the atmosphere, as is typical when airlines dump fuel to make an emergency landing. As a result, children in my district were doused with jet fuel, and several individuals had to be medically evaluated.

"Responding to this emergency, I discovered that the FAA does not keep track of when and where fuel dumps happen. The report language in this bill will require FAA to report to Congress data on fuel dumps that happened between 2015 through 2020, and the process FAA uses to review fuel dumps.

"This will provide Congress with the information needed to evaluate current practices and, if necessary, make any adjustments to protect our neighborhoods.

"This language will also help my community, and the surrounding neighborhoods, and Americans throughout the country, know that Congress takes these experiences seriously, and that we are actively working to prevent this kind of traumatic event from happening again in our community."



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

The Delta Boeing 777 jet was en route to Shanghai on Jan. 14, but soon after takeoff from Los Angeles International Airport for the 13-hour, 6,500-mile flight, the pilots of Flight 89 declared an emergency and shut down one of the jumbo jet's two engines because of a compressor stall.

Minutes later, the plane dumped roughly 15,000 gallons of aviation fuel at an altitude of about 2,000 feet over a wide area, including South Gate and Cudahy. The jet made a successful emergency landing at LAX.

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## Thrift store now taking appointments

**DOWNEY** — The Second Tyme Around Shoppe is now accepting reservations for an hour of “retail therapy.”

To ensure social distancing, reservations are limited to one person and up to four friends.

Reservations are available Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. To make an appointment, call (562) 869-0232.

The thrift store is operated by the non-profit Assistance League of Downey and proceeds help fund the organization’s various civic activities and projects.

## Cerritos Center shuts down 2021 season

**CERRITOS** — The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts will not present a 2020-21 season, citing uncertainty over the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This was a difficult decision, but one that the city believes is in the best interests of everyone’s safety as we navigate through the pandemic,” said Cerritos mayor Naresh Solanki.

Cerritos owns and operates the theater.

Cerritos will take advantage of the theater’s closure to complete maintenance projects, including the installation of a new fire suppression system.

“Since 1993, the CCPA has presented world-class performers and brought the joy of live entertainment and cultural enrichment to the community,” Solanki said. “The city looks forward to continuing this proud tradition as the theater plans presentations for the 2021-2022 Season and beyond.”

## SoCalGas issues scholarships to two students

**NORWALK** — The Cerritos College Foundation has announced Rachelle Elhessen and Tran Pham as the recipients of the SoCalGas Scholarship, with both students receiving \$5,000 to support the continuation of their higher education.

Rachelle Elhessen just earned associate degrees for transfer in mathematics and physics from Cerritos College and has been accepted to the University of Southern California (USC). She plans to earn a B.S. in chemical engineering with the goal of advancing technologies in sustainable and clean energy to aid third-world countries.

A Bellflower resident, Rachelle was active in the Cerritos College’s Scholars’ Honors Program and NASA Aerospace Scholars Program. She also participated in the Research Experience Program at the University of Southern California.

“Engineering can be used for so much more than just structurally designing houses and buildings,” said Rachelle. “Having visited third world countries in the Middle East, I have witnessed first-hand the consequences of water and electricity shortages. As a chemical engineer, I can remedy this problem.”

Tran Pham will matriculate to the University of California, Berkeley where she will continue her business administration studies. After earning her bachelor’s degree, she wants to work for a Big-4 accounting firm as a certified public accountant (CPA).

While at Cerritos College, Tran served as the President of the Cerritos College Accounting Club and Vice President of Education at Cerritos College Toastmasters. She also co-founded the campus chapter of the Association of Latin Professionals for America (ALPFA).

“I want to become a CPA as I believe it will grant me a better future and help me become a better-rounded professional. Organizations flourish by creating and supporting transparency and other community values. CPAs play an essential role in delivering that mission, as they are well-respected strategic business advisors and decision-makers,” said Tran.

“We are honored to provide scholarships to Rachelle and Tran. Their academic achievements, goals, and volunteer experiences were exceptional,” said Julia Emerson, Public Affairs Manager at SoCalGas.

Emerson is a Cerritos College alumna, who served as Vice President of the Associated Students of Cerritos College and then-mascot Freda Falcon.

“We send our appreciation and well-wishes to all of the students who applied,” she said.

# Whittier sees progress in battle against homelessness

Officials hope a planned “homeless navigation center” will finally get people the help they need.

