

## Sheriff's Department finalizes contract for body-worn cameras

**NORWALK** - The contract for body-worn cameras that will ensure greater accountability of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has been finalized, enabling the department to now order cameras and equipment at its discretion starting Wednesday.

Following months of negotiations, the Sheriff's Department and Axon Enterprise, Inc. entered a fully executed agreement for a Body-Worn Camera and Digital Evidence Management System.

The rollout of the camera program will equip 5,200 deputies and security officers with devices over the next two years utilizing the nearly \$35 million that the Board of Supervisors set aside last year specifically dedicated for this program.

"I am pleased that the contract for Body-Worn Cameras has been finalized and the Sheriff can move forward with providing cameras to the deputies expeditiously. This is an important opportunity to ensure much needed transparency and accountability to our communities and those that we serve," said Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

"Since joining the Board of Supervisors, I have prioritized greater transparency and accountability from the Sheriff's Department," said Los Angeles County Board Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis. "As part of that strategy, I have advocated for body-worn cameras. Body-worn cameras, when used as intended, can increase transparency in policing and promote accountability among our law enforcement agencies."

"George Floyd and Andres Guardado are sobering reminders of the critical need for transparency and accountability in law enforcement," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "Along with robust and independent oversight of the Sheriff's Department, body-worn cameras are essential for ensuring constitutional policing and for building trust in the communities that our deputies are sworn to protect and serve."

"Body-worn cameras are an important tool for transparency and I have been advocating to get them to our Sheriff's deputies since Sheriff Jim McDonnell was in office," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "The videos these cameras capture will give us a clearer understanding of what actually happens in the interactions between our deputies and members of the public."

## Free comedy show in Downey next weekend

**DOWNEY** - Comedy night is returning to Baja's Grill & Lounge in Downey next weekend.

The 21-and-older show will be held on the restaurant's outdoor patio on Saturday, Aug. 22. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is no cover.

The event will be hosted by Ryan Radusinovic and feature comedians Jessica Rosas, Ernesto Ledezma, Jerry Hernandez, Kevin Paniagua, Justin Marquez, Amir the Miracle, and headliner Frank Castillo, the Comedy Central Roast Battle Champion.

Baja's Bar & Grill is located at 7931 Firestone Blvd.

# John Glenn wrestling: A strong winning Enriquez family tradition

The school has CIF awards and championships, along with league titles

By John Sherrard Contributor

**NORWALK** - A winning tradition in wrestling has been established at John Glenn High School with numerous family ties to the titles.

It all starts with coach Monico Enriquez.

"I feel real good about that," said Enriquez, when asked about the tradition on campus with wrestling. "The kids are working really hard. They spend a lot of time in the summer and spring and do a lot of year-round wrestling. So it's good to see that our hard work is paying off."

As a high school wrestler, Enriquez took fourth at CIF Individuals in 1994 and was the 1995 CIF Individual Champion. Those placings qualified Enriquez for the CIF Masters tournament where he placed second at the Masters in 1995. As a result he qualified for the State tournament; a tournament widely considered one of the premier high school wrestling tournaments in the nation.

He continued wrestling after high school for East Los Angeles College. During his time at ELAC, he earned All-Conference honors and was a two-time state place winner.

"The knowledge and experience I gained helped prepare me for the next phase of my wrestling career - coaching," Enriquez said.

He started his coaching career at John Glenn High school from 1999-2004, where he was the assistant coach for five years. After that Enriquez spent the next fourteen years as a Head Coach - 12 years at John Glenn and two years at Downey High School.

"I am proud of the hard work by me, my staff, and my wrestlers have put into building these successful programs," he said.

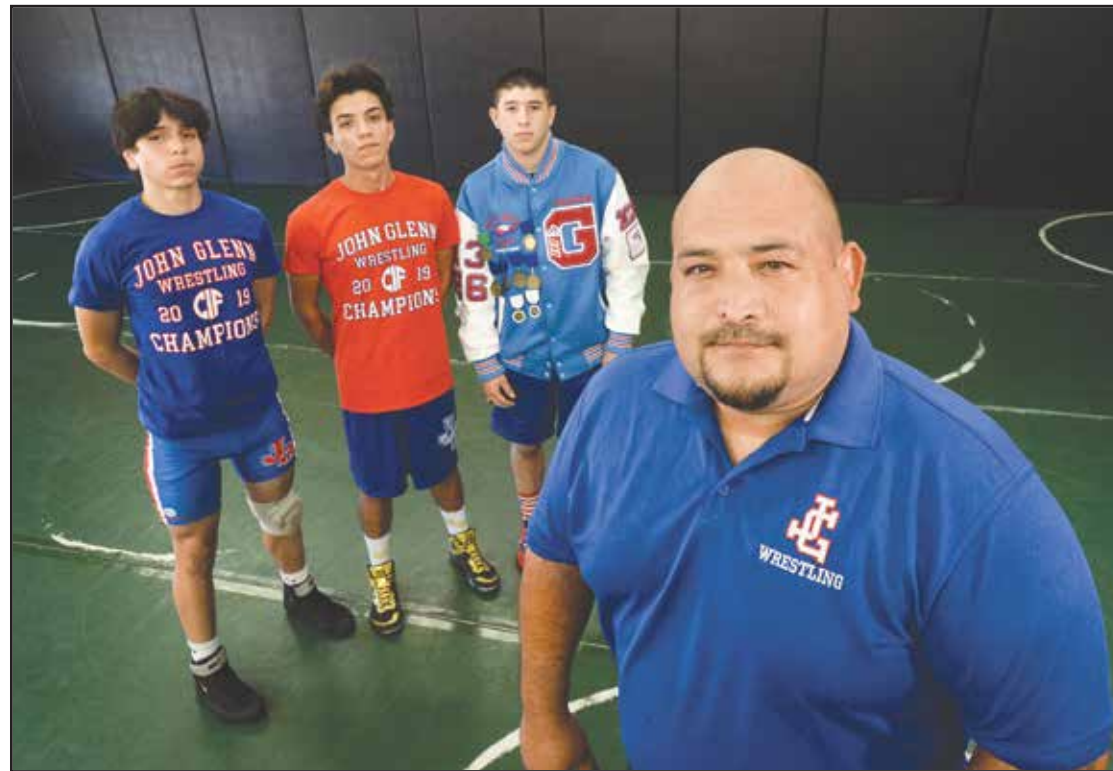
## Kids still need immunizations, health officials stress

With August being National Immunization Awareness Month, health officials are emphasizing the importance of children and adults getting vaccinated against the flu and other diseases to protect their health, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Pediatricians are always concerned when we see a drop in immunization rates since this could lead to an increase in vaccine preventable diseases such as measles and whooping cough," said Dr. Mark B. Salzman, regional lead, pediatric infectious diseases, with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "If vaccination rates decline, we may possibly see an increase in some preventable diseases that can have dire consequences on children's health."

It is also critically important for adults to be up-to-date with their vaccinations, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC states adults are at-risk of contracting serious diseases that are still common in the U.S.

"Each year, thousands of adults in the United States get sick from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines - some people are hospitalized,



Top: John Glenn Wrestling head coach, Monico Enriquez, right, with returning seniors, from left, Mauricio Venegas, Isaiah Saavedra and Hector Ramirez.

Right: Coach Enriquez, has his wrestlers go through drills. (Photos by Keith Durlinger)



Enriquez has been honored to coach four CIF Championship teams, nine league championships, and 46 CIF individual placers. This work was rewarded with nine CIF Individual Champions, 10 State Qualifiers, one Masters Champion, two state placers, and one National placer.

