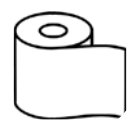




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Cases climb every day

Downey had more than three dozen coronavirus cases as of Thursday.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY — The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Downey continues to swell daily, with the city hosting more than three dozen patients as of Thursday.

Officials with the L.A. County Department of Health said Wednesday that Downey has 37 confirmed COVID-19 cases. The number is expected to rise as testing becomes more prevalent.

Health officials did not say if the 37 cases were Downey residents, hospital patients, or both.

To date, authorities have identified 3,518 coronavirus cases across all areas of LA County, including 65 deaths.

Of those who were sick, 733 have been hospitalized at some point during their illness.

Emerging evidence suggests that there may be a significant number of people infected with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus to others.

New guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that people should consider using universal precautions all the time — assuming that each of us can infect others even when we aren't sick.

"Our sadness is not diminished by the daily frequency of announced deaths related to COVID-19, and reminds us of our need to work together to protect each other," said Barbara Ferrer, Los Angeles County Public Health Director.

"The hard truth is we have some difficult days ahead as we work tirelessly to flatten the curve of this horrible virus. Though the end may not be as close as we'd like, if we all continue to do our part to slow the spread by staying home, social distancing, self-isolating when we are positive or presumed positive, and self-quarantining if we are close contacts of a positive case, we will get to the end of the COVID-19 crisis more quickly, together."

Public Health has issued the following guidance for people with mild illness during this time of increased spread:

If you are mildly sick, stay home for at least seven days and until 72 hours after being fever and symptom free. Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or pregnant should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick.

Surrounding cities have also received confirmed coronavirus cases, including Norwalk (21), Whittier (15), Pico Rivera (14), South Gate (25) and Paramount (10).



Alex Bernard was a pastor at Desert Reign Church in Downey.

Downey pastor dies one week after COVID-19 diagnosis

Alex Bernard was a community leader and pastor at Desert Reign Church.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY — Alex Bernard, an outreach pastor at Desert Reign Church in Downey, died Saturday, one week after he was diagnosed with COVID-19.

"Our hearts are heavy. Our dear Pastor Alex has gone on to be with the Lord," the church wrote on Facebook. "He loved the Lord, his family and had a huge heart to help people. He will be missed beyond words."

Bernard posted a selfie on March 20 from Kaiser Permanente, where he went after experiencing a dry cough. His condition quickly deteriorated.

"My brother was a faithful servant of God," Zenaida Galindo Ortega posted on Facebook. "He loved doing the Lord's work. Feeding the homeless on Skid Row, praying for people in the hospital, preaching in the jails in Mexico, outreaching to others with his delicious BBQ cooking. He was great man and he will be truly missed."

"We were praying for a miracle of healing. What we had



Alex Bernard prays with inmates at a Mexican jail.

was a miracle right in front of us," added his daughter, Crystal Harris. "My dad's whole life was a miracle in motion out on display for everyone to see the goodness and mercy of God."

Highly active in the community, Bernard was a member of the Rotary Club of Downey.

"Alex was always ready to lend a hand where needed in the club or here in the community," Rotary Club President Nathan

Mahoney said in an email. "He touched and blessed so many lives with his kindness and willingness to help others. His life was one of service to god and to people. It will be a huge void that will be very hard to fill. I can't begin to imagine the pain his family is going through. I ask you please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers."

A GoFundMe page is collecting donations to help pay for Bernard's funeral.

Downey still ticketing for parking violations

DOWNEY — The City of Downey will continue writing citations for illegally parked cars, including on street sweeping days.

City officials said they have received "numerous complaints from both residents and businesses regarding the increase of trash and other debris in areas where vehicles are not being moved to allow for street sweeping."

"Also several disposable gloves currently being used by members of the public and that may be contaminated are being left on public streets and

parkways, creating a larger health concern," the city said in a press release.

Enforcement will begin April 6 after initial confusion this week.

On Wednesday, several residents reported receiving street sweeping citations at a time when many people are either working from home or laid off.

"Our entire block was concerned this morning when we got hit with street sweeping tickets," Downey resident Liz Martin wrote on Mayor Blanca

Pacheco's public Facebook page. "I don't understand how the City/Street Sweeping, Parking Enforcement personnel are giving tickets when we are under QUARANTINE!!"

"All of my family is working from home. This is unfair. We have 5 cars, my 3 son's, hubby and I. This is Unbelievable! We are doing our part to stay home, Mayor Eric Garcetti made it clear to stay home and that we would not receive tickets for street sweeping. Disappointed."

