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## Cerritos College Cosmetology offering accelerated program

**NORWALK** - Cerritos College's Cosmetology Program now offers a new accelerated crossover esthetician program for licensed cosmetologists.

To enroll, students must have a cosmetologist license. Cosmetologist students can obtain an esthetician license for only 200 extra hours in a 9-week session in fall or spring.

The original curriculum is lab focused, as are all the classes in the Cosmetology/Esthetics programs. The course quickly adapted to an online learning environment while the College continues its programs remotely due to COVID-19.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that the Cosmetology Program proceeded to open the program even during these difficult times for many. It has been an amazing journey where I have grown in my passion for skin care. Thanks to all the teachers and staff, I've

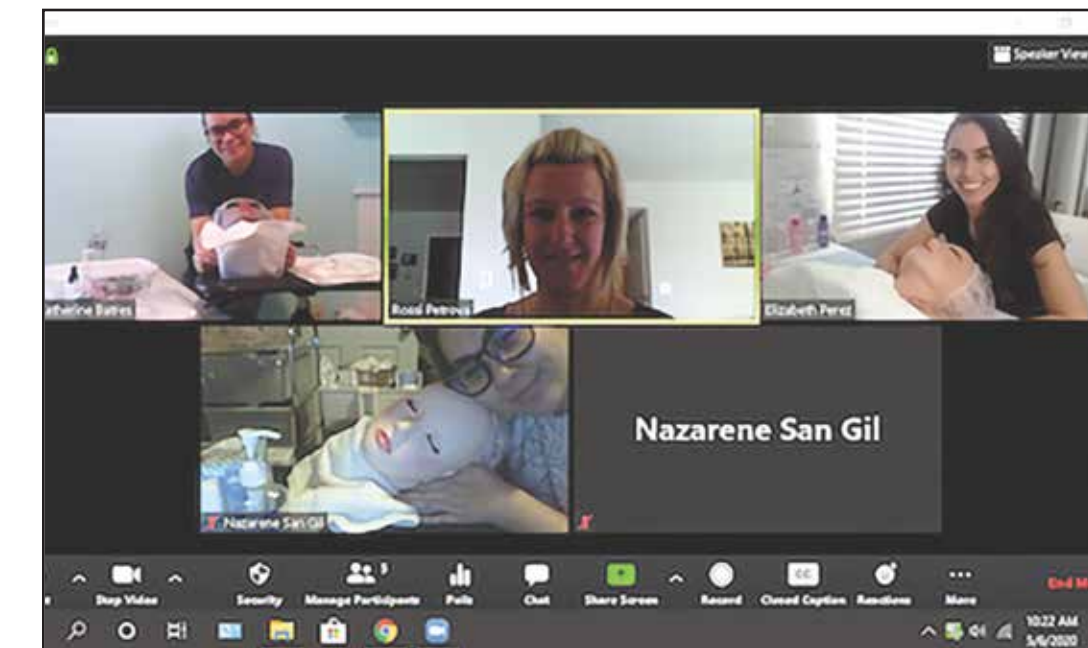


Photo courtesy Cerritos College

enjoyed, learned, and grown," said Kathy Bates, a student in the new crossover program.

The program is accepting new students to begin in the fall 2020 semester. For more information, please contact Rossi Petrova at rpetrova@cerritos.edu.

## CSU campuses to close through fall

Most of the more than 770,000 students at California's two main university systems aren't likely to return to campus this fall.

The California State University system, which claims to be the nation's biggest four-year university system, plans to cancel nearly all in-person classes through the fall semester to reduce spread of the coronavirus, Chancellor Timothy White said Tuesday at a board of trustees meeting.

At the University of California, which has 10 campuses across the state, "it's likely none of our campuses will fully reopen in fall," Stett Holbrook, a spokesperson for UC, told CNN in an email.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, a key member of the White House's coronavirus task force, told Congress on Tuesday that it is a "bridge too far" for schools to expect a vaccine or widely available treatment for Covid-19 by fall reopening time.

"First and foremost is the health, safety and welfare of our students, faculty and staff, and the evolving data surrounding the progression of Covid-19 — current and as forecast throughout the 2020-21 academic year," White said in making his announcement.

Potential exceptions at CSU may include nursing students who need clinical training to be on track to get licensed to work in health care, White said, or students who need access to equipment for their training.

Students who need to continue research in labs will also continue forward under rigorous safety standards. White said students may need to work in shifts, wearing personal protective gear.

Rigorous health and safety requirements will be in place, such as sanitizing and spreading students out. Instead of 15 students per class, it may be five students, he suggested.

Some of CSU's 23 campuses may continue to offer remote learning only.

"On some campuses and in some academic disciplines course offerings are likely to be exclusively virtual," White said.

University of California "will be exploring a mixed approach with some material delivered in classroom and labs settings while other classes will continue

to be online," Holbrook said.

