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Virus cases top 1K in Downey

As of Wednesday, the coronavirus has infected 1,103 people and killed 38 Downey residents.

DOWNEY — Confirmed cases of coronavirus in Downey have surpassed 1,000 and continue to climb daily.

As of Wednesday, health officials confirmed 1,103 COVID-19 cases here.

The virus has killed 38 Downey residents.

"Each day, we are thinking of the many families who are grieving for loved ones lost to COVID-19. Our hearts go out to you, and we wish you healing and peace," said Barbara Ferrer, L.A. County director of public health.

"Thank you for continuing to look out for each other by following protocols for reopening, keeping physical distancing and always wearing cloth face coverings when around other people. These are significant actions – and with an increase in the number of people infected with COVID-19, these actions are absolutely necessary to make sure we continue to slow the spread."

Several more businesses and industries were allowed to reopen this week with health protocols in place, including gyms and nail salons.

Also allowed to reopen are sports arenas (without fans); day camps; museums, art galleries, zoos and aquariums; campgrounds and RV parks; hotels for leisure travel; and film studios.

Employees and visitors to these businesses need to wear a cloth face covering when around other people and practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Some employees may also be required to wear face shields.

County health officials said they visited 2,000 restaurants over the weekend and found that half were not in compliance with health regulations.

Restaurants can reopen for dine-in service but only at 60 percent capacity.

Everyone has to wear face masks when they're not eating and both staff and customers should be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.

Restaurants are encouraged to take reservations and have customers wait outside for a table.

"There should be no places where tables are right next to each other," Ferrer said. "They either need a six-foot barrier or a physical barrier, those are requirements in the protocol."

To date, COVID-19 has killed 2,991 people in L.A. County this year, and infected 77,189 residents.

Health officials announced 2,129 new infections Wednesday, which is believed to be a new single-day record for L.A. County.

Next school year has more questions than answers

With news changing daily, school district officials remain flexible to what the next school year will look like.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — What will the 2020-21 school year look like at Downey Unified School District?

It's too early to tell.

According to Superintendent Dr. John Garcia, things were looking positive in the 2019-20 school year and plans were already being made for 2020-21 before the unexpected onset of COVID-19.

"We started out really strong, having a great year in a lot of areas," said Garcia. "Even January, when we hit the governor's proposed budget for next year... we were looking at making some reductions this coming year."

"But again, none of us at that particular point saw what was coming ahead of us in March."

Schools closed on March 16 and remained empty for the remainder of the school year, with students transitioning to distance learning.

Now, as the school year has concluded, many questions remain for what awaits students come August.

And it will likely stay that way until at least July.

Garcia says that while he could speculate on where things may be in 2020-21, state and county mandates and protocols have been changing too frequently to make an accurate estimation at this time.

"We've put together a representative group of staff – management, certificated staff, classified staff, we've got a [School Board] board sub-



Photo courtesy Downey Unified

committee on there – to talk about what potentially next year might look like," said Garcia.

"We don't know specifically because we operate under the guidelines of not only the recommendations of the state of California, the recommendations from the LA County Office of Education, but even more directly the LA County Department of Health."

"They don't typically give health guidelines; they give health orders."

A draft of new health orders that may help give a peek into next year's school year is anticipated to publish next week. In the meantime, Garcia says that parents were surveyed to see where they stood in regards to sending their children back to school.

Parents were asked to choose between three options: returning their students back to campuses full-time, part-time, or to maintain distanced learning.

According to Garcia, around 50% of responding parents across TK through 12th grade said they would be willing to

have students return full-time, with the remaining group evenly split at 25% between the other two options.

What "full-time" means, however, is one of the details currently in flux.

In fact, many day-to-day classroom details – such as class size, and what recess, lunch, and snack periods might look like, and if students will be required to wear masks – are also still up in the air.

"We didn't define 'full-time'" said Garcia. "We didn't define those definitions; we left it up to parents and how they were feeling at that time. Our next survey go-around, then we'll define what 'full-time' might look like."

"Full-time" – based on how many students we can have at a school at any time – it may not mean five days a week. It may mean two days a week, it may mean three days a week. Until we get the guidelines... we won't be able to create those definitions."

Garcia said that the District's Return to School Committee is working to address five areas

– curriculum and instruction, operations, parent and community engagement, social and emotional learning, and safety and health – and what these areas may look like when school resumes.

"We're planning on, as of now, these are the areas we have to address," said Garcia. "But we won't be able to drill down into specifics until we understand what the guidelines and the orders are from the LA County Department of Health."

"If they are published next week, then we'll be able to work on those specifically."

The District is currently aiming for a firm plan by July 15, or a month before school restarts.

"I would describe it as 'about right,'" said Garcia. "Would we like to know now exactly now what is going on, and would we like to share with our community, 'this is what's going on;' Yes."

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Mario Trujillo joins race for Downey City Council

A deputy district attorney, Mario Trujillo is looking to replace Alex Saab when he leaves office this November.

DOWNEY — Mario Trujillo, a deputy district attorney and long-time Downey resident, has announced his candidacy for the District 5 Downey city-wide Council seat. He is seeking to replace Councilman Alex Saab, who is being termed out of office and has endorsed Trujillo.

Trujillo is a former elementary

school teacher in South Los Angeles where he learned firsthand "the community effort necessary to educate young minds." Teacher by day, Trujillo pursued his calling to become a lawyer and earned his Juris Doctorate by attending law school at night.

He was sworn in as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney in 1996 and has served the community for over 23 years.

Trujillo's trial assignment was with the Hard-Core Gang Division. This group of highly specialized trial attorneys

prosecute the most difficult gang-related murder cases in Los Angeles County. He also served as a felony prosecutor in the Victim Impact Program, handling emotionally charged and sensitive cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children as well as domestic violence cases.

"My dedication to victim's rights and public safety has prepared me to help keep Downey residents safe," says Trujillo.

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A correction and apology

Last week, the Downey Patriot published an egregious error on the front page.

In a caption underneath photos of a Black Lives Matter protest at City Hall, we wrote that a white man was killed by a black police officer. It was an obvious but very unfortunate mistake.

