

## Toddler dies of Covid virus

# Nuisance liquor store loses ability to sell alcohol

■ The child becomes the youngest pandemic victim in L.A. County; infection numbers are trending downward overall.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** - The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed its youngest victim in Los Angeles County, with health officials confirming that a 15-month-old child was among 91 newly reported deaths from the virus.

Details about the 15-month-old child were not released by the county Department of Public Health, but the agency confirmed the child is the "youngest resident to die of COVID-19 since the pandemic began, and a stark reminder that the virus can cause devastating outcomes among those most vulnerable, including young children not yet eligible for vaccinations."

The 91 total new deaths reported Wednesday is among the highest daily totals reported in the past year, raising the county's overall virus death toll to 28,630.

The county also confirmed 20,866 new COVID cases on Wednesday, bringing the cumulative pandemic total to 2,560,768. Wednesday marked the two-year anniversary of the county's first confirmed COVID case.

According to state figures, there were 4,534 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals as of Wednesday, down from 4,554 on Tuesday. The number of those patients being treated in intensive care was 780, a slight drop from 785 a day earlier.

The rolling daily average of people testing positive for the virus in the county was 13.6% as of Wednesday.

Health officials noted that the positivity rate is noticeably lower in schools. For the week that ended Sunday, testing of students and school staff across the county was at 7%, one-third lower than the previous week.

The Los Angeles Unified School District, which represents the bulk of school COVID testing in the county, reported late Wednesday that students were testing positive for the virus at an average rate of 8.1% over the past week, while the positivity rate for school staff was 5%.

According to the county, 11 new school outbreaks were reported between Jan. 16-22, an increase from the prior week but still "relatively low" given the large number of cases occurring in the county at large.

The Department of Public Health plans to distribute another 1 million at-home COVID test kits to school districts over the next two weeks to facilitate easy access to testing.

Ferrer told the county Board of Supervisors Tuesday that daily COVID case numbers and the testing-positivity rate have been trending downward, indicating the county has "passed the peak" of the Omicron-variant-fueled surge of cases.

She said the seven-day average rate of new cases in the county was about 310 per 100,000 residents as of Monday, down from 380 per 100,000 residents a week ago. The testing-positivity rate has fallen from about 17% a week ago to roughly 14% this week.

But she said the county is still averaging about 32,000 new cases per day, and roughly one of every seven people who gets tested for the virus turns up positive.

According to the county, 81% of eligible county residents aged 5 and above have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 72% are fully vaccinated. Only 32% are fully vaccinated with a booster shot.

■ Mike's Liquor has been the subject of complaints and has a history of code violations, according to city records.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

**NORWALK** - After repeated warnings and notices, the Norwalk Planning Commission voted to terminate the nonconforming use of alcohol sales at Mike's Liquor during a special meeting Wednesday evening.

Mike's Liquor has a history of violations, including the sale of alcohol to minors, an employee engaging in a drug sale, failure to abide by commercial enhancement notice, allowing public intoxication and illegal dumpings.

The store, located at 14408 Pioneer Blvd., has also refused to cooperate with public nuisance notices and community enhancement notices.

Economic Development Manager Beth Chow presented photographic evidence showing the store's trash enclosure was storing miscellaneous items and was used for transients to sleep.



Mike's Liquor will no longer be allowed to sell alcohol after a vote by the Planning Commission on Wednesday. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

"The HOPE team observed an individual use a key to unlock the enclosure and use sleep in there," described Chow.

The business owners Yong Jae Kwak and ASP Sun Jong Hong attempted to make the case they were unaware of their wrongdoing and that the transients in the area were not their fault.

"I acknowledge that there are

homeless people who come to the store or stay around the property and I know the city is putting in a lot of effort to solve this problem," said Hong. "However, there are an increasing number of homeless people in the city, state, and the whole nation is suffering from this issue."

Mike's Liquor owners also tried to present a petition to

protest the termination of their alcohol sales. The owners also asked for an extension on the issue to receive legal counsel.

Despite the city attorney advising the commissioners to allow the extension, the planning commission passed the resolution to revoke their nonconforming use of alcohol sales.

## Montebello donates fire truck to college fire academy

■ The donation brings the college's fleet of fire trucks to four, which are used to train future firefighters.

**WHITTIER** - Rio Hondo College has been gifted a 2002 American La France fire engine to further enhance its Fire Academy training program and provide additional support for emergency services in neighboring areas.

The engine, which pumps 1,500 gallons per minute, was donated by the City of Montebello's Fire Department to the college on Dec. 22.

The ceremony was attended by Montebello Mayor Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor Pro Tem Angie Jimenez, Montebello Fire Chief Fernando Pelaez, Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss, Rio Hondo College Public Safety Dean Mark Yokoyama, two Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees members and the city's fire crew.

Yokoyama said the additional fire engine will bring the fleet of emergency vehicles at the College to four, expanding

opportunities for its cadets to learn skills including hose handling, basic pump operations and use of other emergency tools and equipment.

Yokoyama said the engine is being readied for the next Fire Academy class in February.

"Equipment like this enhances training for our fire cadets that in turn are the ones who come to our aid in our local communities," Yokoyama said. "Having such equipment provides real life experiences and training for those who will be coming to our rescue."

"We appreciate the cooperation and dialogue among Montebello City Administration and Rio Hondo College that enabled us to make this happen," Pelaez said. "I would like to thank Captain Castillo and Drillmaster Beckman for their contributions in turning this vision into a reality."