California was the first state to issue a statewide stay-at-home order, effective March 19. Like many other schools, colleges and universities across the nation, UC and CSU began suspending in-class learning in March.

Some universities will resume classes

Around the country, most other colleges and universities are still trying to figure out what instruction will look like in the fall, with some saying a decision will be made later.

Universities in at least six states have said they expect to hold classes on campuses in the fall: the University of Alabama; the University of North Carolina System; Texas Tech University; the University of Tennessee; the nine-campus University of Louisiana system; and Morgan State University in Maryland.

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education last month voted unanimously in favor of a motion supporting the return of students to campuses in the fall.

Harvard said last month it will be open for the fall semester, but some or all instruction may continue to be online.

Schools from grades K-12 are closed in 48 states for the remainder of the academic school year, which ends in the next few weeks for many.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti told CNN's Anderson Cooper on Tuesday that he supports CSU's decision to cancel nearly all in-person classes for the fall semester.

"I absolutely think it'll be a different school than we're used to, whether that's fewer days a week, whether it's half the class coming in, whether it's new spaces or places where we educate," said Mayor Garcetti.

Garcetti said K-12 schools in Los Angeles should prepare to resume with online classes, but "it would be a pity if we have all of our children only online throughout the rest of this calendar year."

Garcetti suggested finding safe ways for kids to be at school as long as the numbers are stable.

"We should figure out safe ways for kids to be there, at least some of the week, face to face with teachers, with their peers," he said.

## Norwalk COVID-19 count: 270

**NORWALK** - Nearly 50 more cases of coronavirus in Norwalk were reported by Los Angeles County's official numbers on Wednesday, bringing the city's total to 270.

These numbers come on the same day that LA County officials announced that safer-at-home orders — albeit opening slowly and gradually for certain businesses — will likely remain in place in some form until August.

Under the new order that was announced, all retailers can now open up for curbside pickup, except for those in malls and centers.

Masks and social distancing requirements have stayed in place in the meantime, and customers will still not be able to enter the businesses.

## 6-week-old beats coronavirus



Baby Evelio. Photo courtesy of Kaiser Permanente

Baby Evelio was the youngest COVID-19 patient being cared for at Downey's Kaiser hospital.

**DOWNEY** — The COVID-19 pandemic has arguably been the greatest trial our healthcare system has ever faced. But in the middle of this challenging time there are pockets of good news that showcase the heart of what it means to work in healthcare: providing exceptional care to every patient every time, and always working together as a team.

And that's exactly what happened at the Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center in early April when the hospital cared for its youngest COVID-19 patient, six-week-old baby Evelio.

Evelio's condition started off unremarkable. His mother called the KP nurse advice line after noticing he had a low-grade fever. An advice line nurse asked a physician to call her back, and from there she was instructed to bring little Evelio in to be examined by Eunice Kong, MD, a pediatrician at the Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical

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## Norwalk restaurant grades

**So Cal Pizza**  
12253 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 5/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**Applebees**  
12129 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 5/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**Denny's**  
12616 Pioneer Blvd.  
Inspected: 5/6/20  
Grade: **A**

**Albert's Mexican Food**  
11610 Imperial Hwy  
Date Inspected: 5/6/20  
Grade: **A**

**CC Pho**  
12359 Imperial Hwy  
Date Inspected: 5/6/20  
Grade: **A**

**Don Julio's Tacos and Tamales**  
12856 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/6/20  
Grade: **A**

**Wienerchnitzel**  
11610 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/5/20  
Grade: **A**

**KFC**  
10937 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/5/20  
Grade: **A**

**Tam's Super Burgers**  
11700 Rosecrans Ave  
Date Inspected: 4/29/20  
Grade: **A**

**Bobos**  
12949 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/22/20  
Grade: **A**

**El Marinero**  
11025 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/22/20  
Grade: **A**

**Rivera's Juice Bar**  
11912 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/22/20  
Grade: **A**

**Church's Chicken**  
15816 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/21/20  
Grade: **A**

**Tommy's Original**  
15911 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/16/20  
Grade: **A**

**Antichucheria Peroana**  
14351 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/15/20  
Grade: **A**

**Los Compadres**  
11600 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/14/20  
Grade: **A**

**Toros Taqueria**  
15617 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 4/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**DK's**  
12549 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**McDonalds**  
12602 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/7/20  
Grade: **A**

**Lucian's Pizza**  
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Date Inspected: 4/3/20  
Grade: **A**

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15012 Pioneer Blvd.  
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Grade: **A**

**Yum Yum Donuts**  
15900 Pioneer Blvd.  
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Grade: **A**

**Top Donuts**  
10939 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/20  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 80°

Saturday 82°

Sunday 78°

## THINGS TO WATCH



### The Wrong Missy

Netflix (film)

Tim thinks he's invited the woman of his dreams on a work retreat to Hawaii, realizing too late he mistakenly texted someone from a nightmare blind date.