The Downey Patriot has spent the last three weeks covering protests here and in surrounding communities, reporting on the civil unrest from a local perspective. We are dedicated to giving protesters a voice and platform for their pleas of racial equality and

justice. Their demands for an end to racism and police brutality have been featured prominently in this newspaper and our social media channels.

As a small newspaper, typos happen. But this mistake was inexcusable. We hope our readers believe us when we say there was no ill intent and the error was a result of a caption hastily written under the pressure of deadlines.

We pledge to do better going forward. Downey deserves nothing less than a fair, unbiased and accurate newspaper.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 74°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 79°

ON THIS DAY JUNE 18

1778:

After nearly nine months of occupation, 15,000 British troops abandoned Philadelphia, the former U.S. capital.

1873:

Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 (equivalent to \$2,165 today) for attempting to vote in the presidential election.

1928

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, landing at Burry Port, Wales.

1940

Winston Churchill delivered his "Finest Hour" speech, considered one of the greatest rallying cries in world history.

1948:

Columbia Records introduced the long-playing record album during a public demonstration in New York City.

1983:

Sally Ride became the first American woman to travel to space. She remains the youngest American astronaut to travel to space, having done so at age 32.



Sally Ride

Notable Birthdays

Hall of Fame baseball player **Lou Brock** turns 81. Music legend **Paul McCartney** turns 78. Country singer **Blake Shelton** turns 44. Retired football player **Antonio Gates** turns 40.

Notable Deaths

Rapper and singer **XXXTentacion** was killed on this day in 2018, fatally shot in an armed robbery. He was 20.



XXXTentacion

Professional wrestler **Vader** died on this day in 2018 at age 63. The popular wrestler died of pneumonia and had been diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Novelist and short story writer **John Cheever** died of cancer on this day in 1982 at age 70.

Holidays

Today is **National Dump the Pump Day**, a national public awareness day that encourages people to park their cars and ride a bus or train instead.

Today is also **National Nursing Assistants Day**, recognizing those who have dedicated their lives to caring for others.

Other holidays celebrated today: **Recess at Work Day** (give your employees an extra break), **National Spurge Day** (go ahead and order delivery), **National Go Fishing Day** (a bad day fishing beats a good day working), and **Autistic Pride Day** (celebrating the abilities and talents of people with autism).

DUSD doubles cuts amid uncertainty

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"The challenge with that is things are continuing to evolve and change, and we don't even have specific orders and guidelines in regards to schools from the LA County Department of Public Health.

"We can't start saying now 'this is what we're going to do' when it could be completely undermined by new directives... once we get those things published, we will work to make that happen."

In the meantime, COVID-19 has also taken its toll on jobs and programming within the district.

"Even as a result of just some

of the other budget challenges... we were already making some reductions for next year," said Garcia. "At minimum, because of the state economic situation... we've already doubled the amount of reductions we were making for next year."

These cuts include the reassignment of specialized programming teachers back into the classroom, the loss of temporary teachers, the cut of 13 library media tech positions, and loss specialized STEAM programming within the elementary level.

If there is any glimmer of certainty at the moment, it lies with fall sports and performing visual arts programs, which

commonly meet over the summer to prepare for their respective seasons.

"We're currently working on protocols for some of our sports to return under social distancing guidelines, and what those look like," said Garcia. "We hope for that to be done within the next week or so."

"The goal is to have some of our summer sports camps start back with those protocols in place...we're hoping to have those in place as soon as next Monday."

Trujillo launches bid for City Council

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"I will continue to focus on public safety and health for all Downey residents, establish an economic recovery program for residents and small business owners, city government transparency, encourage community engagement while being fiscally responsible," said Trujillo.

Trujillo said he was raised "with a clear understanding that civic engagement and education is a vital component to improve the quality of life" for his family and community. In his proudest role, Trujillo is an active father raising three children in Downey while teaching them the values of Character Counts and community involvement.

"There is no greater gift than helping those in need," he said.

He is currently a board member for the Los Angeles Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LACADA), an agency

that provides mental health counseling and treatment services to residents across the county. He is also a Downey Recreation and Community Services commissioner, appointed by Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

Trujillo is past president of Downey Kiwanis Club and former lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Club division 13. Trujillo's public service has not gone unnoticed. He was named Attorney of the year by Southeast District Bar Association and in 2019 was presented with the Access to Justice Award by Ferias Legales, a Downey based non-profit organization that provides free legal services to the community.

Trujillo is past president of the Mexican American Bar Association and a past associate adjunct instructor at Southwestern Law School. He served on the Gallatin Elementary School site council and has served as a board member for

Community Lawyer's Inc., the Downey Kiwanis Foundation and the Downey YMCA.

Trujillo is endorsed by Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco, Downey Mayor Pro Tem Claudia M. Frometa, Downey Council Member Alex Saab, former Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez, as well as current Downey Planning commissioners Miguel Duarte and Nolveris Frometa.

"Mario Trujillo's commitment to serving our community for over 30 years demonstrates he has the heart and passion needed to represent Downey. I look forward working with him on the Downey city council," said Downey Mayor Pacheco.

Trujillo is also endorsed by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

The election will be held on Nov. 3, 2020.

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Graduate School called and you received a full scholarship to the University of Oregon.
We couldn't be more proud of you and the wonderful person you are. Congratulations! Mabrouk! Si se pudo!
Mom and Dad, Edith and Alexander Rasas

Thrift store announces reopening date

DOWNEY — The Assistance League of Downey Second Tyme Around Shoppe will reopen for business on Thursday, July 2.

The store's new hours for July and August will be 12-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"We have many new items, furniture, and a beautiful boutique section and plenty of items for children," store representatives said.

Until the store reopens, customers can window shop by looking through the store's front windows and call the shop at (562) 869-0232 to reserve an item. The store will then call you back to arrange a time for curbside pickup.

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Linda Saldana announces candidady for school board

Linda Saldana becomes the first candidate for the Downey Board of Education, which has four seats up for grabs.

DOWNEY — Linda Salomon Saldana, a civic leader and non-profit director, has announced her candidacy for the Downey Board of Education.

She is looking to replace Donald LaPlante in the Area 4 seat. LaPlante is retiring and has endorsed Saldana to replace him.