These statistics did not go unnoticed in the wrestling community. "It has been my honor to receive the Press Telegram Coach of the Year for

2007, 2009, 2010, and 2011," he added. "I am humbled by this success because I know that, while wrestling seems like an individual sport, success like this can only come from the hard work and dedication of all those who have been part of the wrestling programs over the years. From those who help run tournaments and snack bars, to wrestlers whose sweat turned into realized goals, to selfless time commitment from my assistant coaches.

"John Glenn is blessed to have Coach Monico and his entire staff coach our boys wrestling program," JG Athletic Director Linda Parra said. "It is a program built on tradition, hard work, excellence and pride. This pride comes from the fact that many of our coaches on staff are John Glenn Alumni, and they were all successful wrestlers. Because of this, coaching at John Glenn is very meaningful to them. They

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## ON THIS DAY AUGUST 14

**1917:** China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

**1933:** Loggers caused a forest fire in the Coast Range of Oregon; it was not fully extinguished until Sept. 5, after it had burned 240,000 acres.

**1935:** Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, creating a government pension system for the retired.

**1945:** President Harry Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

**1947:** Pakistan became independent of British rule.

**1980:** President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale were nominated for a second term at the Democratic National Convention.

**1996:** The Republican National Convention in San Diego nominated Bob Dole for president and Jack Kemp for vice president.

**1997:** An unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.

**2003:** A blackout hit the northeastern United States and Canada; 50 million people lost power.

**2009:** Lynette Fromme, a Charles Manson follower who tried to kill President Gerald Ford in 1975, was released from prison.

## Notable Birthdays

- Comic and actor **Steve Martin** turns 75.
- Actress and comedian **Jackee Harry** turns 64.
- Race car driver **Rusty Wallace** turns 64.
- Basketball legend and Lakers icon **Magic Johnson** turns 61.
- Actress and model **Halle Berry** turns 54.
- Actress **Mila Kunis** turns 37.
- Former football player **Tim Tebow** turns 33.



Magic Johnson turns 61.

## Notable Deaths

- William Randolph Hearst**, the newspaper publisher and politician known for developing the nation's largest newspaper chain, died on this date in 1951. He was 88.
- Enzo Ferrari**, a race car driver and founder of Ferrari automobile company, died in 1988 at age 90.
- Bob Farrell**, founder of Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, died in 2015. He was 87.

## Holidays

August 14 is packed with holidays: **National Financial Awareness Day**, **National Wiffle Ball Day**, **Shop Online for Groceries Day**, **National Tattoo Removal Day**, **International Rose Day** (as in the wine), **Color Book Day**, and **National Creamsicle Day**.



# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Let's take a breather from COVID-19 articles. We are well into the strangest summer in my experience, but there is certainly plenty of sunshine. Let's make sure that we are all aware of the newest information about sunscreen.



We've long been told to apply sunscreen generously and frequently, in order to protect ourselves from skin damage and cancer. This is still excellent advice, but some types of sunscreen may be safer than others.

The FDA requires sunscreen manufacturers to conduct safety testing of their products to ensure that chemicals are not absorbed by our bodies in significant quantities. When manufacturers don't act quickly enough, the FDA steps in and performs its own studies. The results of such studies, published in multiple medical journals as recently as this year, have raised some significant issues. A number of the most common UV filters in chemical sunscreen, including avobenzone, oxybenzone, octocrylene, and ecamsule, were indeed found to be absorbed in substantial amounts. Some of these chemicals have been found to disrupt hormones and could lead to fertility problems, poor birth outcomes for babies, and possibly cancer. (By the way, Hawaii has banned the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate starting in 2021, due to the damage these chemicals are doing to coral reefs.) The FDA is requiring more testing of these and other ingredients.

These sunscreens are labeled chemical, and are also referred to as organic. When I hear the term organic, I think of food grown without pesticides. This is not the case here! They are labeled as organic sunscreens because they are made with carbon-based ingredients that absorb into the skin.

Mineral sunscreens are not absorbed and are an alternative to chemical (organic) sunscreens.

They are thicker, and sit on top of the skin, so they may aggravate skin conditions like acne. Because they are not absorbed, mineral sunscreens tend to wear off more rapidly than chemical sunscreens and need to be applied more often. They tend to be more visible and make the skin look whiter.

Current data shows that mineral sunscreens are not as effective in blocking UV rays, but may on balance be the healthier choice due to the absorption issue. However, until the FDA makes definitive regulatory changes, both chemical and mineral sunscreens, as well as combinations, remain available.

What are my recommendations?

- Consider using mineral sunscreen instead of chemical sunscreen. Mineral sunscreen will contain ingredients like zinc oxide and/or titanium dioxide. While the chemical (organic) sunscreen may be slightly more effective than the mineral type, the safety of chemical sunscreen is still in question.

- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen that blocks both UV-A and UV-B rays, with an SPF of at least 15, and preferably 30 or above.

- Check the expiration date. If none is listed, you can figure that the typical shelf life is about three years.

- Reapply sunscreen often, especially if it is the mineral type.

- Avoid the sun where possible between 11AM and 4PM, when UV radiation is at its peak.

- Make the effort to wear a wide brimmed hat to protect the ears, face, and neck; as well as long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sunglasses.

- I urge you to enjoy your (physically-distanced and masked) summer, and to stay well protected!

# John Glenn wrestlers hope to return this season

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have an opportunity to give back to the community that they grew up in, by teaching the values of hard work, discipline, and teamwork to kids through the sport of wrestling.

"I am constantly amazed at how Monico and his coaching staff are able to take a kid who has never wrestled before and coach them up to become successful wrestlers. They never turn kids away and take so much pride in teaching their sport. I have so much respect for how hard the athletes work in practice. The evidence of all their hard work is demonstrated by the achievements of the wrestling program."

"Things are going good, on the up right now," Enriquez said. "We've won league two years in a row and we've won CIF last year."

Family and hard work has brought the program closer together.

"It took a lot of hard work," Monico said. "A lot of team bonding, just a lot of time on the mat. Just making sure our guys are taking care of business in the classroom and staying together as a team and family. It all played out pretty good."

### What the wrestlers said:

**Isaiah Saavedra**

**Weight: 113**

**Q: What do you think about your wrestling team and where do you think you are going?**

A: Our wrestling team is amazing. I like the people. We've really built like a good family here. My wrestling career I hope to take it to college, to get scholarships and advance in wrestling in many ways.

**Q: What do you see in the future for your wrestling team?**

A: I see getting another win in CIF duals and hopefully keeping

that streak for a long time."

**Q: What is the key for this team to be good?**

A: "Dedication, motivation, staying strong and watching your weight."

**Hector Ramirez**

**Weight: 126**

**Q: Have you had success?**

A: Oh yea. I've had a lot of failures when I was younger. I know how to push through that.

**Q: What do you see in the future for your team. Besides Covid, because you are going to have to do some creative work and practices, how do you plan to get past that and build on your program?**

A: "First things first. Hopefully we are allowed to participate and be able to get past this Covid. I think that once we get the green light that we can train and practice. We will be as safe as we can. And try to follow as many guidelines as possible and just work hard in other ways with maybe less contact until it's allowed to for this school to continue doing what we do. It's

going to be kind of hard because wrestling is a contact sport. I just hope we get cleared, find a vaccine and let us do what we do. It's kind of important that we find that vaccine."