### Django Unchained

Netflix (film)

Accompanied by a German bounty hunter, a freed slave named Django travels across America to free his wife from a sadistic plantation owner. Directed by Quentin Tarantino and starring Jamie Foxx and Leonardo DiCaprio.



### The Two Popes

Netflix (film)

At a key turning point for the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI forms a surprising friendship with the future Pope Francis. Inspired by true events.



### Swingers

Hulu (film)

A transplanted New Yorker attempting to acclimate to Los Angeles, Mike Peters (Jon Favreau), is struggling to both boost his comedy career and get over his last relationship.



### Slums of Beverly Hills

Hulu (film)

A desperate father moves his family to the un-glamorous fringes of Beverly Hills in an effort to improve his children's education.



### DAVE

Hulu (TV series)

A neurotic man in his late 20s who has convinced himself that he's destined to be one of the best rappers of all time. Now he must convince his closest friends, because with their help, he actually might convince the world.

# Downey baby beats odds after contracting coronavirus

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Offices.

Just as the advice line staff had been caring and thorough, Dr. Kong was as well. Baby Evelio had a fever with no clear cause and inexplicable lab results. Dr. Kong consulted with her colleague, Dr. Victor Wong, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease physician. As it would turn out, that decision was a potentially life-saving move.

“Knowing that COVID-19 was prevalent in the community and babies under a year old are at greater risk of complications because of their immature immune systems, I thought the best and safest thing to do would be to admit baby Evelio to the hospital,” says Dr. Wong.

It was there at the Downey Medical Center that the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, or PICU team, would work together, providing Evelio with around-the-clock care while the family anxiously awaited the COVID-19 test results. When the results came in, Evelio’s mother,

Johanna, was shocked.

“My brain was going a thousand miles an hour, I didn’t know what was going to happen,” she said. “I took my son into the hospital and I didn’t know if I was going to walk out empty handed.”

Beyond being concerned for her son’s health, Johanna was also worried about how the physicians and staff would treat her and her son after learning he had COVID-19. She soon realized she didn’t need to spend even a second worrying about that part.

“I was surprised by how the nurses, lab techs, and all the staff took such good care of us and made me feel like everything was going to be okay,” Johanna said. “One night Johanna even saw nurse Danielle Owens, RN don complete PPE just to go soothe baby Evelio back to sleep.

Evelio was the youngest patient and first baby to be hospitalized for COVID-19 at Downey Medical Center.

“This was about real collaboration between nurses,

physicians, and the other members of Evelio’s care team,” explains Dr. Christopher Chinnici, MD, one of the physicians treating Evelio.

“They (the team) identified a child at potentially higher risk for serious infection and worked with our internal transport system to connect the clinic and inpatient teams to get the child into the hospital as quickly as possible. Even with the requirements for additional PPE and worries about their own health, the physicians and staff provided the family with an excellent care experience,” says Chinnici.

After three days in the PICU, Evelio improved, and he was able to be discharged. Now, over a month later, Evelio is home and almost fully recovered.

As his mother recently shared, thanks to teamwork and excellent care, “He’s eating—overeating actually—and smiling.”



Evelio with mom Johanna. Photo courtesy of Kaiser Permanente

## Downey students win short film award

**DOWNEY** — Andrew Stratton, Ruben Mendoza and Daniel Sanchez from Warren High School have been selected statewide regional winners in the annual Directing Change film contest which focuses on mental health stigma reduction and suicide prevention.

Almost 3,500 students from around the state entered the contest.

The students’ film, “Hashiru” focuses on mental health matters. They will learn whether they are statewide winners during the Directing Change Awards Ceremony on Facebook Live May 19 at 7 p.m.

The film contest encouraged students to create 30-second and 60-second films about suicide prevention and mental health. Twenty-one regional winners were selected to advance to a final round of judging to declare a statewide winner.

The three Warren High students filmed “Hashiru” on campus with help from their advisor, Jared Nelson. Click here to watch the 1-minute film on Vimeo.

## Cerritos College to hold online commencement

**NORWALK** - Cerritos College will move forward with an online commencement ceremony in early June, the college has said.

The college had previously conducted a survey, with nearly 1,400 graduating students responding.

According to results, 18% of participating students said that they preferred an online

ceremony with the possibility of an in-person ceremony at a later date, while 18% preferred only an online ceremony.

This is in contrast to 39% who said they preferred a postponed in-person commencement with no online ceremony, 7% who wished to join in the ceremony for the class of 2021 the following year, and 18% who said they preferred no ceremony at all.

A postponed in-person ceremony is still being explored as an option for December this year.

“The college will continue to monitor the situation, and communicate with our 2020 graduates,” said the college via their website announcement.

“We understand an in-person option was preferred

by most, and that celebrating together with your friends and family is important to you.”

The college said that it will update graduates with information about the online ceremony as soon as possible.