“Linda Saldana is well prepared for this position having served as our foundation president and previously as a school PTA president,” said LaPlante.

As a mother of three Downey

Unified students, Saldana said she cares personally about education.

“I have a high schooler, middle schooler and an elementary student. I am happy with their education in DUSD over the last 10 years and I want to make sure it continues to be an excellent experience,” she said.

In addition to strong academics, Saldana said she believes the arts, sports and college preparation is essential for all students so that they can be prepared, independent and well-rounded to be successful in college, future careers, and life overall.

“I believe all our students need to receive as many experiences and opportunities available, just like students in more affluent areas, so that they can be confident and competitive

in the future,” she said.

Saldana is executive director of the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities, a non-profit of Downey Unified that she helped start. The mission of the foundation, which receives no money from the school district, is to support Downey Unified in making students globally competitive and citizens of strong character.

Saldana has been endorsed by all seven Downey school board members, along with Mayor Blanca Pacheco, Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa, city council members Alex Saab and Rick Rodriguez, and various former mayors.

“My husband and I live in and love Downey because of our good schools, our prosperous city and the strong relationship between the two that give us a



beautiful community,” she said. “I will work hard to continue and improve upon this.”

More information about Saldana’s campaign is available online at www.linda4downeyschools.com.

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Football practice starts Monday, coach says

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY — Downey High School football coach Jack Williams announced in an Instagram post Sunday that summer football will start Monday, June 22.

Williams began his announcement by saying, “it’s that time of year again” and proceeded to share his message with current and future Downey football players. Incoming freshmen, junior varsity as well as varsity players were all addressed in the announcement.

Coach Williams said the

summer program will begin in small groups the first few weeks and will be held by position. Williams also mentioned that Mondays and Wednesdays will be scheduled as offensive days and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be scheduled as defensive days.

Practices will be held from 4-8 p.m. depending on the level the player will be competing in this fall, Williams said.

Coach Williams will also share a video this week (not released as of this writing) explaining in further detail what to expect with guidelines, protocols, and general team information. Williams maintained that the

football program will adhere strictly to CDC/Department of Public Health guidelines as expected.

Williams concluded his message by chanting Downey High School and saying “pride, courage, family.”

Coach Kevin Pearson of Warren mentioned to me that there was a meeting on Wednesday at the district office where more information was shared in regards to the start of football. That information was unavailable at press time but will be made available shortly.

In Memory of

Douglas Kelly Wassgren
February 5, 1942 - June 14, 2020

Douglas Kelly Wassgren, a longtime resident of Downey California, passed peacefully June 14, 2020. He fought long and hard to stay close to his beloved wife, Marge.

Doug was born Feb. 5, 1942, in Maywood, California to Joy Harold Wassgren and Lella Maxine Nelson Wassgren. The house on 52nd street was full of brothers and sisters. He built soapbox derby cars with his father and brothers. He graduated from Bell High School in 1959 and entered the tile business under the tutelage of his brother-in-law Joe Clifton. Doug worked closely with Joe and other family members of the Clifton Tile Company for many years.

Doug was set up on a blind date with his sister-in-law’s co-worker Margaret LaVelle for a showing of the Sound of Music. The date was a success and they married Nov. 23, 1966. In 1971, son Douglas Kelly II (Douger) was born and Feb. 11, 1982, son Eric LaVelle joined the family.

Doug was a loving, kind, very compassionate and a (bit) goofy father, brother, uncle, and friend with a magnificently large heart of gold. He loved spending time with the extended Wassgren clan in Apple Valley riding motorcycles, playing Yahtzee or water skiing on Lake Perris with all of the nieces and nephews. He loved the holidays and enjoyed hosting Christmas Eve and the 4th of July at his home each year. There would always be a giant pinata to whack and enough Safe and Sane Fireworks to last well into the evening. Day trips to Oak Glen for apple season and sojourns to Hadley’s Fruit Orchard were always on the itinerary as well as many many Knott’s Friend Chicken house family dinners and the trips to Griswold’s Swedish Smorgasbord. Snoopy, Dudley Do Right, Mr. Magoo, the Muppets were always a joy to watch with his children, and many nieces and nephews. And he always had a special love for airplanes, one that his oldest son carried on by graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautics.

Doug loved with his whole heart and was the joker in nearly every photo. All of pictures of Doug were certain to include one of three elements, (1) a goofy smile or funny expression, (2) a child smiling next to him, or (3) a photo with his head tilted to or right up next to his soul mate Marge.

Doug will be deeply and profoundly missed by his family, friends and even his acquaintances. He will remain close in spirit to all those who he loved and made smile a thousand times over.

Doug is preceded in death by his mother Lella, father Joy, nephew Gary, sister-in-law Marie, brother Lee and sister Diane. He is survived by his wife Margaret, sons Doug (Cheryl) and Eric, sister Joyce (Joe) Clifton, brother Danny (Beverly) Wassgren, Carl Wassgren and a minion of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. And too many friends to count.

His burial will be held Monday June 22, 2020 at Rose Hills. In lieu of flowers the family asks a donation be made in his name at <https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/DouglasWassgren>.

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Crime Report

June 1: At approximately 7:40 a.m., Officers responded to a "man down" call in the 12600 block of Izetta Ave. Witnesses advised a male was assaulted and was possibly deceased. Officers began life saving measures. Downey Fire transported the victim to St. Francis where he was later pronounced deceased. It was discovered the victim and the suspect were involved in a physical altercation and the victim ultimately fell to the ground and died. The suspect fled the location in his vehicle. Detectives later located the suspect in another city and arrested him.

June 2: At approximately 7:10 p.m., Officers located a stolen vehicle at Firestone Blvd. and Woodruff Ave. The vehicle was occupied by two people. The driver was taken into custody and arrested without incident. The passenger was arrested for possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

June 3: At approximately 12:30 p.m., approximately 150-200 protesters gathered on the east side of City Hall to protest the passing of a male in police custody in Minnesota. The protesters marched approximately 2 miles through the city. The protest was peaceful and concluded a few hours later.