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey restaurant grades

Subway
9228 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/31/20
Grade: **A**

Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
9516 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/31/20
Grade: **A**

In 'n Out
8767 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/20
Grade: **A**

Chic Fil A
8613 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/20
Grade: **A**

Happy Bagels N Donuts
9926 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Bionicos Don Leo
8027 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Subway
8011 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Baskin Robins
7938 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Yoshinoya
7910 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Tutti Frutti
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Ice Cream View
319 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Denny's
8350 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

Yogurtland
8250 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

El Chymal
10815 Studebaker Rd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

Burger City Grill
8260 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

La Chula
8262 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/5/20
Grade: **A**

The Palms Restaurant
8060 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/3/20
Grade: **A**

Olive Garden
9253 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/3/20
Grade: **A**

Porto's Bakery
8233 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/3/20
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
9341 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/3/20
Grade: **A**

Nelly's Mexican Food
10811 Studebaker Rd.
Date Inspected: 3/3/20
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 72

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THINGS TO DO



Gentefied

All Weekend - Netflix

The Morales cousins scramble to save their grandfather's taco shop — and pursue their own dreams — as gentrification shakes up their LA neighborhood.



Tangerine

All Weekend - Hulu

A prostitute tears through Tinseltown on Christmas Eve searching for the pimp who broke her heart.



Fantasia

All Weekend - Disney+

A collection of animated interpretations of great works of Western classical music. The film was released in 1940 and produced by Walt Disney.



Dollface

All Weekend - Prime Video

After breaking up with her longtime boyfriend, a woman tries to reconnect with the friends she lost during the relationship.



Cadillac Records

All Weekend - Netflix

The rise of Chess Records and its recording artists, including Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon and the great Etta James.



The Mexican

All Weekend - Hulu

A man tries to transport an ancient gun called The Mexican, believed to carry a curse, back across the border, while his girlfriend pressures him to give up his criminal ways.

Downey fashion designer pivots to masks

DOWNEY — To help combat the COVID-19 health crisis, Downey's Johana Hernández, fashion designer of choice amongst new Latinx Hollywood celebrities, is making safety masks for hospital workers at PIH Health Hospital in Downey.

Hernández's connection to the hospital is personal — her father's life was saved from a heart attack by the hospital's expert staff.

Hernández is also teaching people how to make safety masks from home through online videos on the Glaudi YouTube channel.

Hernández recently launched Glaudi Beverly Hills and was inducted into the Hall of Fame at her alma mater Downey High School, where she was enshrined along the likes of The Carpenters and Metallica's James Hetfield.

Born in Compton of Salvadorian parents, Hernández is the first designer of Salvadorian descent to go to Paris Fashion Week and has designed many dresses for young Latinx celebrities. Like many Latin American immigrants, her parents worked long hours in the Los Angeles garment industry sewing for brands such as Calvin Klein, Guess and Gap.

This is where Hernández got her inspiration to make her own name in fashion. At age 19, she got her first job as a head designer. Her first collection was presented in the Wall Street Journal.

At age 22, she was the head designer for Seven7 Jeans, in where she designed for all sizes including plus sizes. She also designed for Isaac Mizrahi Jeans, Eli Tahari, Disney personality Hannah Montana, and more.



Hernández' collections are available exclusively at GLAUDI stores locations. At age 24, she showcased her own collection, GLAUDI by Johana Hernández for a cause; through her fashion events and sales, she would donate for low income children in Latin America.

Hernández also made her triumphant return from Paris Fashion Week where she showed for the third time, a first for a designer of Salvadorian descent. Walking Johana's new couture "Alta Costura" and GLAUDI — Bridal collections was the new face of Glaudi — Spanish model (and wife of Latin superstar, "Despacito" singer Luis Fonsi) Águeda López.

Students unlikely to return this school year

DOWNEY — California public schools are expected to remain physically closed for the rest of the school year as the state works to slow the spread of the coronavirus outbreak, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday.

Downey public schools are currently scheduled to reopen May 5 but the Downey board of education will meet Tuesday where they will consider the school district's options moving forward.

At a news conference Wednesday, California Superintendent Tony Thurmond acknowledged that the pivot to online learning will be difficult but "we have to rise to that challenge."

In a letter to the state's superintendents Tuesday, Thurmond said these are "unprecedented times."