## Downey extends SEAACA agreement

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Council approved an extension of the services of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) at their meeting on Tuesday.

SEAACA was formed in 1976 through the creation of a joint powers agreement between cities, and currently offers

animal control services to 14 cities including Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Downey, Bell Gardens, Montebello, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, and South El Monte.

Set to expire June 30 this year, Tuesday’s vote extends the life of the agreement for another 15 years, through June 2035.

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**Jordan Pham**  
Moffitt Elementary School, Mrs. Cojescu's class

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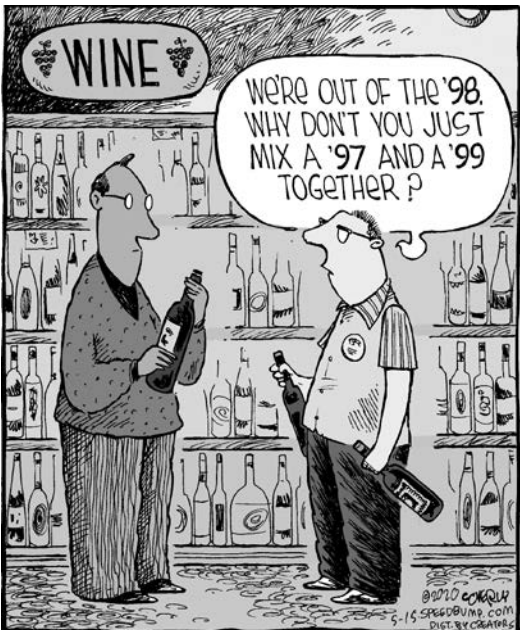
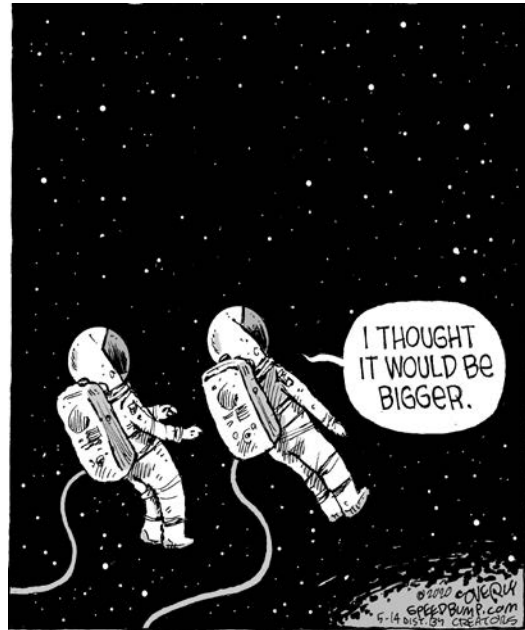
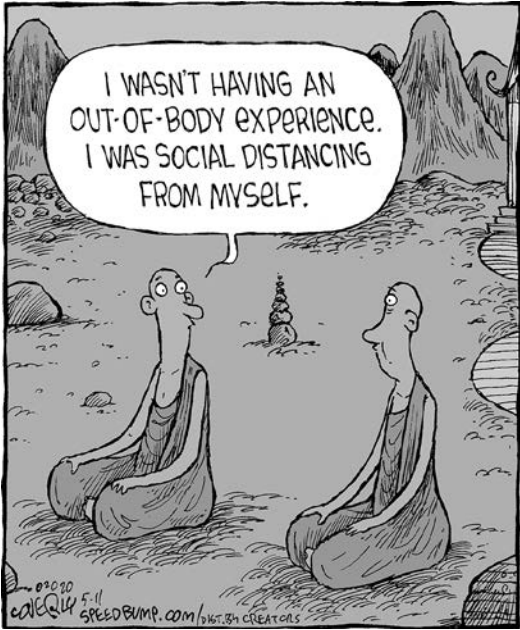
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAYS**

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

**TUESDAYS**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School  
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

**WEDNESDAYS**

1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village  
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant  
2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge  
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center  
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

**THURSDAYS**

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
2nd, 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.  
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

**SATURDAYS**

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk  
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**On This Day...**