**Q: What do you see as your goal for this next year?**

A: "My goal this next year is to be a CIF Champion and place in state. Place in the top five in the States."

**Q: What do you think is the key for your team to do well?**

A: "The key for my team to do well is to get a better bond. This past year I feel like we kinda lacked that a little bit. I know this year it's going to get better and we're going to push through and we are going to be CIF Champions."

**Mauricio Venegas**

**Weight: 126**

**Q: What is your goal for this year?**

A: For this year, to wrestle again. And then to become a champion again.

**Q: What do you mean to wrestle again?**

A: Because of the pandemic I am hoping we can wrestle again. I know for sure I'm coming back if it does start up again."

**Q: What is your key to your success?**

A: "Just to have a great mind, clear everything out and have focus on wrestling."

**Q: What was your toughest match and how did you overcome that?**

A: "My toughest match was against the Mayfair kid. He kept like throwing me over. And I kept thinking to myself 'Why do I let this happen?' I'm not going to let this happen. And I just get all the energy out and overcome it and take him down."

**Q: What do you think about your coaches and how they've been bringing this program up?**

A: They are the best. They always bring the best for us and they always do the best thing that they want us to do."

### The Coaches:

Assistant coach Juan Enriquez graduated from John Glenn in 2007. He was a CIF Individual Champion, placed seventh in Masters and was a state qualifier. He also wrestled for Cerritos college and was a two-time All-American and placed second and third in state and was a wrestler for Great Falls Montana.

Assistant coach Martin Gevorkian is a Downey alumnus and Monico Enriquez coached him at East Los Angeles College.

All in the family continues with Monico's younger brother, Adrian Enriquez, who graduated in 2000 and was a two-time CIF placer and a CIF individual champion.

Ramirez, who is looking to have a great senior year, is a three-time CIF placer.



John Glenn Wrestling team returning seniors, from left, Isaiah Saavedra, Hector Ramirez and Mauricio Venegas. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

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# Democratic leaders whiff on issues affecting minorities

By Octavio Cesar Martinez

Amid the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, recent months have seen significant public discussion over the treatment of minority communities in the United States. Countless protests and demonstrations have been held across the country as members of these communities rightfully push back on the police brutality and what many consider systemic inequality in certain areas. Many are seeking to finally make their voices heard among those that have been elected to represent them.

While we have seen mayors and governors across the nation deliver speeches and tweet in support of the messages that those walking hand in hand in these protests have been championing, one central problem persists: when you pull back the curtain on their rhetoric, many of these same politicians have failed to act on the very inequalities that are being highlighted in these protests. And instead of offering solutions, these politicians have implemented policies that have only made matters worse.

The most notorious examples of this are unfortunately taking shape right here in California. While Governor Gavin Newsom and local elected officials from Sacramento to San Diego espouse progressive ambitions and “forward-thinking ideologies,” minority communities have suffered under their leadership. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, one-third of California’s Latino population is living in poverty — well above the national average.

In Los Angeles, the largest city in the state, things are even worse. Homelessness, long one of the city’s most pressing crises, has had a severe impact on the city’s minority communities. Between 2016 and 2017, Latino homelessness increased by 63% in just one year. And if Mayor Garcetti’s failure to act on this issue isn’t bad enough, the Mayor has taken no responsibility for his inability to solve this problem, and instead is busy chatting with members of the national press about how he has “not a lot of regrets” regarding his handling of this crisis.

And under Mayor Eric Garcetti’s watch, over one out of five workers in Los Angeles have been left without a job because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the crisis disproportionately hurting the city’s minority communities.

Granted, the COVID-19 pandemic has been an exceedingly

difficult challenge for our community and others across the U.S., but it has also made clear the already glaring problems resulting from Mayor Garcetti’s failure to protect Latinos in Los Angeles, which started well before the coronavirus outbreak.

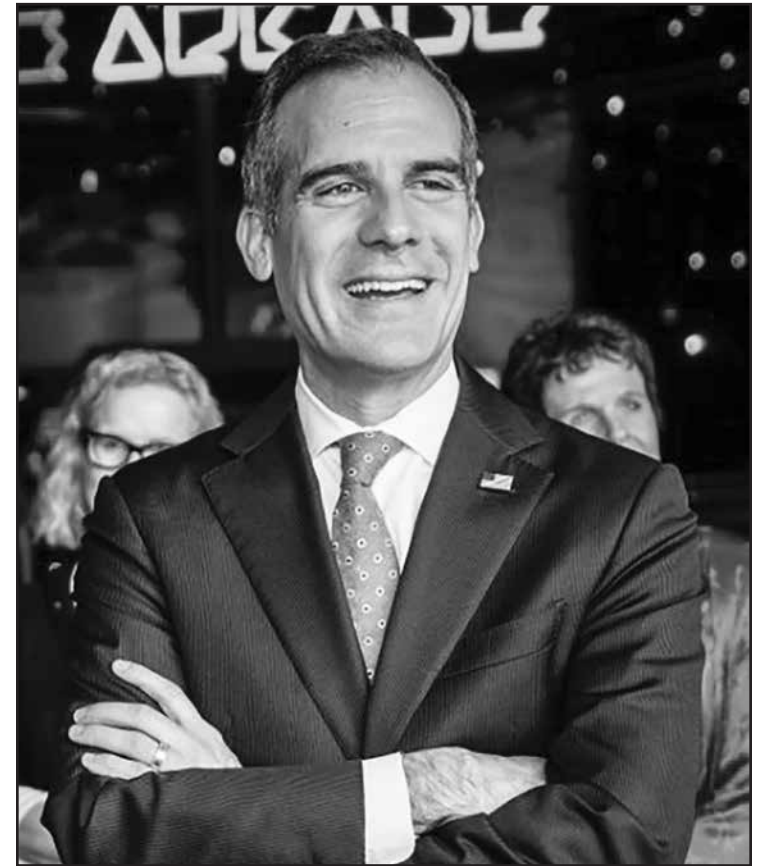
Cities across the nation have been hit by coronavirus-related shutdowns, but Mayor Garcetti’s anti-business policies made things even worse in Los Angeles. For example, despite his campaign promises to do away with the city’s burdensome business tax, it still remains in place. Now, small businesses see little reason to open up in Los Angeles. Failed policies such as this, which Mayor Garcetti put in place long before COVID-19, have made the economic impact of this pandemic far worse than it should have been on the people of LA.

Minority communities have also seen starkly different health outcomes in Los Angeles. Both Black and Latino Los Angeles residents have experienced double the mortality rate from COVID-19 than that seen in the city’s white population. Asian American residents have also seen a notably higher mortality rate. Once again, minority communities here in LA are bearing the largest burden during a time of crisis, and it is simply not sustainable.

Far too many politicians, particularly here in California, have not lived up to their promises to minority communities. Their policies have instead failed to address existing inequalities, and things do not appear to be getting better. The next several months will be a flash point for these elected officials as they seek to make a final case for themselves ahead of November’s elections. Otherwise, they may not be able to prove they deserve the support of those struggling the most.

For much of the current election cycle, Democrats have thought their opposition to President Trump would alone be enough to win their support from Latino communities, but that is simply not enough. If they want to have any hope of coming out on top on Election Day, they need to start honoring their promises and living up to their word. They need to show California’s minority communities that they truly are dedicated to progress, rather than simply stating that they differ from the current administration.

This summer has seen a lot of talk, but little action, from leaders ranging from our state’s Governor, to Mayor Garcetti, and others all over the nation on minority issues. If that trend continues, it will be



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

difficult for many of these politicians who are competing for open political positions, or fighting to keep their current ones, to make a worthwhile case for minority voters to back them on November 3rd.