June 4: Detectives are investigating a stabbing that occurred at about 9 p.m. near Downey Ave. and Firestone Blvd. The victim was walking when the suspect approached him and immediately stabbed

him in the stomach then fled. The victim was dropped off at Downey PIH by his girlfriend. Officers were unable to locate the suspect. The victim's injuries were not life threatening.

June 5: At approximately 12 p.m., approximately 200-250 protesters gathered west of City Hall on Civic Center Drive to protest the passing of a male in police custody in Minnesota. The protesters marched on Firestone Blvd. to Woodruff Ave. and returned a brief time later. The protest was peaceful and concluded a few hours later.

June 7: At approximately 7:15 p.m., Officers received a call of shots fired in the area of Downey Ave. and 2nd Street. A caller gave a description of the involved vehicle that fled the area. Officers stopped a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect vehicle and the passenger admitted to shooting a firearm in the air. Both the driver and passenger were taken into custody. Detectives responded to conduct the follow-up investigation.

June 10: Detectives are investigating a robbery that occurred at about 8:30 p.m. near Imperial Hwy. and Bellflower Blvd. The male victim was walking when he was approached by two suspects. One suspect struck the victim with an unknown object. The suspects then took the victim's property and left eastbound on Imperial Hwy. The victim sustained minor injuries.

June 12: At approximately 4:10 a.m., Officers located an occupied stolen vehicle in the 11400 block of Paramount Blvd. The female driver was arrested and the vehicle was recovered.

June 13: At approximately 6:15 p.m., Officers responded to a traffic collision at Brookshire Ave. and 11th Street. The collision involved a vehicle and a pedestrian. The pedestrian sustained moderate injuries

and was transported to St. Francis Medical Center where he was listed in critical but stable condition. The female driver remained at the scene and did not display any signs of impairment.

June 14: At approximately 11:30 a.m., Officers located an armed and dangerous vehicle at Florence & Downey that was used in a homicide in Los Angeles. The vehicle was occupied by a male adult. A high risk traffic stop was conducted and the male was detained. LAPD detectives were notified and the vehicle was impounded.

DUI PATROLS: Additional officers from the Downey Police Department will be out on patrol during the month of June looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Downey Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they need to run essential errands.

"Safety is paramount, but especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," Chief Dean Milligan said. "We are all in this together and want everyone to be as safe as possible when they are out. One way to do that is by not driving impaired."

The Downey Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or operating heavy machinery, which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Police cracking down on unsafe drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists

DOWNEY — The Downey Police Department will conduct a bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement operation during the month of June aimed at keeping people who need to go out to exercise or run essential errands safe.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is requiring residents to stay home as much as possible, the Downey Police Department recognizes the need to protect the public by looking for violations made by bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians that make roads unsafe.

These violations include drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, failing to stop for signs and signals or any other traffic violation. Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped when riding on the wrong side of the road, not complying with stop signs and signals, or other violations of the same traffic laws that apply to them as drivers.

"Just because there's less traffic doesn't mean traffic rules go out the window," Chief Dean Milligan said. "To protect you and your family, we want to make sure those that are out are following rules intended to keep them safe."

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising at an alarming rate. In 2016, 138 bicyclists and 867 pedestrians were killed on California roads. Pedestrian

fatalities are up nearly 33 percent from 2012, and the number of bicyclists killed is up nearly 25 percent over the past five years. In 2019, the Downey Police Department investigated 3 fatal and 97 injury collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians.

To keep you and your family safe, the Downey Police Department offers the following tips when out biking, driving or walking:

PEDESTRIANS

Only cross at marked crosswalks or intersections with a stop sign or signal.

Look for cars backing up.

Avoid going between parked cars.

Make eye contact with drivers. Don't assume they see you.

Wear bright clothing during the day and use a flashlight when walking at night.

DRIVERS

Wait for pedestrians to cross the street. Be courteous and patient.

Stay off the phone.

Follow the speed limit.

Look for pedestrians when backing up or turning.

BICYCLISTS

Always wear a helmet. Helmets are required by law for anyone under 18.

Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow moving vehicle.

Everyone who is out is reminded to practice physical distancing measures, when feasible, staying at least six feet away from others.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Keep government out of our churches

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

Here is a pop quiz on the Constitution. What is the first freedom protected by the Bill of Rights? If you guessed speech or press, then you are close. The first protected freedom is religion. The two religion clauses in the First Amendment keep the government out of our pockets for religious purposes and out of our churches for all purposes. That was, at least, the intent of the framers.

The tyrannical behavior of many state governors, who have issued executive orders purporting to regulate private behavior on private property — even religious behavior in houses of worship — and in the process have enforced these orders as if they were laws, has ignored this. In America, governors do not write laws; only legislatures do. There are no pandemic or public health or emergency exceptions in the Constitution.

In New Jersey, Catholics were permitted — permitted — to attend public Masses last Sunday for the first time in 88 days.

This has deeply troubled many of the faithful, and many non-adherents, who understand the concepts that only legislatures write laws and that no legislature can write a law telling a religious institution when and how to permit worship.

So, who closed all the houses of worship? Why did Catholic bishops dispense with a nearly 1,600-year-old rule — which survived all sorts of wars and pestilence — requiring attendance at Sunday Mass? What became of the wall of separation?

Here is the backstory.

When first-year law students are asked the meaning of the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause in the First Amendment, they often argue that these clauses mandate a wall of separation between church and state. Some students even offer to find the “wall of separation” language in the Constitution. They are still looking for it.

While it is accurate to use the wall of separation phrase, it is nowhere in the Constitution or in any federal statute. It was first publicly used in an 1802 letter from President Thomas Jefferson to a

congregation of Baptists in Danbury, Connecticut. The congregation had written to Jefferson complaining that Connecticut was taxing all landowners to pay for the state-supported Congregationalist Church.

They told him that the state regarded their religious freedom as a privilege to be doled out, rather than as an inalienable right as the congregation believed it to be and as he had characterized it and other rights in the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson understood the values underlying the religion clauses of the First Amendment to mean that while only Congress was prohibited from establishing a church or interfering with worship, the states should not do so either. In his famous letter, he opined that the First Amendment erected “a wall of separation between church and state.” To Jefferson, the word “state” in that context meant all governments.