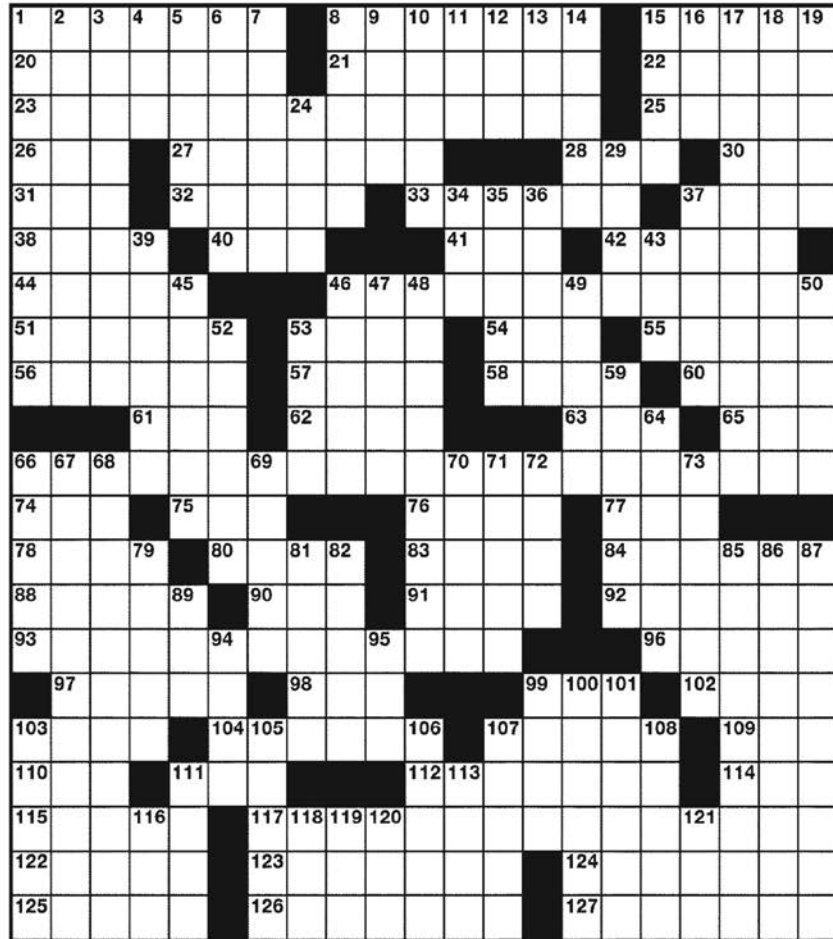
- May 15, 1602: Cape Cod was discovered by Bartholomew Gosnold.
- 1856: Lyman Frank Baum, author of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," was born.
- 1918: Regular airmail service between New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, began under the direction of the Post Office Department, which later became the U.S. Postal Service.
- 1941: Joe DiMaggio began his historic major league baseball hitting streak of 56 games.
- 1980: The first transcontinental balloon crossing of the United States took place.
- 2014: The National September 11 Memorial Museum was dedicated in New York City.

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FATHER'S LITTLE DIVIDEND (66 Across) is the sequel to the 1950 film Father of the Bride, which was remade in 1991 with Steve Martin, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Everest (124 Across) on May 29, 1953, but word did not reach the media for a few days. Unable to be placed in the puzzle was the 1953 film David Copperfield, for which W.C. Fields was top-billed as Wilkins Micawber.



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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00104 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JAZMIN PEREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JAZMIN PEREZ to Proposed name (1) LUNA KIDDO PEREZ 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: MAY 20, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90659 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 Norwalk Patriot MARCH 16, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per JAZMIN PEREZ 10438 VALLEY VIEW AVE. WHITTIER, CA 90604 (562) 652-5458 lunabebop91@aim.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MATHEW RHODES AKA MATHEW LANCE RHODES CASE NO. 20STPB03170 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MATHEW RHODES AKA MATHEW LANCE RHODES. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEFFREY RHODES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JEFFREY RHODES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions,

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Pico Rivera opens testing to all residents

PICO RIVERA - Pico Rivera has partnered with a non-profit with the goal of testing every resident for COVID-19.

The City Council on April 28 approved a partnership with US HealthFairs.org to make testing available to all residents, including those not showing symptoms. Pico Rivera is only

the second city in Southern California to offer to test every local resident.

Testing will be done at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena using FDA approved diagnostic tests from LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics and Fulgent Genetics Laboratories.

"It's been said time and again by the governor, Los Angeles County health officials, and medical experts from around the world, that communities cannot reopen on a broad scale unless and until there is a huge increase in the number of tests currently being administered for COVID-19," said Pico Rivera Mayor Gustavo Camacho.

"This includes testing not only those who are sick, but testing everyone, especially asymptomatic carriers. We want to help our country and city get back to normal as much as possible and having the second

test site that is available for asymptomatic people right here in the City of Pico Rivera is a giant leap forward we need. It is absolutely critical."

Testing began May 12 and is by-appointment only. To schedule an appointment, residents should register online at ushealthfairs.org.

The city is prioritizing city and school district staff, essential workers, seniors and residents with pre-existing conditions. Pico Rivera is also offering free Dial-A-Ride service to and from the testing site for senior citizens.

Pico Rivera's 63,000 residents is about 90 percent Latino which is a particularly vulnerable population as they are being infected and dying at much higher rates. The city also has one of the highest number of positive tests (261) in the San

Gabriel Valley and has among the highest rates of infection on a per capita basis.

"During this pandemic, the City of Pico Rivera has moved swiftly to help residents endure these tough times, and will now further extend services and resources by opening a testing site in their city, adding a much needed resource in Southeast Los Angeles County," said Assemblymember Christina Garcia. "I'm happy and thankful that, together, we will be able to ensure that people in Pico Rivera and the surrounding Southeast LA cities have increased access to testing and that more facilities and resources will continue to be extended in this area."