By David Gonzalez Jr. Contributor

**WHITTIER** — Whittier’s efforts in supporting homelessness recovery and quality of life for all are poised for additional tremendous progress. After much effort by many individuals and organizations in a number of forms, another vital component of Whittier’s Homelessness Plan adopted July 24, 2018, specifically Goal 3a is within reach. What this means for all of us in our community is important to appreciate.



Whittier has struggled to enforce anti-camping laws at its parks, including this encampment at Parnell Park in 2019. (Photo by Keith Durlfänger)

### Homelessness: A Wicked Problem

People experience homelessness for a variety of reasons. Sometimes the experience comes from outside the person, such as a sudden job loss, deaths in the family, a debilitating mental or physical condition which keeps a person from being able to hold a job. Sometimes the experience comes from within the person, such as unhealthy life choices.

Either way, there is an important need for action.

“Wicked Problem” is a term used in different fields of study including mine. A “Wicked Problem” is the inability to fully discover with 100% accuracy the causes to the problem being considered, and therefore many explanations will be offered.

The reality is a “Wicked Problem” is a symptom of other problems, so a “Wicked Problem” is often an intended or unintended consequence of another problem or another problem’s solution. Solutions to “Wicked Problems” can be “good or bad,” “less bad” or “more good,” but they cannot be “true” or “untrue” because of all the factors noted above (at least).

In order to have “the” right solutions one would have to claim to know all the variables, and have the ability to account for all the various factors in the individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

So what do we do? The best we can, with the most good that we can, given the many thoughts, ideas, and voices.

Sadly, with “Wicked Problems” we rarely get to think in terms of 100% solutions, but we must think in terms of ameliorating the impact on all. A community should do its best to constrain and restrain “bad” in its various forms.

Let’s Talk About Whittier

In 2014, some in Whittier started to, once again, notice a change in the population experiencing homelessness. The late Ted Knoll, then the Executive Director of Whittier’s First Day, observed some of the changes.

As we now know, Los Angeles County saw increases in homelessness between 2015-2019 (LA County is mentioned because homelessness is one of the public concern areas that is handled by a county entity).

For a variety of reasons, some things are handled by counties which include homelessness, mental health, medical health, jails, and courts. Other public concerns are handled by cities, such as crime and safety, parking regulation, planning, and business licensing.

It can get a little confusing when one starts to look at areas that are cities but are governed by counties, however, the bottomline is cities are legally responsible for certain public services, while counties are responsible for others. Yet the experience of the public problem, however, belongs to us all. This is the case with homelessness.

The Los Angeles County Continuum of Care is the regional planning body responsible for coordinating public services for those experiencing homelessness in the county. The Continuum of Care has a lead agency, and that is the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), which is an independent joint powers authority formed in the early 1990’s.

LAHSA helps to lead a large and dedicated group that means to address homelessness in all of Los Angeles County, including the City of Whittier. They are the group that holds the mandate to help the county’s homelessness concerns.

To do this, the county is divided into eight Service

Planning Areas (SPAs). Whittier (incorporated and unincorporated) is in SPA 7 with Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, East Los Angeles, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, Southgate, Vernon, and Walnut Park.

LAHSA is responsible for coordinating care, assistance, and managing an over \$300 million budget formed by federal, state, county and city funds. This is a monumental job providing programs for shelters, housing and other services. The programs and services are designed to address the three groups of people experiencing homelessness: Single Unattached Adults, Families, and Transitional Aged Youth.

Whittier has a few local organizations which are supportive in a broad sense to the county efforts on homelessness, but also have some local emphasis. Whittier’s First Day, now led by Executive Director Irene Muro, was founded by Whittierites, the churches specifically, to address homelessness among mostly

single unattached adults in Whittier.

I say “mostly” because we’ve seen instances where, out of extraordinary demands and compassion, First Day has acted immediately in support of urgent issues where someone was in jeopardy.

Further, Whittier is fortunate to have The Whole Child based in our community. The Whole Child leads the effort of supporting families experiencing homelessness, among their primary and important mandates for the region they serve.

Again, The Whole Child, led by Constanza Pachon, is known to work diligently to have strong and effective programs, and they rise to the exceptional occasion when something out of the ordinary comes along.