"Due to the current safety concerns and needs for ongoing social distancing it currently appears that our students will not be able to return to school campuses before the end of the school year," Thurmond wrote.

It's not a mandate, but it will give school districts the cover to do what many already felt was necessary, said Troy Flint, spokesperson for the California School Boards Association.

Flint said Thurmond's letter gives districts the "security they feel they need to make a decision and explain that to their communities."

It's not clear how the campus closures will affect graduation ceremonies.

"This is something that we are taking extremely seriously and we are considering all options as, again, we know how important these ceremonies are for our students and families," DUSD said on Instagram. "As this situation continues to change quickly, we never want to rule out the option of still holding these events just at a later date."

Eric Pierce, editor



#COVID19

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Costco puts limits on customers Downey looking after seniors

NORWALK — Costco is once again temporarily changing its policy in response to the global coronavirus pandemic, which has caused store traffic to spike and in-demand items to sell out across the country.

will only be allowed to bring one guest inside the store with them. Previously, Costco members could bring two guests per membership card, as well as their children.

saying the move is designed to control the amount of people in the warehouse at one time.

“This temporary change is for your safety and the safety of our employees and other members, and to further assist with our social distancing efforts,” the

website reads.

Costco has been routinely updating procedures in an effort to better protect its employees and customers.

Over the past few weeks, Costco has altered its hours, increased its sanitization of high-touch surfaces like shopping cart handles and merchandise shelves, and placed limits on in-demand items. The warehouses also stopped offering food sampling and are no longer accepting returns on certain merchandise.

In a letter from CEO and President Craig Jelinek, he said the brand is “closely monitoring the situation” and complying with guidance from public health officials.

“As new information becomes available, management is keeping warehouse staff well informed so they can respond swiftly and appropriately,” the letter reads. “While the circumstances continue to change and we modify our operations as necessary, we thank you for your patience and cooperation. As new developments occur, be assured we are committed to taking care of our members and employees and to our mission of providing low prices, quality merchandise and exceptional service.”

DOWNEY — The City of Downey has received an \$18,000 grant from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to purchase senior meals.

The grant comes as city officials try to secure additional meals for Downey seniors unable or unwilling to leave their homes during the current pandemic.

“This grant will make an immense impact in obtaining meals for our seniors during this very difficult time,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

City workers are working with its senior meal provider to increase the quantity of meals it receives. The city is also securing additional meals from various agencies and local restaurants.

Hahn’s grant will help with the purchase of needed meals for seniors and lessen the financial burden on the city.

“Ensuring the wellness of our seniors is paramount,” said Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa.

Downey seniors interested in participating in the meal program should call (562) 862-8800.

Meanwhile, Downey has launched a senior wellness check program to ensure seniors are safe.

Downey’s Parks and Recreation Department workers are calling all senior citizens who are enrolled in the city’s meal program to check on their wellbeing.

Seniors who don’t answer the telephone receive a home visit. To protect against scams, city workers will be dressed in official city uniforms and driving a city vehicle.

If the senior doesn’t answer the door, a flyer will be left on the door. If there is no response back within 48 hours, the Downey Police Department will be contacted to perform a welfare check.

Seniors interested in enrolling in this program should call Downey Parks and Recreation at (562) 904-7238.

In Memory of



Margaret Corinne Marshall

June 11, 1922 - March 22, 2020

Margaret Corinne Marshall was born June 11, 1922, in rural Humboldt County, Tennessee, near Memphis, the youngest of five brothers and sisters, and passed away on March 22, 2020, at the age of 97. She was the daughter of Samuel and Margaret Morrison. At the age of two, she moved with her family to Los Angeles, settling in the Wilmington-Gardena area. She graduated from Compton High School and began study at Compton Junior College, where she met Albert Louis Marshall. After he completed his A.A. and a BA at Santa Barbara State College, they married in 1941. Their daughter April Lynne was born in 1942, and their son Donald Glenn in 1943. Albert served in the Navy as a Commanding Officer of a Patrol Torpedo boat and served in the Asian Theatre. After WWII, he went to work in the print shop at Douglas Aircraft and in 1948, he and Margaret opened Suburban Printers in South Gate. Margaret worked side by side with him, and they raised their family in South Gate. Following Albert’s passing in 1971, Margaret moved to Downey and resided there until 2015, when she entered assisted living in La Mirada and then Murrieta, where her daughter and granddaughter live. To support herself after her husband passed, she started a small business filing their patients’ insurance claims for several doctors. The business became quite successful, and both supported her and provided training for a number of women she employed over the years. Raised in the Baptist Church, Margaret became an Episcopalian in the early 1950s and was a stalwart member and supporter of St. Margaret’s Church, South Gate, and a member of the Choir and Vestry for many years. She was a dedicated supporter of the Downey Symphony for many years. Her home was always a welcoming center for her son and daughter’s friends, who had great affection for her and found in her a listening and accepting ear. She was an intelligent and insightful student of psychology and always strove to understand sympathetically why people acted as they did. She loved her family and stood by them whatever the challenge they faced. She always enjoyed reading and was a stickler for correct grammar and clear and correct pronunciation. She had a lively curiosity and loved learning from everyone she met. She also loved California, and after a short time in Miami when Albert was receiving naval training there, she never left California and never wished to do so. She is survived by her daughter April, son Donald, grandchildren January King, Stephanie Marshall, and Zachary Marshall, step-granddaughter Bonnie Ingle, great-grandchildren Skyler King, J.B. Sierra, Travis Ingle, and Heather Ross, and four great-great grandchildren. Her Christian faith was her consolation and her hope. She will be laid to rest in a private graveside service.