Though the imposition of state taxes to support churches ended during the 19th century, it wasn’t until 1947 that the Supreme Court ruled with clarity that the First Amendment — the language in which only restrains Congress — applies to the states as well.

We know that it does because the 14th Amendment prohibits all states from abridging the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. The phrase “privileges or immunities” connotes attributes of national citizenship — first among which are a prohibition on government establishing a religion or interfering with its free exercise.

Stated differently, the right to worship or not, and the right not to be charged for someone else’s worship, are personal human rights — as Jefferson called them, inalienable rights.

Now, back to the governors and the bishops.

The governors permitted crowds at Walmart and arrested folks for attending funerals. They permitted thousands of demonstrators in public streets and arrested not one of them for marching without masks or not socially distancing.

My friend Professor John Rao of St. John’s University wrote: “Our troubled world continues along its current revolutionary path with

no clear idea as of yet just how far the diabolical disorientation that has been unleashed may go. One thing and one thing alone seems definite to me in the midst of the general uncertainty. With a few very notable exceptions, the leadership of our beloved Church, legitimate though that leadership is, has proven itself to be utterly subservient” to the state.

It was not the governors who shut the churches; it was — with some courageous exceptions — the gutless American Catholic bishops who did so. Never before in the history of America has the Church become an arm of the state. The governors told the bishops to close their churches, and they complied. Their predecessors were martyrs. They are cowards.

That is not rendering to Caesar what is Caesar’s. That is rendering to Caesar what is God’s.

Faithful Catholics believe that we consume the Bread of Life at Mass. The bishops have no more moral right to deny us that salvific sacrament than do the governors. Faithful Catholics also believe that Holy Mother Church is the route to eternal salvation and the Bread of Life is the food for that route. What mother would deny her children food? One in the hands of state-subservient bishops.

When the Supreme Court explained the two religion clauses, it ruled that they prohibit both conspicuous governmental aid to religion and all government interference with it, and all excessive entanglement between church and state.

In another time and place, how different this might have been. One hundred years ago, the Church was outlawed in Mexico and militias hunted down priests. Saying a public Mass then was the functional equivalent of a capital offense. Yet, there were more Masses celebrated for the faithful per day in Mexico in those years than in America in the last 88 days.

The wall of separation insulates our religious beliefs and practices from governmental tyranny. But without episcopal fidelity and courage, the wall crumbles.

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Protestors want a diverse police department but will that matter?

By Larry Elder

Democratic mayors, with a few exceptions, run America’s biggest cities. These mayors have long promised to deliver police forces that look like the community they police. Some have succeeded. But in the wake of widespread protests over the death of George Floyd while in police custody, one must ask whether officers’ racial and ethnic “diversity” truly makes a difference in public perception of the police.

Diversity didn’t make much difference in Baltimore in 2015 when it saw protests and riots after the death of black suspect Freddie Gray. At the time of Gray’s death, the mayor was black, as were the top two officials running the police department. The Maryland state attorney, who filed charges against the six officer defendants, was black. Of the six officers charged, three were black, as was the judge before whom two of the officers tried their cases. The majority in Baltimore’s City Council was black, as was the United States attorney general and, of course, the president of the United States. This didn’t stop accusations of police misconduct. It didn’t stop rioting.

Or take Los Angeles, where some protesters, allegedly angry over the death of George Floyd, looted stores and torched police cars. The city of Los Angeles has almost 4 million residents. The racial demographics, according to 2019 Census Bureau estimates, are as follows:

- 48.6% Hispanic
- 28.5% white
- 8.9% black
- 11.6% Asian
- 0.2% Pacific Islander

0.7% Native American
As of April 12, the LAPD had 10,013 sworn officers, with a racial and ethnic breakdown as follows:

- 49.3% or 4,941 Hispanic
- 30.1% or 3,012 white
- 9.6% or 962 black
- 7.8% or 783 Asian
- 2.5% or 247 Filipino American
- 0.3% or 33 Native American
- 0.3% or 35 other

From 1992 to 2002, the Los Angeles Police Department had back-to-back black police chiefs, the first one appointed by the city’s first black mayor. That’s right, during the O.J. Simpson case, the LAPD was led by Willie Williams, its first black chief. Because of the allegations of police misconduct made during the Simpson trial, Williams did a department wide review to determine the validity of the allegations. His report found no evidence whatsoever of police misconduct. But for those who insisted that Simpson was an innocent man framed by the racist LAPD, neither Williams nor his report made any difference.

In New York City, rioters looted stores in Manhattan and the other boroughs. How diverse and representative is the approximately 36,000-member New York City Police Department compared with the demographics of the city?

New York City 2019 Census Bureau estimates:
29.1% Hispanic

- 32.1% white
- 24.3% black
- 13.9% Asian
- 0.1% Pacific Islander
- 0.4% Native American
- NYPD:
- 29% or 10,526 Hispanic
- 47% or 17,192 white
- 15% or 5,515 black
- 9% or 3,120 Asian
- 0.08% or 27 Native American

As to the narrative that blacks hate and fear the police, polls say otherwise. As to whether they are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with local police, a Monmouth University poll found that both blacks (21% very; 51% somewhat) and whites (45% very; 27% somewhat) gave responses that totaled 72%. This does not exactly add to a plea to “defund the police.” As rapper Tupac Shakur said in a 1994 interview, blacks living in the ghetto fear and oppose the same criminal “villain” element that police fear and oppose.

The racial “diversity” achieved by city police departments, as in New York City and Los Angeles, has not and will not stop charges of “institutional racism” as long as many of the “reformers” true intent is for black criminals to go unpunished.

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Reconsidering the meaning of ‘big government’

By Jim Hightower

Laissez-faire ideologue Ronald Reagan used to delight in mocking the very idea that government should provide health protection, food aid, income support or other public assistance to people in need. The Gipper derided “big government” as both a hopeless bungler and an insatiable beast that devours individual freedom, quipping that, “The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I’m from the Government, and I’m here to help.” The line was a sure-fire crowd pleaser, winning applause and guffaws from those who bought into his demagogic warnings about “creeping socialism.”