Yokoyama said the donation further solidified the longstanding partnership between Rio Hondo College and the City of Montebello - many of the college's fire and police academy graduates go on to

serve in the City of Montebello.

"We are deeply appreciative of this donation from the City of Montebello - it means so much to our Fire Academy, college and

our community," Dreyfuss said. "This additional fire engine will provide our Fire Academy with yet another avenue for success."

## Man diagnosed with schizophrenia reported missing

**CERRITOS** - A 26-year-old man diagnosed with schizophrenia last seen in Cerritos was reported missing Wednesday.

Abraham Miguel Aguiniga was last seen about 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in the 10800 block of College Place, near Cerritos College, according to the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

Aguiniga is Hispanic, 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a black jacket and dark jeans.

Anyone with information on Aguiniga's whereabouts are asked to call the Sheriff's Missing Persons Unit at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be called in to Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or submitted online at lacrimestoppers.org.

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## 1 person killed in Downey drive-by shooting

**DOWNEY** - Downey Police are looking for information surrounding a deadly shooting that occurred earlier this week.

At approximately 7:49 p.m. on Monday, officers responded to Bottle Cap and Spirits, located at 11112 Paramount Blvd, regarding a call of a person who had been shot.

The victim, a 36-year-old male from Huntington Park, was found suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hospital where he died that evening.

Downey police detectives are investigating the incident; however, officials say they are looking for a suspect described as a male Hispanic in his 20's.

The investigation is on-going. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call Detective Ethan Roberts at (562) 904-2333 or Sergeant Dustin Doyle at (562) 904-2304.

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Alex Dominguez, staff writer



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1915

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1916

Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

1959

Vince Lombardi was named head coach of the NFL's Green Bay Packers.



1986

The space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members.



1999

Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, honoring a personal request for mercy from Pope John Paul II, spared a triple murderer from execution.

2003

President George W. Bush said in his State of the Union address that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had sought uranium from Africa. (The claim was later disputed by former ambassador Joseph Wilson, who had been asked by the CIA to investigate.)

2009

In a swift victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House approved a \$819 billion stimulus bill.

### Birthdays

Actor **Alan Alda** (86), basketball coach **Gregg Popovich** (73), pastor **Rick Warren** (68), singer **Sarah McLachlan** (54), rapper **Rick Ross** (46), NSYNC member **Joey Fatone** (45), wrestler **Sheamus** (44), Backstreet Boys singer **Nick Carter** (42), "Lord of the Rings" star **Elijah Wood** (41), rapper **J Cole** (37), reggaeton singer **Maluma** (28), and "Modern Family" actress **Ariel Winter** (24).



# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

My male patients often come to see me with concerns about a low libido (sex drive) and erectile problems. There are a number of possible causes (including stress, poor sleep, alcohol or drug problems, diabetes, smoking, thyroid function, and hypertension), but what patients most often blame is low testosterone. The American Urology Association states that roughly 40% of men over the age of 45 are affected by low testosterone. Let's look at this critical hormone.

Everybody produces testosterone, regardless of gender. It is made in the testes in men, in the ovaries in women, and in the adrenal glands in both men and women. In the interests of keeping my remarks (somewhat) brief, today I will focus on men.

Starting at the fetal stage, testosterone guides the development of the male

external and internal organs. During puberty, testosterone is responsible for growth spurts, deepening of the voice, and growth of hair in the pubic region, face, and underarms. Testosterone is also associated with aggression and sex drive, and, of course, it enables men to produce sperm for reproduction.

What does low testosterone in adult men look like? Symptoms include reduced body and facial hair; loss of muscle mass and higher levels of stomach fat; low libido, impotence, small testicles, reduced sperm count and infertility; increased breast size; hot flashes; irritability, poor concentration and depression; brittle bones; and insulin resistance, which can lead to diabetes.

Common causes of low testosterone include chronic diseases like diabetes; damage to the testes from physical trauma, alcoholism, or viral diseases; genetic diseases such as Klinefelter, Kallman, or Prader-Willi syndromes; hypothalamic or pituitary

diseases or tumors; and testicular failure.

What does abnormally high testosterone look like? Symptoms include a low sperm count; shrinking of the testicles and impotence; heart muscle damage and increased risk of heart attack; prostate enlargement with difficulty urinating; liver disease; acne; fluid retention with swelling of the legs and feet; weight gain; high blood pressure and cholesterol; insomnia; headaches; increased muscle mass; increased red blood cell levels, increased risk of blood clots; stunted growth in adolescents; uncharacteristically aggressive behavior (although this is not well studied); and mood swings, euphoria, irritability, impaired judgment, and delusions.

Causes of excess testosterone include congenital adrenal hyperplasia, taking anabolic steroids, or tumors of the testicles or adrenal glands. Some medications can also increase testosterone levels, including anticonvulsants, barbiturates, and estrogen therapy.

Testosterone levels in men typically peak at around age 30, and then gradually decrease from that age forward. So, lower testosterone levels are more common among older men, and this helps to explain other age-related changes, such as loss of muscle mass.

If treatment for low testosterone is necessary, choices include topical gels, patches, injectable testosterone, and implantable

testosterone. However, side effects can include acne, breast tenderness or enlargement, elevated red blood cells, infertility, small testicles, swelling of the lower extremities, and emotional effects such as anger, anxiety, and aggression. As you would expect, these treatments require careful monitoring by a physician.