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# Whittier looks to reclaim its parks and open spaces

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For the transitional aged youth, we are fortunate to have Jovenes, Inc. which is the organization that strives to help those young people transitioning from adolescence into adulthood from out of the ordinary situations (foster care, sometimes incarceration). Andrea Marchetti and his team do a strong job at Jovenes, Inc.

The Cold Weather Shelter is an annual program by the Whittier Interfaith Council. This program hosts a secure and warm place for people to sleep during the cold months when people die on the streets due to exposure to the elements; Richard Balkus and the whole team are very likely saving lives.

While not directly homelessness related, the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter under the leadership of Yvette Morales work to care for and rebuild victims of domestic violence, which is critical since domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness among women and children (according to the US Conference of Mayors Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in 2012).

These organizations work diligently in their various scopes, in coordination with local needs and the county Continuum of Care. It is not easy.

The Whittier Consortium on Homelessness was formed in 2015 to bring all parts of Whittier together to look at the local expression of this large concern of homelessness. The Whole Child, Whittier's First Day, the Cold Weather Shelter, Whittier Area Community Church, First Friends Church, First Christian, our own City Hall, our own Police Department, the Chamber of Commerce, the Whittier Uptown Association, our colleges and school districts, the County CEO's Office, and LAHSA were among the first groups to form the Whittier Consortium on Homelessness.

The goal of the Consortium was to be a collaborative network looking at the problem of homelessness in Whittier to ask the right questions, incubate the best solutions, and to connect the community with what is oftentimes unseen and unthought of. The community was making strides, and the Consortium continued to live out its tagline: "Until nobody needs to be homeless" (although often we drop the "until" for brevity).

All the partners of the Consortium launched some key efforts: regularized community meetings (which have been on COVID-hold), real-time support with food and hygiene supplies directly to the local service providers so that the community had a way to focus good samaritan efforts without creating conflict complicating efforts, the mentoring program for families coming out of homelessness so that cycles are broken and lives thrive, the Hospitality House which was a collaboration of the Whole Child and the Salvation Army, and there is more.

It's important to remember that the Hospitality House was an idea sparked by the community, incubated by the community and ultimately (through collaboration that included private donations) realized in swift fashion. The mentoring program, called Imagine Whittier, again born from the community was Imagine LA's first spin-off attempt in all of Los Angeles County and it continues impacting the lives of many.

### Enter the Courts

Separate from the progress going on in Whittier or Los Angeles County for that matter, on September 4, 2018 the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals handed down a ruling that is now simply called "Boise" or "the Boise Ruling."

In short, the ruling, which has the force of law for sure in all areas of the 9th Circuit's jurisdiction (which is comprised of district court jurisdictions, so essentially nine states and the territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands), and as a matter of legal precedent elsewhere in the United States, found that ordinances banning sleeping outdoors in public space were unconstitutional (a violation of the 8th Amendment) if there are no other options for shelter available.

Cities within the 9th Circuit's jurisdiction were banned from enforcing such laws if there was not a housing option and resources. A significant, life impacting problem such as homelessness for which there is a county-level system, was at the moment of the ruling automatically made a city level issue in a new way.

Imagine a large public need or "thing" (in this case, homelessness) for which there is an established large framework or system to help with (collaboration with LA County and Whittier). Now imagine for

some reason which cannot be altered (the 9th Circuit Court Ruling), the functions and responsibilities of that large system (homelessness) are placed upon a much smaller system (the city) in a very real way.

We've experienced this very dynamic recently when thousands and thousands of our community's parents became teachers overnight. A burden of love for sure, but still a burden and for many one they were not immediately ready for, but rose to the occasion for. Things had to shift swiftly, and imperfectly, but necessarily. Our community and all the others in the 9th Circuit's jurisdiction that relied on the larger county supportive frameworks were given a requirement if quality of life rules were going to be enforced.

Court cases and decisions seem to beget more of the same. Separate but related to the issue of homelessness, Federal Judge David Carter mediated a number of issues in Orange County related to homelessness and the legal ability to require the acceptance of help, "move people along" or arrest for violations related to sleeping or establishing "home" in public spaces.

What is often called the Judge Carter Settlement Agreement simply is this: when a city enters into the agreement established by Judge Carter, the obligation to have a provision of beds in order to be able to direct people drops from 100% (which comes essentially from the Boise Case) to 60%. These percentages are percentages of the known count of people experiencing homelessness in a given city (notice the continued shift from county to city).