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Andrew Cuomo reminds us how it's done

By Jeff Robbins

In “The Splendid and the Vile,” his new book about former Prime Minister Winston Churchill’s stewardship of Britain through the desperate early months of World War II, Erik Larson details the seemingly hopeless circumstances confronting the country. Germany had overrun Europe and was poised to begin a bombing campaign aimed at obliterating British cities and, if that didn’t force England’s surrender, to invade England. By late 1941, 45,000 Britons had been killed and 52,000 injured. Three hundred thousand British soldiers were trapped at Dunkirk, certain to be captured or annihilated. German submarines were preventing supplies from reaching Britain, which was effectively on its own.

Churchill was defiant. “We shall not fail or falter,” he proclaimed. “We shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle nor the long-drawn trails of vigilance and exertion will wear us down.” His people knew that he was as tireless as he was asking them to be. “Papa has served them with his heart (and) his mind,” Churchill’s daughter wrote in her diary, “and they have given him in his finest and darkest hour their love and confidence.”

It is fair to say that Americans have not been similarly blessed during the current crisis. The Daily Dissemble, the White House “briefings” on the novel coronavirus, are substantially mixtures of misrepresentation and nonsense. The president has two signature specialties. One is making claims demonstrated within 24 hours to be misleading or simply false. The other is settling upon a truly meaningless banality (“It’s very important that our economy be strong. A strong economy is very, very important. Really important.”) and just repeating it endlessly, as though doing so makes it less meaningless. Both have been on full display during these briefings.

One bright spot has been New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who, like Churchill, has had to deliver continuously dreadful news while inspiring confidence. Americans confined to their homes have taken to tuning in to the governor’s daily press conferences not only to hear about the state of things in New York but also to get reminded of what leadership looks like.

It has been 90 years since Americans made it a regular point to listen to what a leader had to say. Our grandparents and great-grandparents gathered to listen to then-President Franklin Roosevelt’s fireside chats during the Great Depression because they felt they could trust him: to tell the truth, to know what he was doing, to have a plan of action, to empathize with them. Cuomo brings these qualities to his briefings, and Americans living nowhere near New York tune in because of it.

In truth, even a leader merely playing with the proverbial full deck of cards would be a sight for sore eyes for Americans, who have been deprived of this for three years. But Cuomo has been just what the doctor ordered. In contrast to the president’s profound unreliability, Cuomo exudes command: Here is Plan A. Here is why it is urgent that Plan A work. Here are the problems that we face making Plan A work. Here is what we are doing to solve those problems. Here is Plan B.

Cuomo, a tough political gut fighter, has provided both humanity and inspiration while showcasing hands-on management.

“This is going to be a long day, and it’s going to be a hard day, and it’s going to be an ugly day, and it’s going to be a sad day,” Cuomo told the National Guard before deploying it to assist reeling New Yorkers.

He reaffirmed the words of his late father and predecessor, Gov. Mario Cuomo, on what a democratic government is supposed to



mean. It is, he reiterated, “family, mutuality, the sharing of benefits and burdens for the good of all, feeling one another’s pain, sharing one another’s blessings — reasonably, honestly, fairly, without respect to race or sex or geography or political affiliation.”

Cuomo’s management and words have reassured a deeply anxious nation, one that is grateful to him for his finest hour.

Jeff Robbins, a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Why did the U.S. put China first?