However, then came COVID-19, and those guffawing at stale

jokes about big, bad government have suddenly been drowned out by anxious and angry cries bursting out of practically every ZIP code in our land: “Where the hell is our government?!” It turns out that the right-wing’s socialist boogeyman is far less terrifying, even to right-wingers, than the absence of actual socialism when you need it.

An unexpected and profound impact of today’s horrific coronavirus crisis is that it is quietly prompting a societywide recalibration of the rocky road our nation’s power elites have put us on. Here we are — a fantastically rich, ostensibly democratic country filled with masses of smart, creative people who, together, have unlimited potential. Yet, our leaders are so small-minded, incompetent, out of touch and uncaring that they were wholly unprepared for and discomfounded by an inert infectious agent that scientists had specifically warned months ago could spawn a disastrous pandemic.

Mass death and wholesale economic collapse have a way of focusing public attention, not only prompting anger but also leading people to rethink assumptions and start questioning the morality and efficacy of the system itself. Those in charge cannot simply gloss over the societal breakdown they’re presiding over, engaging in political blame shifting and butt-covering tweets. Nor can the obvious failure of today’s plutocratic policies (social, economic and political) be covered up by ideological assurances that the old free-market magic will soon restore normalcy. Indeed, it’s the flagrant ineptitude and inequality of business-as-usual “normal” that people are questioning!

For about a decade now, America’s zeitgeist has steadily been shifting away from resigned acceptance of the anti-democratic corporate order, and now comes the abject failure of that system to cope with (and, initially, even address) the deadly pandemic. The aloof arrogance of the system’s profiteers has jolted open the minds of a huge swath of the general public to the reality that “We don’t matter.” Need respirators? Compete against each other to pay the highest market price. That’s how America works, says the present president of the United States. But the times, they are a-changing.

Start with public perception of the social safety net, which has long been belittled by anti-government ideologues as an extravagant giveaway of tax-funded benefits to undeserving layabouts. But now, people who never before needed food stamps, Medicaid, unemployment checks, etc., are finding themselves in need and in line, personally experiencing the “extravagance” of the system and learning that these programs are an essential investment in the common good.

The concept of dependency has also been liberated from the



President Ronald Reagan

right-wing canard that diabolical government programs victimize participants, hooking them on “free things” and stealing their self-reliance and moral strength. Instead, the contagion has revealed that we’re a species of completely interdependent beings — all of us dependent on a collectivist ethos that at the very least (1) strives to keep everyone whom each of us might encounter disease-free and (2) recognizes that, on any given day, the most valuable people in society are not haughty CEOs or billionaire Wall Street financiers but low-paid grocery clerks, EMS responders, food bank staffers, home health aides, delivery workers, immigrant laborers and others on society’s front lines. When you can’t breathe or you run out of food for your family, you don’t call your broker.

And consider the meaning of big, as in “big government.” Practically overnight, it has been elevated from the contemptuous corporate connotation of an oozing bureaucratic blob to a meritorious adjective signifying “big enough to do the job at hand.” Yes, governments at all levels frequently do grow too big, too intrusive and abusive. This spring, though, we found out what too small looks like. Constant cutbacks in public resources; the rigid, small-minded mentality; and the corporate establishment’s determination to keep the status quo have needlessly boxed us into this full-blown coronavirus catastrophe. Those same forces of policy meekness are already pulling back on Washington’s inadequate initial steps to stem the people’s economic and health crises — even though the clear and present need is to think bigger, be bolder and do more.

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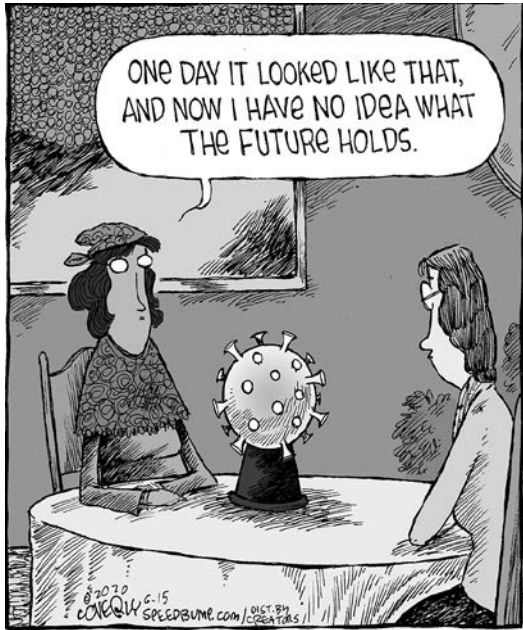
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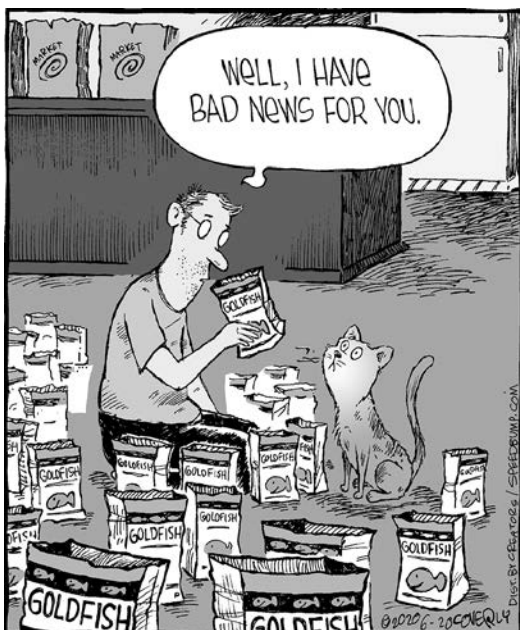
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
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 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

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

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Styling hair and trying to survive one crisis after another

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY — “BLACK LIFE MATTER” the red sign on the door said, and the door was locked.

But I had an appointment. It was the first week after L.A. County cleared beauty salons to reopen, so I knocked and was admitted. “No walk-ins, just by appointment only,” said Marina.

The unwelcome visitor is not the coronavirus, but looters.

“Boarding up costs \$1,800,” said Marina, the proprietor, “and I can’t afford that. So my husband thought of making this sign.”

“For three months I’ve been staying at home, cleaning and cooking, cooking and cleaning. I didn’t see my baby granddaughter for two months,” said Marina. “We locked up here completely and left all our supplies in the store. Products like shampoo that we sell, and never worried about them. But now I took everything and put it in the car, even the license that we have to display.”