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# Trump’s attack on health and medical innovations must be stopped

By Drew Johnson

Imagine if Barack Obama signed an executive order implementing socialist price controls on prescription drugs. And suppose that decision limited the drugs available to patients, dried up funding for innovative new treatments and resulted in the unnecessary deaths of thousands of Americans a year.

Republicans would be furious. Conservatives would do everything within their power to run him out of the White House. Tea Party members would march in the streets.

But President Obama didn’t concoct such a dangerous, irresponsible, un-American executive order. President Trump did.

Trump just introduced four new executive orders. The final executive order is a catastrophically irresponsible scheme that threatens to destroy American’s access to drugs and prevent the development of life-saving new medicines.

The executive order uses communist-style government price controls to bind the price of some prescription drugs to the cost of medicines in countries with socialist health care systems.

Trump’s heart may be in the right place -- the executive order is intended to lower the price of drugs for patients and taxpayers. But, in this case, the medicine is far worse than the cure.

Countries that use the socialist price caps Trump plans to emulate are all plagued with a serious failing that unnecessarily risks the health and lives of its citizens: Groundbreaking new drugs are often not available to patients.

For example, 95 percent of new oncology meds are available in America, while just 74 percent of the same drugs are available in the UK. Fifty-eight percent of oncology drugs made their way to Canada, 49 percent are available in Japan and Greeks have access to a measly 8 percent of the treatments.

Worse still, the number of new drugs originating from the UK, France and Germany has fallen by more than half over the past 40 years. That’s because there is no economic incentive for drug makers to invest resources in countries where they often can’t come close to recouping the nearly \$3 billion price tag associated with bringing a typical new drug to market. As a result, America has become the primary producer of innovative, life-saving new treatments -- and will likely be the country responsible for developing a COVID-19 vaccine.

If Trump has his way and the U.S. adopts socialist price controls, research funding for new drugs will dry up. As a result, many Americans who would’ve been treated by state-of-the-art cures will instead needlessly suffer and die.

It is true that patients in countries like Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Greece and the UK often pay less for their prescriptions. Countries are ripping off America by not paying their fair share of the astronomical cost of developing innovative new medicines.

Fortunately, there’s a 30-day comment period before the new executive order takes effect. During that time, Trump should appoint a special negotiator in the U.S. Trade Representative’s office to work out a more reasonable deal between America and countries that benefit from our pharmaceutical industry. The negotiator should demand that countries that benefit from American drug research help share the cost -- or face economic consequences.

It is vital that Republicans hold Trump’s feet to the fire and demand that he shelve the executive order before it undermines free market values, endangers the health of millions of Americans and kills medical innovations that could save countless lives.

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# U.S.-Canada trade must prevail amid pandemic

By Maryscott Greenwood

The United States-Canada border has been closed to cross-border tourism and other non-essential travel for more than three months.

Despite these restrictions, trucks and trains have continued crossing the border in droves, since commerce is considered an essential activity. Every week, Canada and the United States exchange

billions of dollars of goods and services.

For both countries, this trade is a lifeline -- literally. Americans are sourcing many of the raw materials for masks and medicines from Canada. And Canadians are purchasing medical supplies from U.S. companies to fight COVID-19.

Yet some influential voices in Washington DC want to restrict this commerce. That would be a grave mistake. Both countries are stronger when they cooperate and trade freely.

White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is putting together a “Buy American” executive order, which would require federal agencies to purchase U.S.-made medicines and medical supplies. The goal is to boost demand for domestically manufactured drugs, masks, and equipment -- and thus spur companies to locate more of their manufacturing facilities in the United States.

Virtually everyone, on both sides of the border, shares Navarro’s goal of ensuring that medical supply chains can withstand future pandemics. But robust trade between the United States and Canada doesn’t hinder that goal -- it furthers it. The US Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Temporary Final Rule regarding procurement of personal protective equipment and supplies wisely exempted Canada and Mexico from Buy American provisions.

Canada has been one of the United States’ three biggest trading partners for generations. Approximately 75 percent of Canada’s exports head south of the border to the United States, and Canada, despite its relatively small population, is the United States’ largest export market for goods. Our economies are joined at the hip -- to the benefit of both countries.

In this environment, introducing new “Buy American” requirements, or tightening existing ones, would only harm both of our economies.

For instance, the United States is currently leading the race to develop vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. But to manufacture these therapies, U.S. companies will likely import certain compounds from abroad. According to the FDA, the United States imports 72 percent of the “active pharmaceutical ingredients” used to make medicines.

Canada is a key supplier of these APIs. If the U.S. government stops purchasing from existing suppliers, it will snarl the supply

chain and lead to disruptions, delays, and shortages. It certainly won’t accelerate the race for treatments and vaccines.

Requiring all APIs to be produced domestically simply isn’t feasible -- at least not on the timeline required to defeat COVID-19. Building new pharmaceutical plants that meet FDA regulations can take 10 years and cost billions.

Canada can’t fight this pandemic alone either. It imports most of its medicines, syringes, and X-ray films from the United States. Without trade with the United States, Canadian patients would experience massive shortages.

The United States and Canada have the longest unmilitarized border in the world because the relationship between our countries is built on trust and mutual respect. In the midst of this pandemic, the worst thing we could do is undermine that partnership by restricting trade.

Maryscott Greenwood is the CEO of the Canadian American Business Council.

## Support for protestors

Dear Editor:

I am a veteran of the Second World War. As a veteran, I went to buy a house on the southwest corner of Telegraph Road. This location had a model house built at said location.

I asked the person in charge if I could buy one of the said houses. He told me that they had one house left. I told him that I wanted to buy the house.

He told me they could not sell me the house because I was Mexican. I asked him if I had a sign on my forehead. He asked me if I was Hispanic.

To date I am still seeing discrimination. The situation has not changed much. That is why I support the young people.