There is no evidence that testosterone replacement therapy increases the risk of prostate cancer. However, since reducing the testosterone level is one form of treating prostate cancer, testosterone therapy is not recommended for men with known or previously treated prostate cancer.

Checking testosterone levels is easy; it's a simple blood test.

The difficult part is interpreting the result. The optimal amount of testosterone is far from clear. Levels vary over the course of the day, and a single low level may be meaningless if there are no symptoms, especially if it is normal at another time. Research continues to determine when to measure testosterone, how best to respond to the results, and when it makes sense to accept the risks of treatment. I urge you to speak with your doctor if you believe that you have a problem with testosterone.

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# Can you get COVID-19 twice?

Contributed by the Cleveland Clinic

You made it through COVID-19 and made it to the other side, and now you're feeling invincible. Surely you're not going to get it again, right? Especially after you got vaccinated?

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but that's not exactly true. Experts say you're not in the clear just because you've already contracted and recovered from the virus. Breakthrough cases are possible even in previously ill people who are fully vaccinated — and in fact, if you've had COVID-19 already but are not vaccinated, you may be at an even higher risk of getting sick again.

Pediatric infectious disease specialist Frank Esper, MD, answers your questions about COVID-19 reinfection, including how you can best protect yourself from getting the virus again.

Yes, you can get COVID-19 more than once. "We're seeing more reinfections now than during the start of

the pandemic, which is not necessarily surprising," Dr. Esper says. He breaks down the reasons behind reinfection.

**The pandemic has been happening for a while:** In December 2021, the U.S. surpassed 50 million cases of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. "At this point, many of those infections happened months ago or more than a year ago," Dr. Esper says. "The immunity from those initial infections begins to wane over time."

**Vaccine immunity diminishes with time, too:** For Americans who got vaccinated as early as winter 2020, immunity may be starting to wane, as well. This is one reason why it's critical to receive your third dose.

**We've stopped being as careful:** Gone are the early days of mass vigilance around safety precautions such as masking, handwashing and social distancing — all the things that initially kept the virus at bay.

**New variants are extra-contagious:** COVID-19 variants

are more infectious than the first wave of coronavirus. "These variants are able to overcome some of the existing immunity people developed via vaccination or a previous infection," Dr. Esper explains.

"You put all four of those things together, and it's not too surprising that we're seeing more and more people becoming infected for a second time," Dr. Esper says.

The CDC reports that the delta variant is at least twice as contagious as previous variants, and in December, omicron became the dominant variant in the U.S. It's even more contagious than delta.

But you may be surprised to learn that the coronavirus actually doesn't mutate nearly as much as the flu, which changes nearly everything about its appearance from one year to the next. Rather, Dr. Esper says, it's COVID-19's contagiousness that makes it so, well, contagious.

"This variant's infectiousness — including its ability to evade immune

systems and prevent long-lasting immunity for those people who are infected with it — is one of the reasons why it's been able to persist and come back," he explains.

By now, we know that anyone can get COVID-19 — the vaccinated and unvaccinated, those who have had it already and those who haven't. In the same vein, anyone can get COVID-19 again.

"It's important to note that we're still learning a lot about reinfections and who's at risk for those reinfections," Dr. Esper says. But doctors do know that some people are at a higher risk than others.

He's referencing a study that shows that unvaccinated people are 2.34 times more likely to be reinfected with COVID-19 than those who are fully vaccinated — which drives home the importance of being vaccinated, even if you've already had the virus.

"Almost all the severe cases that we're seeing right now are people who have not been vaccinated," he says.

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# War with Russia? This country has its own problems

By **Jamie Stiehm**

Now is not a good time to go to war with Russia.

The United States just ended a 20-year lost war in Afghanistan five months ago, returning the ragged country to the Taliban's control.

Still suffering from the pandemic and rocky politics, we need to get our own house in order.

Ukraine is just not worth it, I'm not sorry to say. It does not belong to the European alliance, NATO, and has a shady reputation for corruption, as President Joe Biden declared bluntly when he was vice president.

I might add that we need a major course correction in dealing with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who understands America a lot better than we understand him. This is how he outplays us every time.

Seizing on a weakened president and divided moment for American democracy, Putin has heightened tensions by building up military exercises encircling the Ukrainian border. This is unnerving, to be sure. Is this Putin's revenge, a long time coming?

Fears of a Russian land invasion are rising, as it's well-known Putin deeply resents the loss of Ukraine when the Soviet Union fell apart. We can and must do everything possible to reach a diplomatic solution.

Better yet, take it to the United Nations. Isn't that what it's for, peacekeeping and justice in an unruly world? Let Russia defend itself in an international court or forum.

But you can see the voluble retired generals amping up on cable, the Pentagon alerting the 82nd Airborne amid 8,500 "response troops" for NATO, while Congress is out of town leaving the president to act freely — and rashly — without authorization. Ordering our embassy families home is another step in this weary dance of war by both sides.

I hope Secretary of State Antony Blinken has the chops to deftly deal with seasoned and wily old Russian counterparts. I think he does.

It's not like America hasn't helped Ukraine. Under former President Donald Trump, we recently sent Ukraine a staggering \$400 million in military aid for its ongoing shadow war with Russia. That's a good chunk of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda.

Putin has to be handled carefully and respected as a shrewd adversary. He cannot be dismissed outright as an evil force, even if the former KGB agent does commit cagey, evil deeds.