“We always clean up after every customer,” said Marina, “and sanitize all our instruments and capes. We are required to do so by the Health Department. So getting ready to reopen was easy.”

“We can’t put out magazines or candy though,” said Yolanda. “And no waiting in the shop. If someone is early, they have to wait in their car.”



Young Again, the studio Marina and her partner Yolanda have operated for years, is off the main track, in an elongated strip mall at 7840 Firestone, near Stater Brothers at Rives Avenue. They have a lady barber too, Isabella, also by appointment, from Friday to Monday. Isabella has her own niche, and two men came and left while I was there.

“Did you ask the landlord for relief in the rent?” I asked. “The landlord told us to apply for a small business loan,” said Marina. “I paid my tax man \$250 to make the application, so he could give all our tax information and show we are a legitimate business. So far, nothing.”

“But I keep in touch with the owner of another salon,” said Marina. “He filed five days before I did, and he got \$1,000. They did send me an acknowledgement they received mine, so I am hoping we’ll get something too.”

I caught sight of a masked styrofoam head, originally made to display its long auburn tresses. “Are you selling masks?” I asked.

“My husband made that,” Marina said. It’s extra-long and has a sanitizer built in.”

“Before the Covid virus scare he was working making dresses and blouses, women’s wear,” Marina said. “Then he went to work for another company making masks, and so we have them in black, white, red, blue, green, orange. They’re \$15.” I asked her to set one aside for me to give my son, in a serviceable gray.

“He made this one for me,” Marina said, modeling a smart feminine black cloth one with red roses. “Now he is back making dresses, and they are making matching masks to go with each outfit.”

Yolanda operates the chair next to Marina’s. Make that two chairs away, as the middle one is purposely not in use now. Young Again has a clientele that spans the generations, but Yolanda specializes in the older group. Her expertise is in handling delicate hair that needs long-lasting teasing.

Yolanda was attending to a client who had been waiting three months for a permanent. “I’ve been house cleaning and changing the curtains,” Yolanda said. “I’ve been going out on the patio and getting lots of natural Vitamin D.”

“We’ve got clients who are eager to come back. Some couldn’t wait and dyed their own hair,” said Marina. “I spent yesterday fixing the hair for one client who was getting a lot of gray. It was terrible.”

After almost three months, commercial activity and service-oriented businesses in Downey are cautiously beginning to reemerge. Suddenly communities, from Downey to Downtown LA and Santa Monica, face a new threat. Windows were smashed at the JCPenney store in the Stonewood Mall. The Downey

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NORWALK — Restaurants feeling the strain of strict reopening protocols post-COVID-19 will be able to relieve some of the stress, thanks to a new outdoor dining program approved by City Council on Tuesday.

Even as the economy attempts to reopen itself after a months-long coronavirus stall, restaurants have still not been given full clearance to operate at normal capacity.

Instead, Los Angeles County is still limiting dining establishments to decreased occupancy (60%) and limited party size, with social distancing measures still in effect.

However, Norwalk's new Temporary Outdoor Dining program will allow some outdoor dining options for sit-down establishments.

With the new program, a maximum of 40% of the existing on-site parking spaces required to serve the restaurant may be converted to outdoor dining areas

Restaurants will still need to obtain a permit from the city in order to participate, and follow a set list of guidelines, including:

- all indoor and outdoor seating must be spaced at least six feet apart,

- all areas utilized for outdoor dining area must be made safe for dining by using signage and barriers, and, if necessary, temporarily modifying the traffic flow on the property,

- a significant physical barrier (such as concrete planters, etc.) to separate and secure the outdoor dining area from parking areas, walkways, and other outdoor spaces accessible by the general public,

- a maintained accessible path of travel for any areas within the outdoor dining area that are accessible to patrons at all times,

- Maintain ADA accessibility into and around all dining areas, and

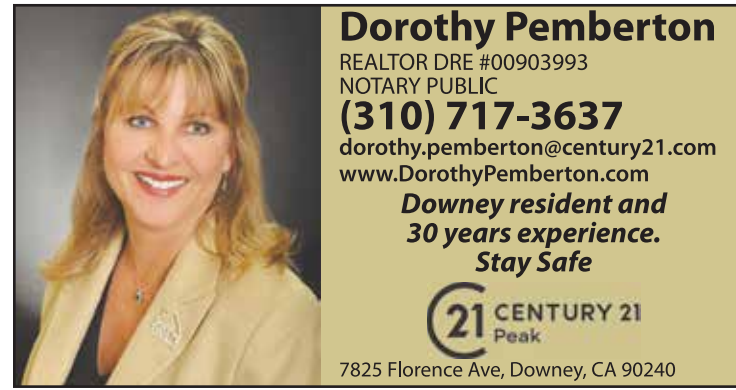
- fire and emergency exits must always remain accessible and free from obstruction.

Access to and from public rights-of-way can also not be blocked or modified unless approved by the City through issuance of an encroachment permit.