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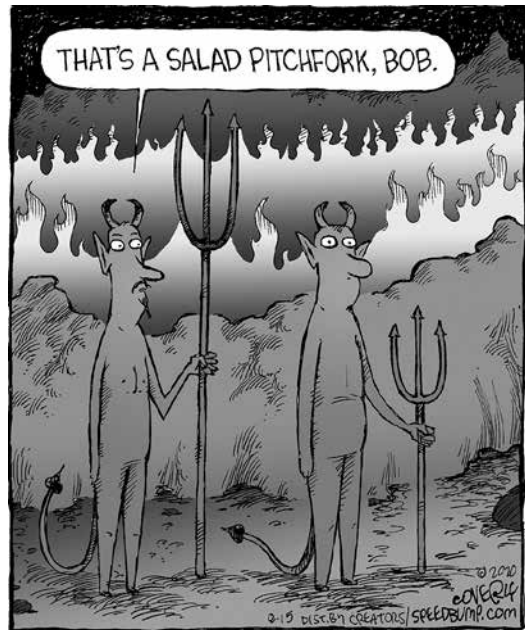
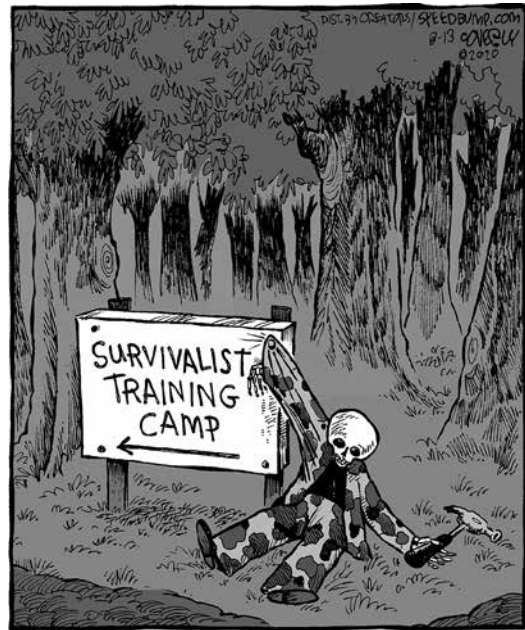
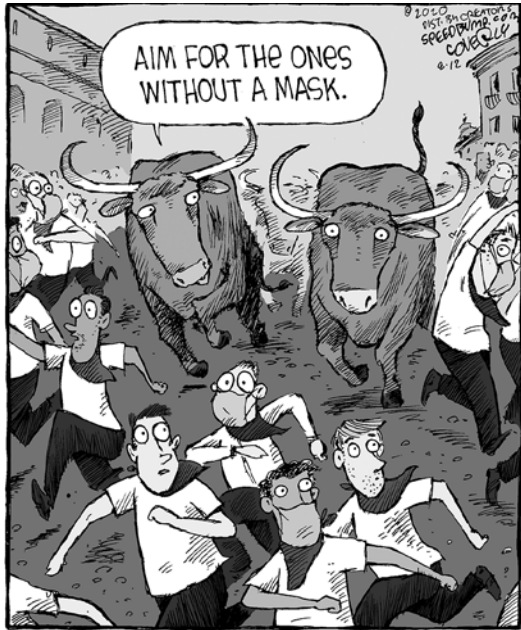
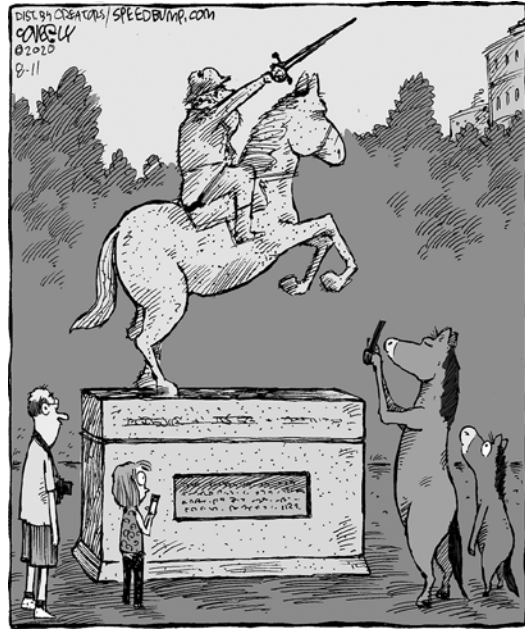
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1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

## 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.  
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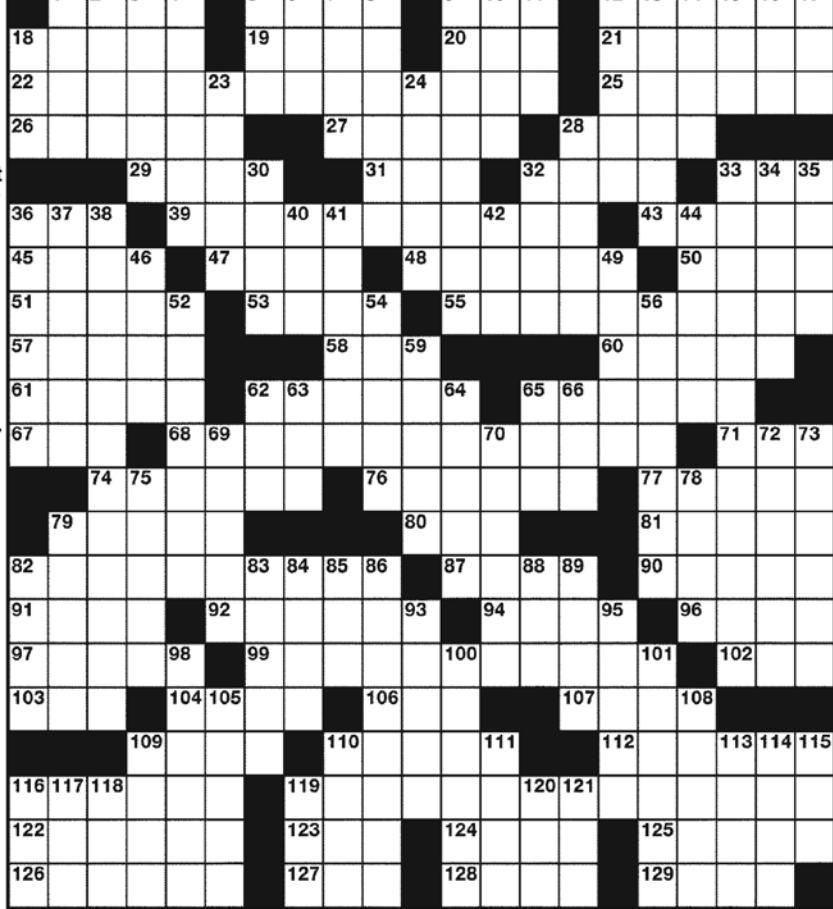
2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk  
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**LESS THAN PRISTINE: Making perfect sense nevertheless**  
by Gail Grabowski

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# LEGALS

## NOTICES

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

**CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00169**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner JANIE LYNN EGGER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) JANIE LYNN EGGER to Proposed name (1) ABIGAIL READ  
**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 23, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 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 NORWALK PATRIOT** JULY 24, 2020  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
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 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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## PROBATE

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANK HOMONAI

**Case No. 20STPB04659**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **FRANK HOMONAI**  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Roberta Kathleen Homonai in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Roberta Kathleen Homonai 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 Dec. 7, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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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### NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EVELYN ALEXANDER AKA EVELYN P. ALEXANDER

**CASE NO. 19STPB11352**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both, of **EVELYN ALEXANDER AKA EVELYN P. ALEXANDER**.

AN AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANN LAKE-WHITEHEAD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANN LAKE-WHITEHEAD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE AMENDED 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 AMENDED 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 in this court as follows: 11/10/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIAN D. VEAL

**Case No. 20STPB05670**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **MARIAN D. VEAL**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **GARY GREENE** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **GARY GREENE** 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. (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 DECEMBER 8, 2020 at 8:30am, in Dept. 5 Room 236 located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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## Short Stories

### My quarantine haircut

By Yolanda Adele

I have "Covid#19" hair, a neglected mane.

I called a friend of mine who is a professional hair-stylist to come over to trim my hair, color and apply blond highlight streaks. I left the side gate to my backyard open where she was to cut my hair on the patio, since she was not to come inside the house. She came over wearing face shield, glasses, plastic gloves, a paper coat covering, and her own clean towels. I immediately felt safe.

My Covid hair was almost down to my shoulders, which had not happened since high school. And my premature gray was now matured to a point that it startled me. She had me wash my own hair before she arrived, since there is no sink out there. It was a mild evening with a refreshing breeze. We enjoyed a nice conversation as she applied the highlight color then wrapped it in aluminum foil, before she dyed the rest of my hair an auburn shade.

As the evening progressed the light grew dimmer. The patio

light was barely sufficient. I had never colored my own hair, so when she said she was leaving and it was up to me to remove the foil from sections of my hair -- but not too soon or the colors may bleed -- I was shocked. I had not even thought of that, before or after our visit.