The worst of these was interfering in the 2016 presidential election in Donald Trump's favor. Trump was putty — or puppet — in Putin's hands



Ukraine's brash leader, President Volodymyr Zelensky, is acting as if his nation is entitled to the protection of the transatlantic alliance. No, it's not, and there should be no vague promises about entering NATO's "open door" someday soon.

Zelensky was on the world stage during Trump's first impeachment for bribery, way back in 2019. Speaking on the phone, Trump demanded "a favor though." He wanted Zelensky to announce an investigation into his likely opponent, Biden, and his son Hunter, in return for the \$400 million.

Very nice. Zelensky was apparently willing to go along, as he desperately wanted a White House visit. I remember the hearings all too well. Trump also trashed the distinguished American ambassador, Marie Yovanovitch, for being too tough on Ukrainian corruption. He drove her out of the country.

Great Britain is champing for a showdown with Russia over Ukraine. If they want to fight that battle, let our best ally do it. But the United States should be on the side of seeking peace.

Oh, there are larger concerns at stake. The national security establishment — including pundits — is searching for something to do without a war.

Ukraine could be just the beginning of Russia reclaiming its old sovereignty and land mass, so they say.

Here's something for the experts: rethink NATO enlargement. We made a strategic error back in the 1990s, by crowing that America "won" the Cold War. Enlarging NATO with Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic (former Soviet bloc nations) was seen as taunting and threatening the humbled Russia.

We didn't need that. Then-President Bill Clinton's top diplomats could have simply stated the Cold War "ended," and what a blessing that was, writ large, for the world.

Gloating and expanding East was rubbing salt in a young Putin's wound — which hasn't healed yet.

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# Biden continues presidential killings

By **Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Secretly and quietly, the Biden administration has continued to use the killing machine crafted by President George W. Bush, expanded by President Barack Obama and employed from time to time by President Donald Trump. These presidents have used drones and other unmanned missiles and projectiles to target persons in foreign countries with which the United States is not at war.

They have done this notwithstanding the prohibition of taking life, liberty or property from any person — not just any American, but any person — in the Constitution each has sworn to uphold, and they have done so pursuant to secret rules that they themselves have established for these killings.

Last week, 11 senators and 39 members of the House of Representatives — Democrats all — to their credit sent a harshly worded letter to President Joseph R. Biden asking him to stop the killings. As of this writing, he has not publicly replied.

Here is the backstory.

The purpose of the Bill of Rights — the first 10 amendments to the Constitution — is to protect personal liberty by restraining the government.

The Fifth Amendment prohibits killing persons, restraining liberty and taking property without due process; that means a jury trial at which the government must prove fault. Until President Abraham Lincoln waged war on half the country, the operative clause in the Fifth Amendment was understood to prohibit all federal killing without a declaration of war or due process.

If the country is at war — lawfully and constitutionally declared by Congress — obviously the president can use the U.S. military to kill the military of the opposing country. And if an attack on the U.S. is imminent, the president can strike the first blow against the military of the entity whose attack is just about to occur.

There are no other constitutional circumstances under which a president may kill.

All this changed — culturally, not constitutionally — when President Harry Truman targeted Japanese civilians in Japan as the

Japanese government was within days of surrendering in World War II. Truman was, of course, not the first American president to target civilians, as Lincoln criminally targeted American civilians during the War between the States.

Notwithstanding his unprosecuted war crimes, and with the government's version of Pearl Harbor still fresh in many Americans' minds, Truman was regarded as heroic for ordering the profoundly immoral, militarily useless, criminal mass killings against the hated Japanese using atomic bombs.

Fast-forward to the 9/11 era, and Bush had precedent to begin his own presidential killings of people the government wanted Americans to hate. While Congress did authorize him to use force against those who caused or aided the 9/11 attacks, we all know that his thirst for Middle Eastern blood knew no regard for the Constitution, evidence, proportionality, civilian lives, morality or human decency.

Julian Assange sits in a British dungeon awaiting decisions on his extradition to the U.S. because he courageously, lawfully and constitutionally published documents and videos demonstrating conclusively that Bush's use of drones targeted and murdered Afghan and Iraqi civilians, and his administration covered it up.

Obama took this to another level when he targeted and killed Anwar al-Awlaki and his 16-year-old son, both of whom were born in the U.S. Obama's attorney general, Eric Holder, advised Obama that the killings were lawful, as al-Awlaki had encouraged folks in the Middle East to fight against American soldiers there. Holder likened killing al-Awlaki to a shooting at a bank robber who is being chased by police and shooting at them.

Holder forgot that al-Awlaki was not charged or indicted for any crime, was never accused of violence and was not even the subject of an arrest warrant when a drone evaporated him while sitting at an outdoor cafe in Yemen.

The exercise of power by the federal government is largely based on precedent and politics. Whenever a president wants to kill secretly, he need only find an example of a predecessor having killed secretly with impunity — without due process, without a declaration of war and without an imminent attack. And then he needs only to

calculate what he thinks he can politically get away with.

Stated differently, Joe Biden — whose drones in 2021 targeted innocent civilians in Afghanistan, killing dozens — is using unlawful powers that his modern predecessors used and got away with to target and kill unsympathetic persons.

The nature of political power is to expand so that it fills a perceived need, unless there are mechanisms in place to restrain its expansion.

The founding generation believed that British monarchs had no limits on their power and that was a good enough reason for the 13 colonies to secede. They also believed that they had crafted founding documents — the Constitution and the Bill of Rights — for the new nation that imposed sufficient restraints on the federal government.