So, if a city has 100 people experiencing homelessness, they cannot (per Boise) enforce public sleeping laws unless there are 100 beds available to that city. If a city enters into the agreement with Judge Carter, and the city has 100 people experiencing homelessness, then the city can enforce certain laws if they can show (under agreement) that the community has access to a minimum of 60 beds.

On April 22, 2020, our Whittier City Council voted unanimously to enter into the settlement agreement with Judge Carter.

Our number of beds required based on the 60% formula: 139. This 139 number comes from a Whittier specific count commissioned by our city via a group called City Net. I had an opportunity to accompany City Net on two days of their count, and the Whittier Consortium on Homelessness was welcomed to a debriefing where we got to ask questions.

An additional interesting thing learned from this count by City Net was that 60% of those surveyed self-reported a mental health and/or drug/alcohol problem. Anyone who designs surveys or uses surveys professionally, knows that we are trained to recall that self-reporting surveys have a sensitivity to underreporting. There are people on our streets, as we suspected, who need support from the existing drug programs, and from our State of California in the form of mental health help.

A navigation center with 139 beds will allow Whittier to once again make significant strides in improving the concern of homelessness in our city for all. I say "again" because Whittier has a history of taking on problems from a uniquely Whittier spirit: an effective mixture of compassion, reason, long term wisdom with short term application, and focusing on Whittier life. This is how we got Whittier's First Day and the people who do the good work there. There are naysayers and cheerleaders to this idea, but take a moment to consider this: both naysayers and cheerleaders are in Whittier for a reason.

On Nextdoor (the social media app), I encountered a question about what a Navigation Center is (it was a critical comment that aimed to say that people are just switching language). One way to think of this idea is that a Navigation Center is a shelter that includes services and resources aimed at helping a person recover from homelessness, not simply being off the street. The services and resources are oftentimes existing but sometimes new; either way they are placed together for optimizing help. There's the compassionate, Whittier spirit by the way.

A successful Navigation Center which is in strong alignment with a few, not just one, of the City of Whittier Homelessness Plan goals, will provide comprehensive services that will include health, wellness, employment resources, and substance abuse help and counseling. There will be effective case management offering direct support to people inside the Navigation Center with the goal of becoming self-sufficient by acquiring stable income, stable housing, and the critical life skills needed that lead to not only recovery, but live a thriving life; perhaps still here in Whittier we'd hope.

Since we must act locally, a successful Navigation Center for Whittier will be available to Whittierites experiencing homelessness.

This service requirement to our local Whittierites is built into the Judge Carter Agreement that was approved by him. Help and support will first go to those with a connection to Whittier by (among other ties) family, school, job. Why is this important? Well, remember that through decisions by the courts, onus of responsibility has been at least in part shifted to communities and their local government. This is what we've seen play out in our parks and other public places. If we can, as a community, demonstrate access to beds, then we can support real recovery from homelessness and quality of life rules that we've all grown to expect.

Whittier is not the first Los Angeles County City to enter into the Orange County based Judge Carter Agreement. Bellflower, a city with a population of 42,300 and a homelessness census of 172 (according to their City Net count in 2019), entered into the Judge Carter Agreement, the first Los Angeles County city to do so.

Our population is just over 86,000, with a homeless census of about 231. We are now the second and the largest city of Los Angeles County to sign in agreement with the Judge.

There will be eyes on our community. We should be eager and supportive of this opportunity that Mayor Vinateri and our City Council have worked on. With many plates spinning, we look forward to a program that continues improving the lives of Whittierites, homed or yet-to-be-homed.

"Wicked Problems" go deep and they go much longer than most people's life spans. What defeats or at least makes a dent in these large concerns are tenacity, collaboration, right-thinking, courage, compassion and focus. It is good that our Mayor and City Council have spoken and have directed City Hall staff to negotiate an agreement with the Salvation Army as a service provider to operate a Navigation Center.

Looking to the near future, we should be working on encouraging our state legislators to find effective ways to improve the mental health system (including designing and implementing laws that help).