I came into the house to use the kitchen sink and, on second thought, what if the red dye gets on the counters or backsplash?

I decided to get into the shower instead. I was not sure what the right time would be to remove the foils. In my panic I had forgotten to set a timer. I sang several renditions of Happy Birthday before I removed the pieces of foil and looked in the mirror to find my blond hair looking a dull beige color, not blond.

I was facing the shower nozzles when I turned the facets full blast and the dye chemicals immediately caused my eyes to burn. With blurry vision I saw blood-red water on the shower tiles flowing to the drain under my feet. In my head I heard the music score from the Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" film. I was freaked out!

I ran my hands through my hair and realized my hair was shorter than I imagined. I started to cry out loud. I heard my husband in the den adjacent to the bathroom where he was watching a war movie with a lot of machine gun noise full blast; I let out whaling cries that he did not hear.

I used a washcloth to wipe my eyes. When I opened my eyes the water was crystal clear, no sign of the red color on the tiles. The water all around me was translucent. I don't know how much time had passed before the metamorphoses.

I pushed the shower door open and ran to the mirror. I was flabbergasted to see my auburn hair with blond highlights and my short haircut flattering. The whole experience was a surreal mix of facts and assumptions, with me being the only eyewitness to the bizarre madcap.

This is a story of a day in quarantine. For better or for worse we must all do our part, even if it tests our sanity. In the end we may discover some life lessons, or at least learn to laugh at ourselves.

## Cerritos Library offers sidewalk service

**CERRITOS** - While the Cerritos Library is closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sidewalk Service is available for cardholders. The pick-up service is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Financial tips if you're unemployed

As the government debates additional aid for Americans impacted by the pandemic, many of the initial relief programs have expired or will do so in the coming weeks, leaving many people seeking additional solutions to stay afloat.

"While the government may approve new aid, it's impossible to say what form it will take or how long it will last," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "That's why it's critical to know your options beyond government assistance and prepare for the day when that relief runs out."

Sullivan offers the following tips:

**Stay on unemployment:** Regardless of what the feds do, keep filing unemployment claims if you're eligible. This way, you'll receive whatever amount your state pays, and you'll

remain eligible for any potential retroactive or new changes made at the federal level.

**Whittle your budget:** Zero in on necessities such as rent/mortgage, food, transportation and insurance, while eliminating as many non-essential items as you can to free up cash for payments.

**Dip into your emergency savings:** If you've been able to hold off from using emergency savings, now is the time to use it. But dip in slowly, especially if you anticipate an extended cash crunch. Focus on paying for essentials like rent/mortgage and covering the power and water bills.

**Seek alternative assistance:** Explore other assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which could free up funds for other bills. Also, research possible aid through your city or community, as well as food banks or nonprofit agencies that provide

assistance to those in need.

**Ask for more help:** Even as federal and state mandates on forbearance, evictions, shutoffs and other actions expire, creditors, lenders, landlords and utilities may still be open to additional hardship help. Ask about possible payment plans or partial payments until your situation improves.

**Consider a retirement withdrawal:** Under the CARES Act, you can withdraw up to \$100,000 from your retirement savings without an early withdrawal penalty. This may be an option if you're really strapped for cash, but it is risky. You will have to pay back whatever you withdraw within three years or pay income tax on it.

For additional resources and solutions related to expiring coronavirus relief programs, visit [takechargeamerica.org/coronavirus-financial-relief/](http://takechargeamerica.org/coronavirus-financial-relief/).

## Old Enough

By Helen Hampton

Late in 1991 I was living in Long Beach and working in the City of Commerce. It was a long trip on three freeways. The house I was renting was being sold so I would have to move. We looked at condos in Long Beach but they were too expensive.

One day, my daughter found a flyer on her doorstep for a new condo building in Downey. It was for seniors age 55 and up. My daughter went to look at it and thought it was really nice. She later took me to see it and we liked it very much.

We decided to buy a unit on

the top floor. The condo was not completed yet, which gave us time to buy furniture. I moved in in early 1992 and continued working for another year.

As more neighbors moved in, I would meet them in the elevator or the underground parking garage. I suggested that we organize a "coffee klatch" on Saturday mornings. They agreed, and one lady made the coffee in our lounge kitchen and another brought donuts. We had about 12 residents show up the first time.

There was one woman who always seemed to have something to say, and it often wasn't very nice. It was bugging

her how old I was. Since I was the only resident who was still working, she thought I must be pretty young.

One Saturday morning she put her hand on her hip, kind of tough like, and said, "By the way, Helen, just how old are you?"

I replied, "You know that we have to be at least 55 to live here, right? Well, I made it by just three hours!"

Actually, I was 68 at the time but I wasn't going to tell her that.

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### Norwalk man charged with murder

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**NORWALK** - A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway.

Alex Barragan (DOB 8/27/86) faces two counts of murder and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Arrestment was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear-ended a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison.

Bail is set at more than \$2.19 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

### Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months

**NORWALK** - Caltrans announced the scheduled closure of the Norwalk Boulevard off ramp from northbound Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) at 10 p.m. Sunday July 15.

The off ramp will remain closed for up to 90 days for reconstruction and paving.

The reconstruction of this ramp is part of the I-5 widening project which is adding two lanes to each direction of I-5 between I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) and the Orange County line.

This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange and the San Antonio Drive Bridge.

Construction is scheduled to begin on Sunday, July 15, at 10 p.m.

### SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Photos by city of Norwalk

Next week: The Hodads

**Norwalk restaurant grades**

**Rancho Grande**  
10933 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/17/18  
Grade: A

**Diana's Mexican Foods Market**  
16330 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/17/18  
Grade: A

**Pancho's Grill**  
12405 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/17/18  
Grade: A

**United Oil**  
11353 E Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/17/18  
Grade: A

**Tacos y Mariscos Mi Pueblo**  
12001 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/17/18  
Grade: A

**Lima Services Corp**  
11405 E Firestone Blvd. #1  
Date Inspected: 7/13/18  
Grade: A

**AMC Norwalk**  
12300 E Civic Center Dr.  
Date Inspected: 7/13/18  
Grade: A

**AMC Norwalk Restaurant Bar**  
12300 E Civic Center Dr.  
Date Inspected: 7/13/18  
Grade: A

**Joe's Food Mart and Liquor**  
10541 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/13/18  
Grade: A

**El Paraiso Juice Bar**  
15002 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/12/18  
Grade: A

**Lucifer's Pizzeria**  
15008 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/12/18  
Grade: A

**Tacos Chilhuasha**  
11735 The Piz.  
Date Inspected: 7/12/18  
Grade: A

**Home Style Donuts**  
12840 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/12/18  
Grade: A

**Sp Food Market**  
12844 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/12/18  
Grade: A

**Ana's Bionicos**  
10977 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/11/18  
Grade: A

**Elly's Cafe**  
13220 San Antonio Dr.  
Date Inspected: 7/11/18  
Grade: A

**Weekend at a Glance**

Friday 86° ☀️  
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**Movie Night: "Wonder"**  
Friday - Norwalk Area, 7:30 pm  
The City of Norwalk presents a free outdoor screening of "Wonder" Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food will be available for purchase.

**Summer Soul Festival**  
Friday - Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 6 pm  
Hip-hop themed festival with performances by Doug E. Fresh, Big Daddy Kane, D'Neen, and Ahmed. \$10.

**Jenni and Selena**  
Selena - Sage Lounge in Whittier, Jenni Rivera and Selena impersonators perform live, along with full band La Sonora Boricua.