After all, the Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Its language is clear that only Congress writes laws and declares war, and presidents can kill only troops in wartime or civilians consistent with due process.

Moreover, every president takes an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution as it was written, not as they may wish it to be.

Sadly, the Founders were wrong.

Today, the president writes laws and rules that let him restrain personal liberty and kill with impunity, and Congress and the American people let him get away with it. Formally, we still have a Constitution. Functionally, it has utterly failed to restrain the government.

Ultimately, we have ourselves to blame for these killings. Why do we repose the Constitution for safekeeping into the hands of those who subvert it? If a future president uses Bush's lust and Obama's logic and Biden's stealth to kill Americans in America, no one's life, liberty or property will be secure.

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# Politicians, media thrive on divisive tactics

By **Froma Harrop**

Virginia's new Republican governor, Glenn Youngkin, raced into office bearing two culture war baubles. One was a ban on teaching critical race theory. The other was a prohibition on mask mandates in public schools.

Each came in the form of an executive order. Neither costs anything. And both are of little consequence.

In terms of politics, however, they serve the function of provoking liberals, to the delight of the right wing. Youngkin's first week in office, The Washington Post headline read, "leaves Republicans jubilant, Democrats fuming."

Bear in mind that the Post, as much of the liberal-friendly media does, profits on the ability to raise its audience's anxiety level and thereby keep its customers glued. CNN does that, too.

The day Newt Gingrich threatened Jan. 6 committee members with jail if Republicans regain the majority, CNN featured the menacing video about every hour. The former House speaker has been out of office for 23 years, but his moronic comment, amplified by "respectable" media, made him seem relevant again. (The smartest response came from Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a California Democrat on the committee, who brushed it off, saying that the notably gaunt Gingrich looked "unwell.")

Take a closer look at Youngkin's executive orders. Critical race theory is not taught in Virginia's K-12 schools, so banning it is an

exercise in virtue signaling, Trump style. As a candidate, Youngkin backed letting local school districts make policy on masks, which is what a real conservative would do.

Now at least seven school boards have filed lawsuits against Youngkin, arguing that the state constitution empowers local school boards to run their districts. Also, state law requires schools to follow federal health guidelines.

Naturally, this has raised to a boil conflicts that were just simmering before. One woman in Page County threatened to bring a gun to a school that had instituted a mask requirement. This inconveniently comes at a time when schools are already struggling with the loss of teachers sick with COVID-19 or quitting the profession. Meanwhile, children who have already missed so much school might benefit from some months of peace in the classroom.

Youngkin did temper his position on critical race theory. (Almost no one understands this controversial academic concept, which portrays racism as systemic.) He noted that Virginia's history contains "ugly" chapters, thus suggesting that America's painful history on race would be honestly taught.

Youngkin got elected in this generally Democratic state by portraying himself as a not-scary Republican who would fight off the left's excesses. The political press has since been raking his words for evidence of how moderate he would be.

Despite his reckless (or naive) stirring of turmoil early on, the

political press still doesn't know. It's possible that Youngkin took what he thought were some insignificant swipes at the left to appease the right before he embarks on the course of normal governance. That's a hope.

But here is where Youngkin's first days may come back to haunt his party. Whether he intends to be more Trumpian or less, Youngkin has probably hurt the chances of Republicans who hoped to win in Democratic states by playing the moderate.

The models, Govs. Charlie Baker of Massachusetts and Larry Hogan of Maryland, avoid the kind of political nastiness that's now making civic life in Virginia so unpleasant. Having campaigned as one of them, Youngkin is making that sales pitch harder to pull off.

Democrats, meanwhile, would do well to quietly govern and let the opposition fuel the division that drives the public crazy. We all should be mindful that Youngkin won the governorship by only two points.

The culture war may not quite be the free lunch Republicans think is.

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# Robert Garcia could be Downey's next Congressman

■ The Long Beach mayor gained a national profile as he led his city's fight against the pandemic. He could be Downey's future congressman.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Robert Garcia, the Long Beach mayor who is running for Congress with hopes of representing Downey in Washington, D.C., has a message for Downey residents.

“My goal is to be the best Congressman that Downey has ever had. And I want to be the best Congressman that Southeast L.A. has ever had.”

Garcia, 44, is the leading candidate in the 42nd Congressional District race. Garcia dedicated his congressional campaign to his late mother, who brought him to the United States when he was 5 and died from COVID-related complications early in the pandemic.

“My mom brought me to this country and risked everything so that I could become an

American,” Garcia said in a YouTube video announcing his candidacy. “She came here never doubting that America was a place where her immigrant son could succeed. That’s why today, I am fighting for every kid to get the same shot that this country gave me.”

Garcia’s mother, a healthcare worker, and his stepfather died from COVID complications. Garcia said he would work as hard as he could to ensure other families would not experience the same pain as he did. He was instrumental in expanding Long Beach’s mobile testing and vaccination efforts, which drew national recognition from health experts and praise from Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Long Beach was the first city in California to vaccinate educators, which led to Long Beach Unified reopening schools before most other districts in the state. Long Beach was also the first city in California to vaccinate 99 percent of its senior population.

“We pushed back when we disagreed with the state,” Garcia told the Downey Patriot. “When the state said, ‘Don’t vaccinate

teachers yet,’ we said, ‘We want to reopen our schools. We gotta get teachers vaccinated.’ So we were the first in the state to vaccinate teachers and we were the first in the state to vaccinate food workers so they could go back to work safely.”