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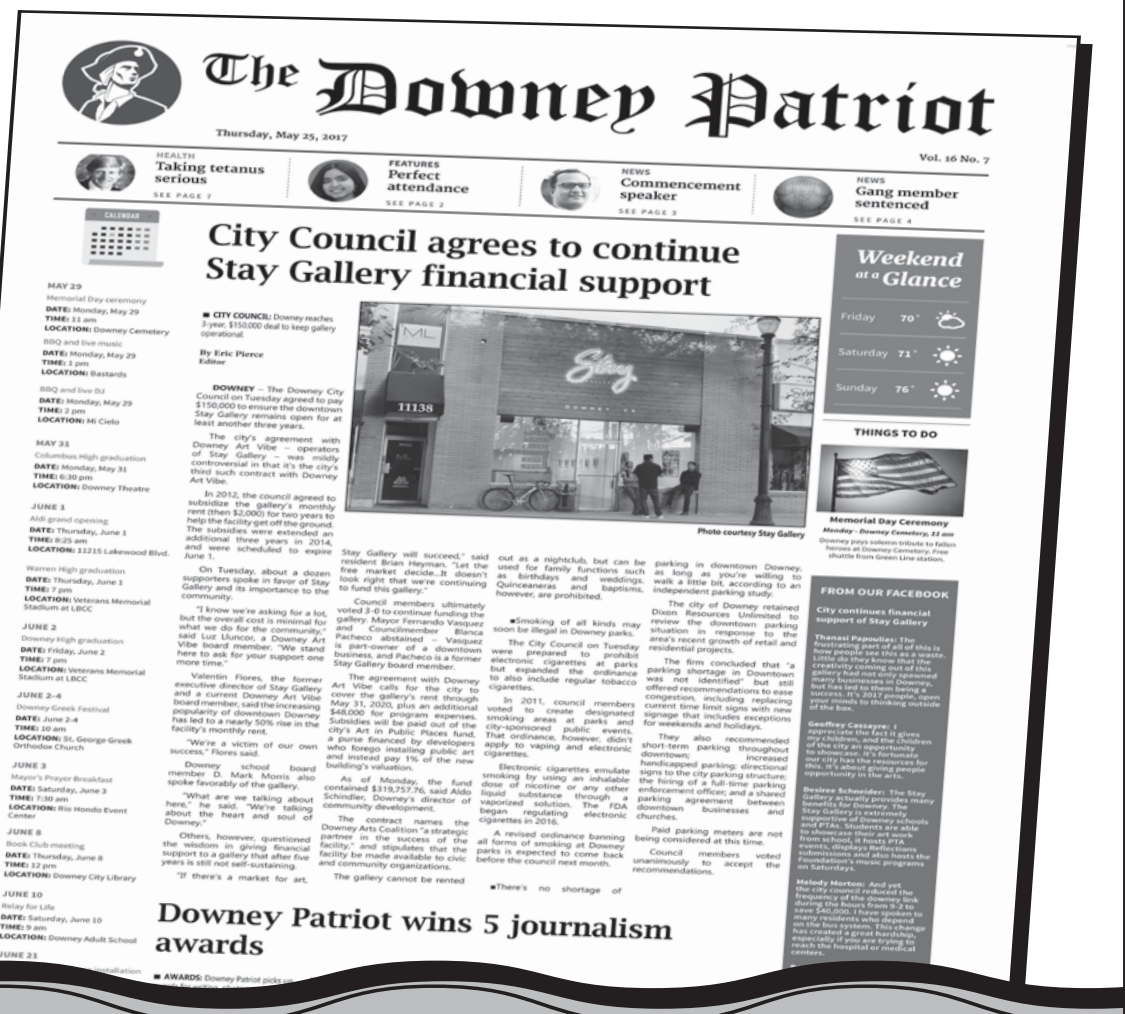
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### BULK SALES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)**  
(UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 20-37719-MK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: MASANOBU TAMADA AND ANGELICA IVAR TAMADA AKA MASA SUSHI BON APPETIT SUSHI & SALAD, LLC, 7808 FLORENCE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240  
Doing Business as: MASA SUSHI BON APPETIT

All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are:

The name(s) and address(es) of the buyer(s) or applicant(s) is/are: KEFI INC., 22720 NAPA ST. WEST HILLS, CA 91304

The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS, LICENSES and is/are located at: 7808 FLORENCE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240

The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: 41-ON-SALE BEER & WINE EATING PLACE/LICENSE #466480. And are now issued for the premises located at: SAME

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW INC, 17310 RED HILL AVE, STE 140, IRVINE, CA 92614 and the anticipated sale/transfer is AUGUST 24, 2020

The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$75,300.00, including inventory estimated at \$0.00 which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION/ AMOUNT CASH \$75,300.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$75,300.00.