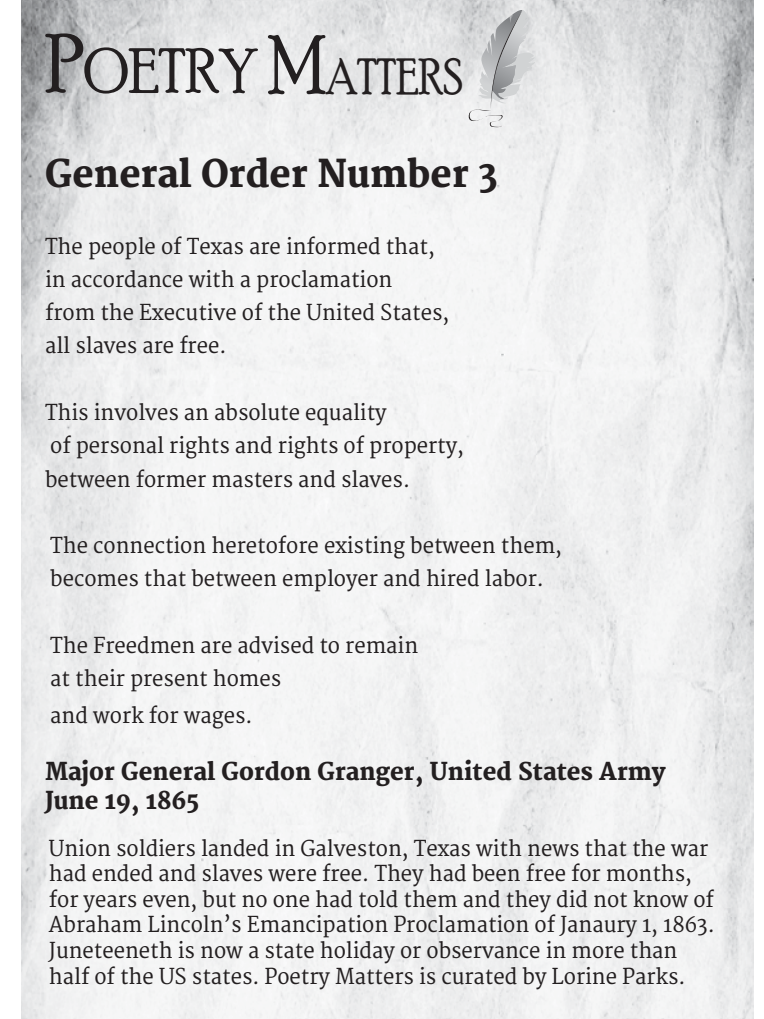
Restaurants wishing to serve

alcohol in their outdoor area must first obtain a California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization License from the

ABC. The program will expire December 31 of this year, unless extended or terminated early.



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Major General Gordon Granger, United States Army June 19, 1865

Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and slaves were free. They had been free for months, for years even, but no one had told them and they did not know of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863. Juneteenth is now a state holiday or observance in more than half of the US states. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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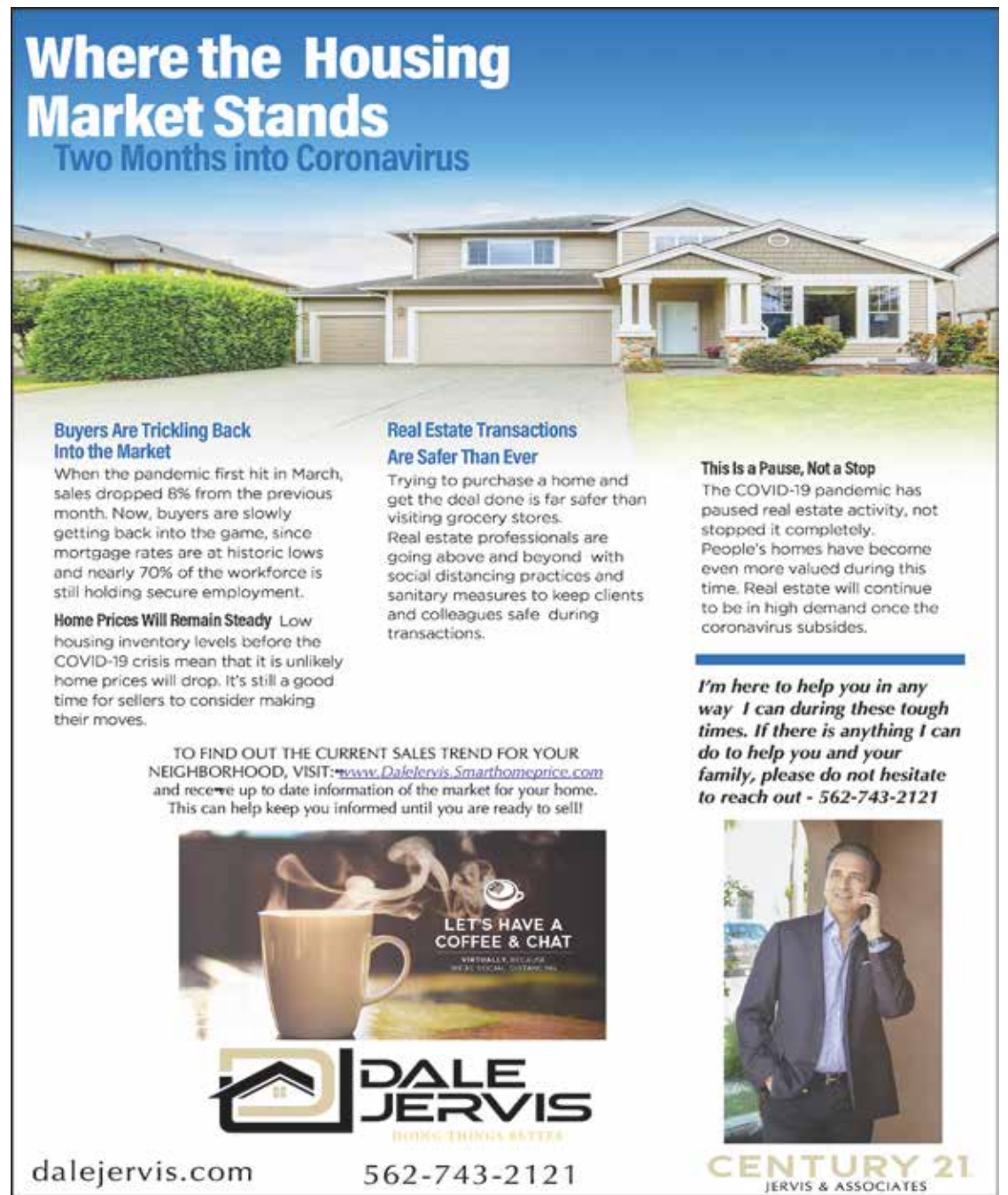
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Real Estate Transactions Are Safer Than Ever
Trying to purchase a home and get the deal done is far safer than visiting grocery stores. Real estate professionals are going above and beyond with social distancing practices and sanitary measures to keep clients and colleagues safe during transactions.

This Is a Pause, Not a Stop
The COVID-19 pandemic has paused real estate activity, not stopped it completely. People's homes have become even more valued during this time. Real estate will continue to be in high demand once the coronavirus subsides.

Home Prices Will Remain Steady
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