Upon his election as mayor of Long Beach, Garcia became the first Latino, immigrant, and LGBTQ elected mayor in the city’s history. He grew up in Southern California, including Norwalk and Whittier, and is married to Matthew Mendez Garcia, a professor of political science at California State University, Long Beach.

Equality California, the nation’s largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, was the first group to endorse Garcia for Congress.

“Mayor Garcia has shown throughout his nearly 13 years in elected office that he has the skill, tenacity and compassion to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people and the diverse communities to which we belong,” Equality California Executive Director Tony Hoang said in a statement. “From creating one of the country’s

most comprehensive responses to the COVID-19 pandemic to establishing transgender-inclusive healthcare coverage in the City of Long Beach, he has been there for our LGBTQ+ community and for all Californians. We need a leader like him in Congress, and we’re prepared to do everything in our power to ensure he is elected in 2022.”

If elected, Garcia promised to advocate for Downey in Washington, D.C.

“The whole district is going to be viewed equally and all the cities represented, whether that is Downey or Signal Hill or Lakewood or Bell or Cudahy, they’re all going to be represented well,” Garcia said.

“Like many folks in Downey I come from an immigrant family, worked hard, was able to go to college and now am giving back to the community. I think the strength of Downey is its strong middle class – you have great homes, great homeownership, you have people who have roots here – and I think it’s very similar to a lot of Long Beach as well.



Robert Garcia stands in front of the Downey Doodleicious mural on Downey Avenue. (Photo by Claudia Gomez)

“I’m a person of high integrity, I’m honest, I’m a hard worker, and my goal is to be the best Congress person that Downey has ever had.”

Longtime Downey Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard announced in December that she would not seek re-

election this year.

The primary election will be June 7 and the top two finishers will advance to the general election on Nov. 8.

# LEGALS

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: FEBRUARY 10, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: F47, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 9425 PENFIELD AVE CHATSWORTH, CA 91311  
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** DECEMBER 16, 2021  
DAVID B. GELFOIND  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**BRITNEY SHYKEYA DIXON**  
12127 EL DORADO AVE APT 318  
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## PROBATE

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHEILA INGERSOLL

Case No. 19STPB005525  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of SHEILA INGERSOLL:  
A VERIFIED EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER FULL IAEA AUTHORITY AS AMENDED will be filed by: CHRISTINE MORRIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES  
THE VERIFIED EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER FULL IAEA AUTHORITY AS AMENDED requests that CHRISTINE MORRIS have 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.)  
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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## SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 20NWCV00515

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): MANUEL D. MALLARI, AND DOES 1-25, INCLUSIVE**  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): HOUSING GROUP FUND 401K PENSION PLAN**  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.legalhelpcalifornia.com), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información y contestación.  
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LOIS ST. JOHN

CASE NO. 22STPB00317  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LOIS ST. JOHN:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RENEE DENISE FULTON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RENEE DENISE FULTON 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 in this court as follows: 02/18/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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.  
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### TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 097312-CA APN: 8016-018-006 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/29/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 3/2/2022 AT 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/29/2016 as Instrument No. 20161024841 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: BENITO RIVERA AND VIRGINIA COTA RIVERA, TRUSTEES OF THE RIVERA FAMILY TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1998, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, BEHIND CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11629 BAYLA STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the

legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que entregue copia al demandante. Una copia o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.  
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o pidiéndoselo en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.  
The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): NORWALK COURTHOUSE 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650  
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

**DOMINIC V SIGNOROTTI 267712**  
**TANNER DRINK 24022**  
**1350 TREAT BL, SUITE 105**  
**WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597**  
**925.433.5448 PHONE**  
Date (Fecha): 9/23/2020  
SHERRI R. CARTER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK OF COURT, Clerk, by (Secretario), E. CHANES Deputy (Adjuato)

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T.S. No. 089827-CA APN: 8075-037-002 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/3/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 2/24/2022 AT 9:00 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/11/2006 as Instrument No. 061790612 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: RONALD LEE DAVIS, A SINGLE MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, BEHIND VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111

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initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$43,358.71. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 097312-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 097312-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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CHECK (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title and interest created by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, and by the Notice of Default and Election to sell which was recorded on November 11, 2013, Instrument Number 2013 - 160-8026 in Official Records of Los Angeles County California, described as: Parcel 7066 - 0117 - 063 - . Legal Description: TR-36387, Condo, Unit 4 inclusive of the office records of LA County, Ca., Recorded Owner(s): ALVAREZ, ROBERT. The Street Address: 21608 Belshire Ave. #18, Hawaiian Gardens, CA, 90716 ...

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# Santa Fe senior is honored for academics, leadership

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – Santa Fe High School senior Geneveve Castañeda will never forget the feeling of stepping on the football field for the first time as a freshman member of the Chieftain Tribe Marching Band, waiting for the drum major’s signals.

The camaraderie Castañeda experienced, along with love from her family, would inspire her to become a campus leader and eventually rise to the position of drum major in her senior year.

Castañeda, who has a 4.26 GPA, is poised to graduate at the top of her class while also serving in the Associated Student Body (ASB) and as vice president of Santa Fe’s Filipino culture club, Barkada, all of which contributed to her being named Santa Fe High’s standout student for the 2021–22 year.

For her academic and leadership abilities, Castañeda was recognized by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees with an Award of Merit during its Jan. 11 board meeting.