**Colombian Festival**  
Sunday - Pico Rivera Sports Arena, 11 am  
A celebration of all things Colombian. Three stages of live music, including tropical, reggaeton, and electric dance. Sponsored by Mega 98.5 FM 93.9.



# Congress urged to invest in public school system

Black Lives Matter Long Beach, Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Congressman Ro Khanna, and more than 70 Democratic National Committee (DNC) delegates from 15 states co-signed a letter asking Congress to immediately invest \$200 billion in K-12 public school districts.

The co-signers warned national lawmakers that US school districts need urgent funding to keep children safe and healthy.

Schools need funding to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff, hire more nurses to monitor their health, hire more custodians to sanitize the classrooms more frequently, and hire more teachers to reduce class sizes. The letter stated that, "if Congress does not distribute at least \$200 billion in emergency funds for K-12 classrooms, many schools will not be able to protect teachers, staff, parents, and most importantly our country's most valued asset - our children."

Schools districts are currently functioning under the threat of looming budget cuts due to tax-revenue shortfalls. Unless Congress invests \$200 billion in the K-12 public school system, policy experts predict that hundreds of thousands of teachers will be fired and some states will lay off more than 20% of their teaching force.

Cesar Armendariz, a Downey High School teacher and one of the two co-authors of the letter, commented that, "education budget cuts always cause irreparable harm to our student because schools everywhere are already underfunded. What's more, we must consider the consequences of cutting school budgets in the midst of a pandemic. It's nothing short of catastrophic."

Even if children return to the learning environment exclusively

through an online format, they will need a robust emotional support system in place. Megan Kerr, co-author of the letter and Vice-President of Long Beach Unified School District's Board of Education, wrote "schools everywhere are currently in dire need of emergency funding to support our children's mental health."

Board member Kerr further commented that, "teachers and staff will need to innovate to provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum in this new era of education. It cannot be done without the full funding and support from our federal government. We need the resources to meet the needs of each child, no matter how they come to us to learn."

Congressman Lowenthal co-signed the letter urging his colleagues to act immediately to save the public-school system.

"As a former educator, I have seen firsthand the transformative power of education and how it impacts not just the lives of individual students, but entire communities," Lowenthal said. "Even before the pandemic, our public schools were woefully underfunded. Now with states facing major budget cuts due to a loss of tax revenue during this crisis, our public schools are faced with a looming financial catastrophe. Congress needs to immediately inject

significant funding into the nation's public school system to keep our students safe, both mentally and physically, as well as protect our teachers and school staff."

Congressman Ro Khanna, the co-chair of California's 2020 DNC delegation, joined in support as a co-signer of the letter. Representative Khanna commented, "schools must have enough funding to teach students remotely, keep children safe when classrooms re-open,

and avoid laying off teachers. I'm proud to sign this letter."

The Long Beach chapter of Black Lives Matter raised concerns that education budget cuts will be most harmful to marginalized communities, especially Black children. Dr. Kim Tabari, an educator and community organizer with Black Lives Matter Long Beach, commented that, "according to recent data from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, 70% of the Black students in Long Beach are unable to pass Math and ELA proficiency standards as early as the 3rd grade. Black students are in crisis and in need of multiple strategies for success, starting with an influx of Black teachers to serve as mentors and advocates. Furthermore, research conducted by John Hopkins University found that the role model effect shows that having one Black teacher for a Black child is enough to give that child a chance to achieve."

The authors concluded their letter by admonishing congress to "not allow political negligence and gamesmanship to harm our children." Cesar Armendariz further added, "our students are experiencing a real crisis; they have proved that they are resilient, but we need to do our part as adults to ensure their health and safety. What good is it to live in the wealthiest country in the world if we can't even protect our children? We must get loud and rowdy to make sure that Congress acts immediately."

The co-signers of the letter encourage parents, educators, and the general public to engage their Congressional representatives with the highest level of urgency. The public can support students by signing the petition to Congress on [www.BeTheirHeroes.net](http://www.BeTheirHeroes.net). Supporters may contact the co-authors of the letter at [info@BeTheirHeroes.net](mailto:info@BeTheirHeroes.net)

# Arrest made in pizza restaurant arson

LOS ANGELES - A Sylmar man was charged Tuesday in a federal grand jury indictment alleging that he deliberately set Hollywood's Pizzeria Mozza restaurant on fire during the civil disturbances that struck the city in late May.

Mario Ernesto Alvarado, 42, is charged with one count of arson. His arraignment is scheduled for August 10 in United States District Court.

Alvarado was arrested on a federal criminal complaint on July 16. He is free on \$25,000 bond.

During the civil disturbances that occurred in Los Angeles on May 30, Alvarado allegedly walked into a commercial building in Hollywood that housed Pizzeria

Mozza and its related business, Mozza2Go.

Once inside the building, Alvarado maliciously poured a flammable liquid on the restaurant floor and set it on fire, according to the indictment.

Arson investigators determined that the fire caused \$500,000 in structural damage to the shop, with an additional \$50,000 in fire damage to restaurant merchandise and property, according to an affidavit filed with a criminal complaint in this case. At the time of the fire, the restaurant and shop were closed due to a curfew order.

On June 29, the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department posted a press release seeking

information leading to the arrest of several alleged arsonists suspected of starting fires across Los Angeles during May's civil disturbances. Alvarado was identified by a member of the public as one of the alleged arsonists, according to court documents.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted, Alvarado would face a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison and a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

# Owner of direct lending investments arrested on federal wire fraud charges

LOS ANGELES - The founder and former CEO of an investment firm that specializes in debt instruments was arrested Tuesday morning on federal charges alleging he falsified financial records to fraudulently inflate the value of the funds he managed, allowing him to charge investors millions of dollars in unauthorized fees.

Brendan Ross, 47, of La Cañada Flintridge, who founded Direct Lending Investments, LLC (DLI) in 2012, was taken into custody by special agents of the FBI.

In conjunction with the unsealing of the criminal case, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission today filed a civil complaint today against Ross alleging he defrauded investors.

Today's arrest was pursuant to a grand jury indictment filed on July 30 that charges Ross with 10 counts of wire fraud based on a scheme he executed between late 2013 and early 2019 to defraud investors in funds managed by DLI, a firm he still owns. Ross

resigned as CEO in March 2019, and soon after the SEC filed a civil complaint against DLI, which resulted in the appointment of a court-ordered receiver in early April 2019.

By the summer of 2017, only five years after Ross founded DLI, the firm had over \$1 billion in assets under management. According to the indictment, Ross allegedly directed DLI to invest the funds' assets in, among other things, a company that loaned money to small businesses and retailers. The DLI funds made money when the loans performed, meaning that the borrowers made timely payments. The indictment alleges that, rather than disclose some of the loans were not performing, Ross falsified monthly reports to make it appear borrowers were making payments. The "payments" actually came from fee rebates given by the company originating the loans.

By lying about the true status of the loans, Ross caused DLI to overstate the value of

these loans on the funds' books and fraudulently inflate the funds' value, according to the indictment. Specifically, Ross allegedly caused the monthly asset values of the funds to be cumulatively inflated by over \$300 million over the course of about four years. By fraudulently inflating the value of the funds, Ross was able to collect millions of dollars in fees he otherwise would not have been able to charge to clients, according to the indictment.

To further his scheme and help conceal it, Ross allegedly arranged for the sale of approximately \$55 million of the loans to a third-party buyer in the summer of 2017. Ross once again inflated the value of these loans by lying about their status, falsely telling the buyer that borrowers had been making payments on many of these loans, according to the indictment.