It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/applicant(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

MASANOBU TAMADA AND ANGELICA IVAR TAMADA, SELLER(S)/LICENSEE(S) KEFI INC., BUYER(S)/APPLICANT(S) LA2556832 DOWNEY PATRIOT 7/16/2020

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### FICT. BUS. NAME

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020100672  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE AORE, 7864 STEWART AND GRAY RD., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
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.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 2020100670

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAMBRIA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, 14517 HARDAWAY DR., LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LAURIE M WATKINS, 14517 HARDAWAY DR., LA MIRADA CA 90638 (2) JEFFREY WATKINS, 14517 HARDAWAY DR., LA MIRADA CA 90638  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

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/ LAURIE M WATKINS, WIFE  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 1, 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.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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### GOVERNMENT

#### CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED

On July 14, 2020, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced and adopted the following Ordinances:

Introduced an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey approving a Zone Change Designation (PLN-19-00162) for property located at 9432 Telegraph Road, thereby converting the north 42 feet of the property from P-B (Parking Buffer) To C-2 (General Commercial).

Adopted Ordinance No. 20-1446, an uncodified Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey pursuant to California Government Code Sections 8634 AND Downey City Charter Sections 511 AND 514 enacting a temporary extension of the validity of Planning Eminent Domain and Permits issued by the Community Development Department and extending the time for review and action on Development Applications in response to effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic; and, setting forth the facts constituting such urgency.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Rodriguez, Saab, Frometa, Mayor Pro-tem  
NOES: Council Member: None.  
EXCUSED: Council Member: None.  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Copies of the full texts are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Mario Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk  
July 14, 2020

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### LIEN SALES

Notice of Public Sale at Auction Pursuant to CA Com. Code §7210  
Seller: North Bay Distribution, Inc.  
Items being auctioned: inventory of new/unused womens' shoes and accessories held in storage for resale, previously owned by A&L Footwear/Lauren Lorraine.  
Date of Auction: August 1, 2020  
Auction Location: 13545 Larwin Cir., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
Time of commencement of auction: 10:00 A.M. Pacific Time  
Terms of Sale: All merchandise is sold as-is and where-is.  
Removal must take place within twenty-four (24) hours of conclusion of auction. Seller assumes no liability for the goods following sale, whatsoever.  
Winning bidder is responsible for all removal costs, including transportation and any storage costs beginning twenty-four (24) hours following conclusion of the auction, as well as any/all applicable taxes/fees that may be assessed by government authorities. All bids must be made in verified funds, which must be verified prior to commencement of the auction.  
Payment to be made in lawful money of the United States, or a cashier's/certified check made payable to North Bay Distribution, Inc. Bidders need not be present but phone or absentee bidders must be approved and register prior to commencement of Auction. The seller reserves the right to bid at auction. For more information or to qualify to bid at auction, call seller at (707) 452-9984.

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### NOTICES

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00152  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADAM SHAFER McNAMEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ADAM SHAFER McNAMEE to Proposed name (1) ATTIS PHANTOM SHAFER  
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 11, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JULY 14, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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JULY 8, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
ADAM SHAFER McNAMEE  
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LA MIRADA, CA 90638  
(714) 329-6862  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00136  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LUCIANO SALVATORE ON BEHALF OF LEAH SOPHIA SALVATORE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LEAH SOPHIA SALVATORE to Proposed name (1) PENELOPE LEAH SALVATORE  
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 11, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, The Downey Patriot  
JULY 14, 2020  
Judge Olivia Rosales  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
BILLY RAY LOCKHART  
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BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
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JERRY.LOCKHART@GMAIL.COM