“I am so thankful to everyone who has gotten me here,” Castañeda said. “To my sister, who motivates me; to my brother, for being forgiving and kind; to my fellow ASB and band members, who give me confidence to do what I love without fear; to my teachers, who taught me to be resourceful and confident; and most importantly to my parents, who have supported me every step of the way.”

Castañeda credits her parents for giving her the skills to find her moral compass, and bestowing her with a love that drove them to help her without hesitancy, whether picking her up from school at 1 a.m. or chauffeuring her and her friends to a band performance. According to Castañeda, her parents can even intuit her needs.

“They always know what to do,” Castañeda said. “Like a hug, words of advice, eggs and weenies on Saturday mornings, or Vitamin D after a long school day. Vitamin donuts that is.”

Castañeda has thrived by pursuing challenging courses, completing eight semesters of honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes, including AP Calculus, AP English Literature, AP Physics and AP Government. Castañeda is also part of Santa Fe High’s Top 100 students.

Castañeda is a member of Jazz Band, Yearbook and ROP Video Production, as well as serving as Web and Media Designer for ASB. Castañeda also received two opportunities to study abroad in South Korea, including one opportunity funded by the State Department’s Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. However, both opportunities were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Castañeda is looking toward earning a degree in music business and pursuing a career in the entertainment industry. The colleges she has applied to include UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, New York University and several Cal State schools, although her dream college is USC.

“As a result of her great work in and out of the classroom, we know that Geneveve is going to continue to attain great success throughout her lifetime,” Santa Fe High Principal Craig Campbell said. “Geneveve’s strong work ethic, drive and desire to excel gives us great certainty that she will be successful in whatever path she takes. Geneveve is an amazing young woman who exemplifies everything we want from a Santa Fe High graduate.”



# Longtime Rio Hondo College employee retires

**WHITTIER** – Rio Hondo College professor, playwright and alumnus Josh Gallegos is bidding the College farewell after more than 50 years of memories in athletics, speech and debate, performing arts and overall excellence.

Gallegos has served as an adjunct professor for Rio Hondo College’s Division of Communications and Languages since 1981, but his longstanding relationship with Rio Hondo College began as a student. He played on the college’s inaugural football team in 1966, earned third place in expository speaking at the Phi Ro Pi National Championships in 1973, earned fifth place in expository speaking at the Phi Ro Pi National Championships in 1974, participated in numerous stage plays and was a member of the Ballet Folklorico in 1975.

Gallegos earned his Associate of Arts degree from Rio Hondo College in 1975 before transferring to UCLA to earn his bachelor’s degree in 1977 and master’s degree in 1979.

“I also taught at Riverside City College and California State University, Dominguez Hills – but that was nothing compared to the joy and satisfaction I got from teaching and being a forensics coach at Rio Hondo College,” Gallegos said. “I will miss it.”

Gallegos left the college briefly in the late 1960s to serve in the U.S.

Navy during the Vietnam War, where he rose to the rank of E5 petty officer. Gallegos also appeared in numerous films and TV shows over the years, including “The Three Amigos,” “Star Trek: The Motion Picture,” “Charlie’s Angels,” “Knight Rider” and “Death Wish 2.”

“We want to wish Josh Gallegos a happy retirement after 40 years of teaching at Rio Hondo College – he has been an inspiration to his peers and our students in his many years on campus,” Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. “We are honored to have played a major role in his life in terms of academics, career and passion.”

In his retirement, Gallegos said he will continue writing plays for the enjoyment of the community.



# Fake testing sites shut down

**SOUTH GATE** – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn on Monday directed county officials to monitor pop-up testing sites and close fraudulent sites that are defrauding residents.

In recent days, officials in South Gate and Bell Gardens shut down six fraudulent testing sites. Some sites are charging people for tests that they never receive results for, and others are asking people to give them their social security number.

“It is despicable that people are taking advantage of communities during a deadly pandemic,” said Hahn, who wrote a letter to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Rafael Carbajal. “I am directing the County’s Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to monitor pop-up testing sites across the county and shut down any sites that are defrauding the public. Testing is one of our most important tools during this pandemic and residents need assurance that they will get accurate test results and their information will be protected.”

Two new county testing sites opened this week, one at the LA County Library in Lynwood located at 11320 Bullis Road, and the other at the LA County Library in Pico Rivera located at 9001 Mines Avenue.

Both sites provide residents with PCR testing kits that they can administer themselves and expect results in 1–3 days.

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# High School Sports Roundup: Norwalk beats La Mirada

■ The Norwalk girls basketball team now heads to a showdown against Mayfair.

By John M. Sherrard  
Contributor

**LA MIRADA** – With only one week to go in the regular season, the Norwalk High School girls basketball team kept pace with first-place Mayfair, Friday (Jan. 21), with a 57-11 Suburban League win over host La Mirada.

Norwalk also defeated Bellflower, 63-36, on Tuesday to improve to 13-9 overall and 2-1 in league.

La Mirada falls to 2-8 overall and 0-2 with the loss to Norwalk.

Norwalk, which has finished second to Mayfair the last three seasons, last won a league title in 2012-13, when it was 20-9, 11-1 and advanced to the second round of CIF playoffs.

The Lancers will have a showdown with Mayfair tonight Friday (Jan. 28) and Norwalk sixth-year Girls Basketball coach Ashley Baclaan knew of the importance of the game. “We always look forward to this Friday and its goals and are able to compete with a high-level team.”