Each of the 10 wire fraud counts in the indictment carries a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

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# West Nile virus claims first victim in 2020

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed the first death due to West Nile virus (WNV) for the 2020 season.

The victim, an elderly resident of the South Los Angeles area, was hospitalized and died from WNV-associated neuro-invasive disease.

“West Nile virus continues to be a serious health threat to residents in Los Angeles County,” said county health officer Muntu Davis. “We encourage residents to check for items that can hold water and breed mosquitoes, both inside and outside their homes, and to cover, clean or clear out those items. Residents should protect themselves from diseases spread by mosquitoes by using EPA-registered mosquito repellent products, especially during the peak mosquito season which lasts from June to November in Los Angeles County.”

Humans get WNV through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most mosquitoes do not carry the virus; therefore, most people bitten by a mosquito are not exposed to WNV. Those who do get WNV may experience mild symptoms including fever, muscle aches, and tiredness. In some cases, especially in persons over 50 years of age and those with chronic medical conditions such as cancer and diabetes, severe WNV infection can occur and affect the brain and spinal cord causing meningitis, encephalitis, and paralysis. There is no specific treatment for WNV disease and no vaccine to prevent infection.

A total of five cases have been documented in Los Angeles County so far this year (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena as cases identified in those cities are reported by their local health departments). WNV-infected mosquitoes, dead birds, and sentinel chickens have been



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identified across Los Angeles County. Public Health monitors cases of WNV infection and collaborates with local vector control agencies to reduce the risk of WNV to humans by promoting prevention and mosquito reduction.

**Decrease your risk of exposure:**

**PROTECT YOURSELF:** Mosquito repellents can keep mosquitoes from biting you. EPA-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, 2-undecanone, and oil of lemon eucalyptus are the longest lasting and most effective. They are available as sprays, wipes, and lotions. Find the repellent that's right for you here. Consider wearing long-sleeved clothes and pants when outside.

**MOSQUITO PROOF YOUR HOME:** Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

**REDUCE MOSQUITOES:** Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water.

Check for items that hold water inside and outside your home once a week

Cover water storage containers such as buckets and rain barrels. If no lid, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito

Clear standing water in flowerpots, saucers, birdbaths and other containers

Clean and maintain swimming pools, spas and drain water from pool covers

Cast out (throw away) old items in your patio or yard that can hold water, e.g., old car tires and children's toys

Call 2-1-1 or visit [socialmosquito.org](http://socialmosquito.org) to report persistent problems to your mosquito control district

# L.A. County's top administrator leaving at end of this month

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai, who agreed to temporarily postpone her retirement to help lead the County through the initial phase of the COVID-19 emergency, announced that she will retire at the end of August 2020.

“This has been a challenging and tumultuous period for our County and its residents, and it has been an honor to help lead our workforce in its unprecedented response to COVID-19. While we still have a long way to travel on our road to recovery, our budgetary and public health situation is beginning to stabilize and I believe the time is right for me to continue with the retirement plans I first announced last October,” Hamai said. “I am confident that our Board of Supervisors, along with our department heads and exceptional workforce, will successfully lead Los Angeles County through recovery and into a healthier, more equitable future.”

“This week marks my 32nd year of County service. Although the challenges of the current moment are immense, I also reflect proudly on accomplishments during my tenure that have positioned us to meet today's challenges from a position of fiscal strength—including our strongest-ever credit ratings and substantial investments in our rainy day funds.

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to have served. I will never forget the incredible fellow employees who have partnered with me every step of the way.”

Members of the Board of Supervisors thanked Hamai for her public service—including her decision to postpone her retirement in order to help the County navigate one of the most difficult periods in its recent history.

“I want to thank our CEO Sachi Hamai for her unwavering commitment and dedication to Los Angeles County, most recently evidenced by her willingness to postpone her retirement to help us navigate the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger. “The Board of Supervisors is fortunate to have had Ms. Hamai at the helm of our CEO operations for the last several years. Her leadership and keen fiscal sense, coupled with her collaborative spirit, have greatly benefited Los Angeles County as a whole, and all of our residents and businesses throughout the region.”

“Sachi Hamai has demonstrated steady leadership during this unprecedented moment in the County's history,” said Board Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis. “She has managed the day-to-day operations of this country's largest municipal government with singular focus. I thank Sachi for her years of service to our County residents, and in particular, for her dedication these past few months in responding to this public health crisis.”

“CEO Sachi Hamai has been an exceptional leader in moving Los Angeles County forward,” Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said. “Her budgetary acumen, coupled with her commitment to serving the underserved, has

enabled us to invest deeply in some of the most important priorities of our time, including justice reform and the fight to end homelessness, while maintaining the fiscal prudence that has earned the County its highest-ever credit ratings. She has been a mentor and role model to a generation of County leaders, including women and people of color, and her legacy as a collaborative, results-oriented CEO will continue to shape the workings of Los Angeles County government well into the future.”

“Every County CEO needs to be a political wizard, a genius with money, and a long-distance runner,” Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said. “Sachi gets an A+ in all three, plus being a mentor and a champion for women and people of color in government leadership. I am so grateful for her more than three decades of service, and can't imagine the County without her.”

“We owe Sachi Hamai a great debt of gratitude,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “Not only did she postpone her hard-earned retirement to guide the County through this unprecedented crisis, her careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars throughout her tenure kept our budget sound and balanced so that the Board's priorities were always doable. She has been an incredibly effective leader and has accomplished so much for the county's 10 million residents over her 32 years of service.”

The board has appointed Chief Operating Officer Fesia Davenport to serve as acting chief executive officer.

# Columbia Memorial presents virtual Rocket Fever this Saturday

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host a virtual version of its annual Rocket Fever festival this Saturday.

Rocket Fever has become a popular attraction at Downey's space museum over the past several years; its main attraction being the launching of rockets given to and assembled by attendees.

Unfortunately, the onset of COVID-19 has put a stop to large gatherings of any sort, even having physically closed CMSC for several months.

However, the CMSC has maintained its momentum, now carrying it into the weekend.

According to museum Executive Director Ben Dickow, museum staff, “made a commitment pretty early on that we would continue operations as much as we could,” even as the

coronavirus forcibly shuttered most others.

This meant pivoting to a virtual platform.

“It's given us, the staff just an incredible amount of creativity and freedom to try to rethink how to do this stuff for a virtual platform.”

For the anticipated Rocket festival, this means that many of the same programming will now be streamed for science enthusiasts to enjoy safely at home.

And yes, that still includes rocket launches.

“We've kept most of the same elements, even with the rocket giveaway,” said Dickow. “Estes Rockets, the premier model rocket company, they're the ones that in the past, they would always provide 7-800 rockets that we would give away to all the kids that showed up to the space center for free. The kids would

be able to build their rockets, and then a certain percentage we would be able to launch on Rocket Fever day.”

“This year, we did the same thing, but obviously not kids showing up to the space center...Estes sent every kid who registered a free rocket kit to their home, so that kids all over Southern California - at least 700 of them - could have a free rocket kit that they've been building for a few weeks.”

Dickow says that of the 700 kits sent home, about 100 included an opportunity to send the rocket back to the CMSC for launch.

“Some kids out there who got these free rockets will be able to watch their rocket be launched on the 15th,” said Dickow.

Rocket Fever will take place this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at [columbiaspacescience.org](http://columbiaspacescience.org), with rocket launches taking place each hour.

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