Testing is also available to neighboring communities, including in Downey and Whittier.

Norwalk holding blood drive

NORWALK - The Norwalk community is invited to participate in a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex on May 21 to help ensure an adequate supply of blood for individuals facing serious illnesses or medical emergencies.

Healthy, eligible individuals are encouraged to donate to avoid potential shortages due to COVID-19.

The blood drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sproul Room.

Photo identification is required at time of donation.

Donors may schedule their appointments online at www.redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code: NorwalkStrong.

Whittier schools rally behind AP test-takers

WHITTIER - As Whittier Union schools prepare students to take their Advanced Placement exams for the first time ever from home and online - a challenging feat for any student - Pioneer High School teachers and staff showed their support by holding a drive-thru pep rally on May 6.

While observing social distancing and wearing protective masks, Pioneer administrators and AP teachers banded together to provide 150 students who are poised to take their AP exams, which begin Monday and continue through May 22, with "survival kits" containing supplies and snacks.

"This may not be what our students have been preparing for all year long, but through it all, they have shown strength, perseverance and aptitude in going forward with this virtual exam," Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction

Annette Ledesma said. "We want them to know that we are here to support them and motivate them to continue forging ahead."

The AP exams provide students the opportunity to earn college credit and are usually administered in person, taking several hours to complete. In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, they were converted to timed, 45-minute online exams.

District curriculum coordinators have been working collaboratively to provide daily updates to students and AP teachers via email, video messages, phone calls and texts. Teachers have been working with students online, preparing them with practice tests, holding Zoom study sessions and motivating them to complete the final leg of their AP journeys.

At Pioneer, 384 students will take exams this year, up

from 320 last year. At California High School, 622 students will take 1,031 AP exams. Whittier High School has 314 students signed up to take 614 exams in 21 different courses. At La Serna, 729 students are registered to take 1,331 exams - an increase over last year, when 630 students took 1,170 exams. Santa Fe High has 558 students taking 989 AP tests.

"This is certainly a challenge for AP teachers and students and they should be praised for their resiliency and ability to adapt quickly to online learning," Cal High Curriculum and AP Coordinator Franny Padgett said. "What a way to embody Whittier Union's Whatever It Takes initiative!"

College Board has put together an online guide with free resources, practice exams and review sessions.

Laid off service workers have rights to return under new law

Laid off service workers, including employees in the janitorial, maintenance, security, and hospitality industries, will receive the first opportunities to return to work under a new policy adopted Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The "Right of Recall" ordinance ensures that workers who are laid off due to the pandemic have first right of recall to their jobs, when their employer is ready to bring employees back. The "Worker Retention" ordinance ensures that workers would get to keep their jobs in the event the business they work for gets sold because of the pandemic.

"These added protections give workers who have built careers and livelihoods in industries that have been absolutely decimated by this pandemic, the peace of mind that, as these businesses start to come back, their jobs will still be there for them," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who authored the motion.

The ordinances would only apply to hotels in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County that contain 50 or more guestrooms or has earned gross receipts in 2019 exceeding \$5 million, as well as businesses that employ 25 or more janitorial, maintenance or security service workers. Any of these employers that have a collective bargaining agreement in place would be exempt.

"This pandemic has highlighted the need to further strengthen protections for our workforce, particularly those in the leisure, hospitality, and retail industries. Workers in these industries are overwhelmingly people of color, who are already severely impacted by COVID-19, and we need to provide these hardworking employees and their families necessary protections at this critical time," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who co-authored the motion.

"This effort to protect these workers started 30 years with

the launch of the Justice for Janitors campaign and now it culminates with a Board motion and ordinance that recognize that workers deserve to earn living wages and be safe during this pandemic. By adopting these permanent Right of Recall and Worker Retention policies, we will ensure people will have jobs to come back to once it's time to return to work."

Workers will have five days to respond to a recall notice. An amendment was made to the ordinance to ensure that workers who cannot return to work due to health concerns may use their remaining sick leave before accepting their job back.

Moreover, the ordinance leaves it to businesses to determine what jobs they need to bring back and at what time so that they can offer those jobs to the employees who meet the job description they need.

Students start petition to keep graduation ceremony

CERRITOS - More than 1,300 people have signed a petition requesting the ABC Unified School District postpone graduation ceremonies instead of hosting a virtual commencement.

"Our achievements are worth celebrating in person with family and loved ones, not sitting in a room by ourselves as we watch a screen," reads the petition, said to be on behalf of the five high schools that comprise the ABC School District. "Many families

have greatly sacrificed to support their students through high school and look forward to seeing all their hard work pay off when their child walks across the stage.