Baclaan was proud of her teams’ defensive effort in the win

over La Mirada.

“The girls executed out plays what we were asking and were solid on the defensive end,” she said.

Baclaan pointed out some of her key players that performed well Friday – senior guard Denise Cortez, senior guard Katrina Slaughter and senior guard Makayla Moore, and one of her younger point guards, sophomore Keilani Ganancial, who is “stepping up as a leader, even though she’s a sophomore.”

Top scorers Cortez and Ganancial “are great teammates,” added Baclaan. “Earlier in the season they were trying to find their shots.”

Asked how her season was going, Baclaan said, “The season is going pretty well and just trying to go day by day.”

Leading the way for the Lancers was Slaughter with 15 points (1 3PFGM), followed by Cortez with nine points (1 3PFGM). Moore added eight points.

“We did good (Friday) and could have had some better plays,” Cortez said. “We work together as a team and have bonded together.”

“I’m looking forward to the playoffs and trying to win CIF.”

The remaining scoring for Norwalk was: junior

guard Amanda Rangel (6 pts), Ganancial, 5 pts. (1 3PFGM), junior guard Leilani Juan and senior center Nia Johnson with four points each, along with three players with two each – senior forward Destiny Quintero, junior forward Areli Gonzalez and senior forward Marleen Esquivel.

Scoring for La Mirada was: freshman Nayeli Tamayo (4 pts.), freshman Jael Arreguin (3 pts.) and Aryanna Correa and Ortiz with two points each.

Said Arreguin of the game: “It was definitely not the best game we ever had, but I really appreciated the team giving it their all. We made some bad plays, but we came back and tried to make up for it.”

“I love the friendship we all have. I love them with all of my heart. I pride myself on my defense and had some good blocks.”

In the game, Norwalk led 16-0 after the first quarter and another 15 points in the second quarter to lead, 31-4, at the half.

The third quarter was led by nine points from Slaughter, as the Lancers outscored La Mirada, 22-2.

“I just hope we get to finish our season,” said Baclaan, of the ongoing pandemic that keeps postponing games this season throughout the CIF-Southern Section. “In the case of the shutdowns and Covid protocols ever since last year, it’s just one day at a time.”

La Mirada coach Vicky Luong talked of teams’ effort and their young team.

“The girls tried hard,” Luong said. “We have a lot of freshmen on the team and they’re a new team and they gave it their all. We tried our best.”

Luong was asked what brings her team closer and she added, “Probably the energy that some of these girls bring to the team.”

Even though it’s been a rough start for the Lady Matadores, Luong is looking for improvement for her young team. “Just to see how much they improve from the beginning of the year,” she added. “Some of them are barely starting out in basketball and

making it on the team from JV.”

A bright spot for the La Mirada team is the shiny, new gymnasium that finally has been completed after major renovation.

“It is wonderful to be back on campus,” said La Mirada Athletic Director Christine Mead, of the long wait to be in the renovated gym. “There are so many exciting new features in the gym; (including) a weight room and a boys and girls team room.

“We also have beautiful new wall paper of some of La Mirada’s best athletes over the years in the foyer. The wait was long and sometimes difficult, but it is so nice to be able to host a game again.”

## Glenn Girls, Boys Wrestling win League titles

It was a double-dual championship win for the John Glenn Wrestling program, Tuesday (Jan. 25).

The Glenn girls won, 42-15, as did the Glenn boys, dominating the match with a 66-18 victory.

Both of Glenn’s teams won their fourth consecutive titles in the 605 League.

Prior to their moving over to the 605 League, both teams won an identical 21 Suburban League titles over the years.

Highlighting the boys dual against Pioneer, the Titans won the first match and final two matches of the night for their 18 points.

In between, JG collected wins in 11 consecutive matches (6 by Pioneer byes), which included pins by five Eagles wrestlers – Emmanuel Enriquez (1st period, 1:26), Daniel Altamirano (2nd period, 3:15), Diego Lopez (1st period, 1:27), Ben Sanchez (1st period, 1:11) and Alex Valdez (1st period, 1:41).

Coach Monico Enriquez commented on some of his top wrestlers: “Ben Sanchez, a junior, has stepped up and filled in the 160 Lb. weight class. Ben has two pins in league.”

“Daniel Altamirano is building so much confidence in



Norwalk’s Katrina Slaughter (1) makes her shot under pressure from La Mirada’s Jael Arreguin (11) in their league girls basketball game at La Mirada High School on Friday. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

his first year of wrestling. Daniel also has two pins in league.”

“Emmanuel Enriquez and Freddie Valdivia have done a tremendous job leading this team. Freddie was part of our 2019 CIF Championship run. His experience and leadership during this stretch has been integral to our success.”

“Jacob Enriquez, in his freshman year, has already made huge contributions by securing two pins against Artesia and Cerritos.”

Coach Enriquez ended with his thoughts on the victory over Cerritos.

“I think the win over Cerritos

was a big turning point in our season. It showed the growth and maturation of this team.”

In the girls dual match, Pioneer actually had two pins and a win by decision to John Glenn’s one pin. However, the Titans had six forfeits, which amounted to 36 JG points.

In the 133 Lb. weight class, Trinity Escobar of Glenn had the fastest pin of the match, which came at 31.9 of the first period.

This was the last dual match and the teams will head to the CIF-Southern Section Dual Championships Saturday (Jan. 29) at Western High.

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