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00148  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER to Proposed name (1) RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER  
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 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT,  
8301 E. FLORENCE AVENUE, SUITE 100, DOWNEY, CA 90240  
JULY 2, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER  
8182 SAN VICENTE AVENUE  
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00148  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER to Proposed name (1) RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER  
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 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT,  
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JULY 2, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00159  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SILVIA BUENO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) SILVIA BUENO to Proposed name (1) SAHMIR BUENO  
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 14, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JULY 14, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00147  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BILLY RAY LOCKHART filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) BILLY RAY LOCKHART to Proposed name (1) JERRY THOMAS LOCKHART  
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 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, The Downey Patriot  
JULY 1, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00102  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SALLIE JO BROWN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) SALLIE 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  
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, The Downey Patriot  
MARCH 13, 2020  
Judge Olivia Rosales  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
SALLIE JO BROWN  
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### PROBATE

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SEVERO ORTELLO AVILA aka SEVERO O. AVILA  
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.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 6, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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# Two charged in kidnapping of Chinese national

**LOS ANGELES** — Two men from the San Gabriel Valley were charged Wednesday in federal court for allegedly participating in the kidnapping of Ruo Chen “Tony” Liao, a Chinese national who was violently abducted from a mall parking lot in San Gabriel two years ago, and whose parents were extorted for \$2 million in ransom before Liao died from his injuries.

Anthony Valladares, 28, of Pasadena, and Alexis Ivan Romero Velez, 24, most recently a resident of Azusa, were taken into custody Tuesday during the execution of search warrants by FBI agents and members of the San Gabriel Valley Safe Street Task Force.

Federal prosecutors on Wednesday filed a criminal complaint in United States District Court that charges both Valladares and Romero with one

count of kidnapping.

Previously in this investigation, two Chinese nationals were charged in a four-count indictment alleging they kidnapped Liao and attempted to collect \$2 million in ransom from his family in exchange for the victim’s life.

Guangyao Yang, 26, and Peicheng Shen, 34, whose last known U.S. residences were in West Covina, were charged with conspiracy to kidnap, kidnapping, attempted extortion in violation of the Hobbs Act, and threat by foreign communication. Yang and Shen are currently in custody in China on charges filed there related to the kidnapping.

During the investigation, the FBI learned that Valladares and Romero worked with Yang and Shen to conduct the kidnapping, during which Liao

was repeatedly beaten and tased into submission, according to the affidavit in support of the complaint. Valladares was the “muscle” hired to intimidate, beat and subdue Liao during the kidnapping, and Romero was the driver of the vehicle used in the kidnapping, according to the affidavit.

Valladares and Romero were arrested Tuesday after making statements about their roles in the kidnapping to investigators. According to the affidavit, Valladares admitted that he was hired to assist in the kidnapping, agreed to accept \$1,000 for the job, and restrained Liao during the kidnapping.

Romero admitted, according to the affidavit, that he was recruited by Valladares and was the driver during the kidnapping.

After Liao was kidnapped

on July 16, 2018, his parents in China received ransom demands and “proof-of-life” photos suggesting that Liao had been badly beaten, blindfolded, and tied up with duct tape. Liao’s parents were told to deposit the ransom payment into Chinese bank accounts within three hours, according to court documents.

Investigators believe Liao was held captive in a closet at a residence in Corona. During his captivity, investigators believe Liao was frequently beaten and ultimately died the night of July 17.

During the early morning of July 18, investigators believe Yang and Shen drove to the desert near the town of Mojave to bury Liao’s body.

On July 26, 2019, the FBI laboratory used DNA testing to identify Liao’s remains, which were recovered following a search by the FBI’s Evidence

Response Team.

Valladares and Romero made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

The kidnapping charge carries a statutory maximum penalty of life in federal prison.

## Rite Aid now offering COVID testing

Rite Aid is opening 161 new drive-thru coronavirus testing sites Thursday, including dozens across the Southland.

The closest participating location is in Pico Rivera.

The new testing sites will use self-swab tests overseen by Rite Aid pharmacists. Testing is open to all adults 18 years of age or older, regardless if the person is showing symptoms, the chain said.

Registration is required and

a time slot to be tested can be scheduled on Rite Aid’s website.

Results are expected in three to five days, a company spokesperson said. Tests will be done weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rite Aid stated the expansion increases the number of its testing sites nationwide to 258.

The opening of the sites comes as California’s surging virus caseload has left testing

supplies short and lengthened the wait time for results.

In the next few weeks, Los Angeles County plans to aggressively expand coronavirus testing capacity by 65%. Their focus will be hot spots, including Montebello, South Gate, Panorama City, Downey, Norwalk and Compton.

There will also be more testing in Bellflower, Pomona, El Monte and East L.A.

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