"Seniors have also been working hard to follow the guidelines that the CDC recommends to prevent further spread of the virus, including social distancing, although we have missed out on many final events with our class."

The petition, posted to change.org, is addressed to the school district along with Bellflower mayor Juan Garza, Cerritos mayor Naresh Solanki, Artesia mayor Ali Sajjad Taj, and ABC Unified school board president Dr. Olga Rios.

As of Tuesday evening, the petition had collected 1,344 signatures.

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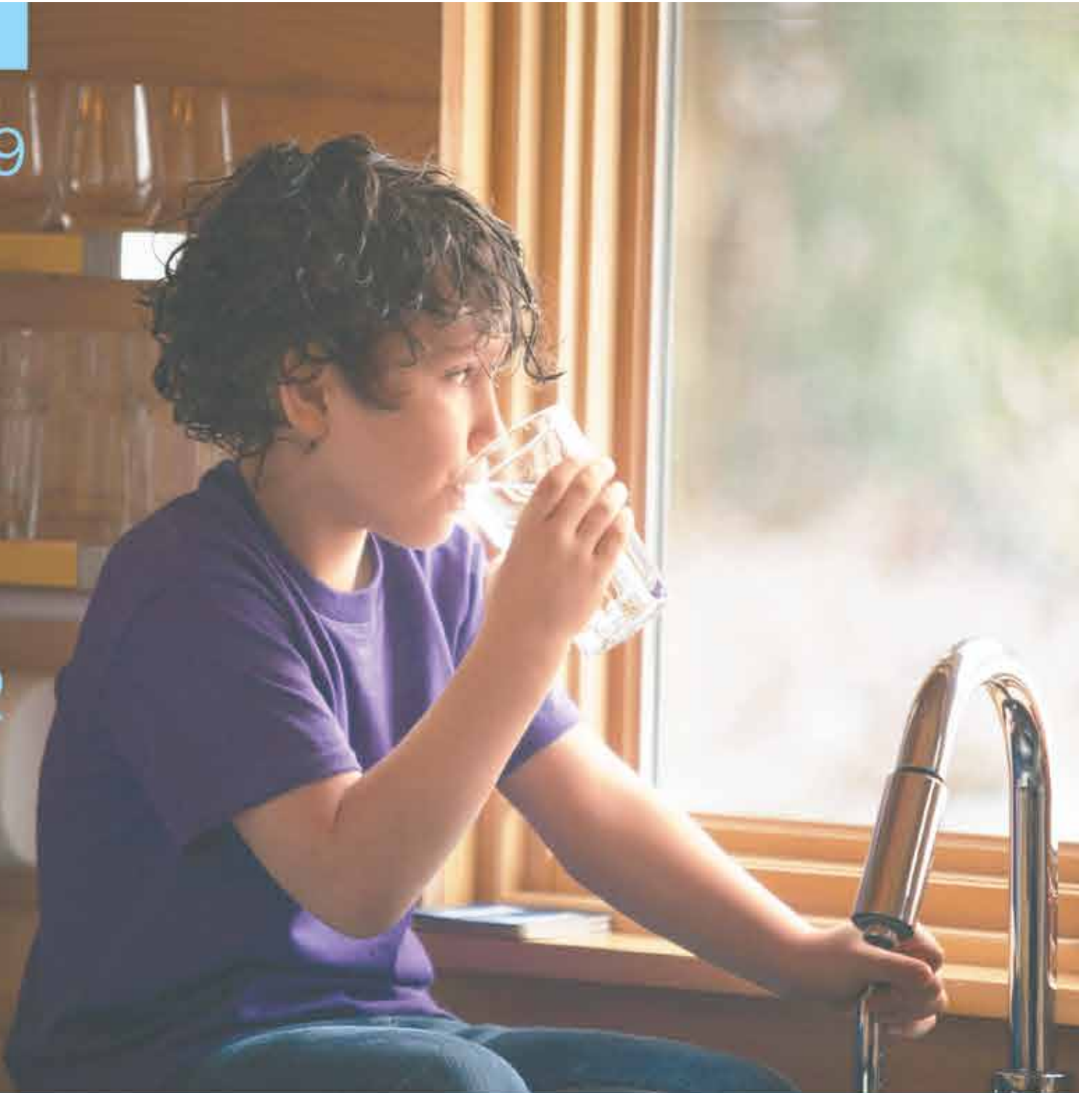
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

The term social isolation is on everybody's lips. I would argue that it's far more accurate to refer to it as physical isolation. Yes, physical isolation is sadly still necessary to continue to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Isolating includes working from home when possible, using delivery services for groceries and other necessary items, banking electronically, and exercising at home.

But how do we deal with the unavoidable negative health consequences? Studies have long shown a link between social isolation and depression, poor sleep quality, impaired executive function, accelerated cognitive decline, and poor cardiovascular function, not to mention impaired immunity. Until the arrival of this COVID-19 pandemic, isolation had been more common as we age. Now it affects all of us regardless of age, gender, race, and socioeconomic group.

It's important to remember that physical isolation does not require social isolation. I urge you to use your phone and your computer to virtually explore new opportunities. Platforms like Zoom allow us to see our friends, play games, and attend worship services. Take a class, tour a national park, enjoy a symphony orchestra, view theater, check out online books from your local library, and view zoo or wild animals.

Consider joining local neighborhood websites (such as Next-

door.com) to stay in touch with neighbors and local happenings. Perhaps you live with others or are a caregiver - discuss what will happen if either of you develops symptoms. Who would you call on for help? Please speak with those you trust about your concerns and about how you are feeling. Ask your medical professional or clergy about counseling opportunities. Online AA meetings and other online support groups are plentiful.

Note the huge value of pets for companionship and comfort. Numerous studies demonstrate the physical and mental health benefits derived from having a pet. Indeed, shelters are reporting a significant increase in pet adoption during this crisis.

Clearly we all must do our part to physically isolate and "flatten the curve." Let's enlist technology to keep our physical isolation from leading to social isolation. Our phones and computers can keep us from being alone. Technology can help us learn a new skill, exercise, pray, and simply communicate with family and friends. I urge you to use everything at your disposal. My guess is that our efforts to connect now will remain in place and make our lives richer, even as we slowly emerge from this temporary crisis.

*Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.*

## Technology helps dancers stay in step during quarantine

**DOWNEY** - Emily and her sister, Amelia, are sitting on their beds, intently coloring a tiara. Simone and her sister, Sierra, prefer to glue and paste at their little desk and Maddie uses stickers to finish her head piece in the dining room.

These little ballerinas along with several others join Ms. Paula from the Southern California Dance Academy twice a week for a free arts and crafts session via Zoom, in addition to their virtual ballet classes during the Covid-19 social distancing period. Each session holds a different project and so far, these Southern California Dance Academy ballerinas have made tiaras, maracas, magic wands, and a gratitude board.

"I felt that it was important to stay connected to my dancers and that our dancers stay connected with each other," says Ms. Paula.

The little ballerinas attend only one or two classes a week and it is easy to lose that teacher-dancer bond that is established during in-studio classes, Ms. Paula said. Since the ballerinas are now forced to take these classes virtually, it is important that these little ones, who are as young as three years old, maintain a sense of normalcy and have another creative outlet.

"It really isn't so much about completing the project perfectly; it's more about being able to see the familiar faces of their fellow

dancers and their ballet teacher, sharing how the week is going and ooh-ing and ah-h-ing over the different projects," says Ms. Paula. "The little ballerinas can use their tiaras, magic wands and anything else they create during their ballet class online."

It is rewarding for the dancers to put something to use they have created themselves and Ms. Paula sees that maracas and tiaras are being used over and over again.

Ms. Paula is no stranger to arts and crafts and loves "to make something out of (nearly) nothing" as she puts it. During her Summer Dance Camps, she and her dancers think up creative ideas to put together mini dance productions with

the use of old costumes, paint, glue, and any decoration they can find.

She hopes that by the time her dance camp starts, dancers can get back into her studio again for some much-needed, in-person fun.

If you want to find out more information about the Southern California Dance Academy, how you can help their non-profit Southern California Dance Theatre survive the Covid-19 crisis, or get updates on an "Alice in Wonderland" performance at the Downey Theatre, visit their website at [www.scdt.com](http://www.scdt.com) or reach out to Ms. Paula at [scdt04@aol.com](mailto:scdt04@aol.com) or by texting 562-397-2137.

## County officials support more benefits for college students

**LOS ANGELES** - LA County supervisors want low-income college students to be eligible for SNAP benefits during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday agreed to send a letter to federal leaders in support of suspending the strict eligibility requirements for college students applying for SNAP benefits.

The letter will be sent to members of the Senate and House leadership, Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee, and the Los

Angeles County Congressional Delegation.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program that provides anti-hunger benefits to eligible participants. In California, it is known as CalFresh.

Currently, college students' eligibility for these benefits is limited unless they meet certain exceptions, such as working at least 20 hours a week or taking part in a state or federally financed work study program. However, many college students have lost their jobs during the

COVID-19 crisis.

"During normal times, these restrictions already create unnecessary barriers for college students facing food insecurity," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who authored the motion. "During a worldwide pandemic, they are simply unjustifiable. With campuses closed and job losses at record levels, it will be difficult if not impossible for students to meet the requirements of work hour requirements."

"Unless we take action now to eliminate the barriers placed by these SNAP eligibility requirements, many more college

students in LA County and across the nation will go hungry."

California State University (CSU) Study of Students Basic Needs released in January 2018 found that 41.6 percent of CSU students reported food insecurity. According to that same study, close to 70% of CSU students would be eligible for CalFresh based on their household income alone.

However, when the stricter requirements placed on college students were considered, less than half of those in financial need would qualify.

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