By Michelle Malkin

A little less than two months ago, the U.S. State Department made a curious announcement that suggests President Trump’s “America First” administration put “China First” at a critical moment during the burgeoning Wuhan pandemic.

I asked the State Department about the controversy this week — and the vague and nonresponsive responses I received on background from a Foggy Bottom spokesperson raise more questions than they answer.

The Feb. 7, 2020 press statement attributed to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is headlined: “The United States Announces Assistance to Combat the Novel Coronavirus.” That week, we are told, the State Department “facilitated the transportation of nearly 17.8 tons of donated medical supplies to the Chinese people, including masks, gowns, gauze, respirators, and other vital materials. These donations are a testament to the generosity of the American people.”

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Nearly 18 tons of critical medical supplies went to the Communist government whose country unleashed COVID-19 on the world, downplayed it, punished whistleblowers who warned about it and attacked critics worldwide as racist? Whose idea was this “generosity?” Which “American people” approved this plan? Was the aid solicited or unsolicited? I asked our government.

The answer: “We have no additional details at this time.”

The press statement elaborated further that “the United States government is announcing it is prepared to spend up to \$100 million in existing funds to assist China and other impacted countries... to contain and combat the novel coronavirus. This commitment — along with the hundreds of millions generously donated by the American private sector — demonstrates strong U.S. leadership in response to the outbreak.”

How much of the “up to \$100 million” has been spent to assist China instead of the American people since Feb. 7, I asked our

government.

The answer: No reply.

By what means were the 18 tons of medical goods transported: Air or sea? If by sea, on what ships were the goods transported to China and when and where did they arrive? If by air, which carriers transported the goods and when and where did they arrive?

(I asked about shipping because U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao’s family owns the New York-based multinational shipping behemoth, Foremost Group. The mega-fleet was built in China, subsidized with loans from the ChiComs’ Export-Import bank and conducts nearly three-quarters of its freight business in China. Secretary Chao was designated an “international consultant” of the Wuhan government in 2009. Her sister, Angela Chao, is CEO of Foremost and organized a humanitarian shipment of masks, gloves and gowns from New York to Wuhan in partnership with the “Hubei Charity Foundation” a week after the State Department’s press statement.)

I also asked whether any of the precious medical supply items shipped to China in February were sent back to the U.S. as part of White House adviser Jared Kushner’s “Project Airbridge” transfer of personal protective equipment last weekend from China to New York — including 130,000 N95 masks, 1.8 million face masks and gowns, more than 10.3 million gloves and more than 70,000 thermometers?

Here’s the full answer I received from the State Department spokesperson:

“In early February the American people demonstrated their characteristic generosity by donating 17.8 tons of medical supplies to help the Chinese people contain the impact and stem the spread of COVID-19 from Wuhan to other parts of China and the world. These donations were provided by Samaritan’s Purse, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Intermountain Healthcare, and Boeing. The State Department facilitated the delivery of these medical supplies to Project HOPE in China on flights that ultimately brought

home over 800 American citizens back from Wuhan at the outbreak of the pandemic.”

Odd. Very odd. Boeing’s huge shipment of 250,000 medical masks was reported on Jan. 29, more than a week before the State Department’s announcement. Side note: Was it “characteristic generosity” or self-serving corporate relations? The troubled aircraft company has been desperately seeking business after China’s de facto boycott the past couple of years and stands to benefit most from the China trade deal signed in January. Also: Did the multinational company’s purported goodwill gesture deprive the American people of scarce PPE resources? Sure seems so.

LDS’s own press statement about its donations to China was also released Jan. 29 and made no mention of the State Department’s role in facilitating delivery of “220,000 respirator masks, 870 protective goggles and more than 6,500 protective coveralls.” It appears LDS has its very own special relationship with “Project Hope,” a nongovernmental organization that works closely with the Chinese Ministry of Health. The church chartered flights from Salt Lake City and Atlanta to Shanghai at the behest of its president, Dr. Russell Nelson, who had performed heart surgeries in China. Photos of the LDS church’s PPE drop show LDS volunteers in Shanghai smiling in front of a massive wall of 3M boxes full of medical equipment on Feb. 4.

Finally, the State Department’s red-flag mention that some of the planes used to deliver these resources to China brought back 800 Americans from Wuhan deserves more probing. Was this entire “charitable” exercise — which sent abroad 18 tons of the very items Americans are now desperately scraping to manufacture out of paper towels, pillow fabric and bandanas — cover for some sort of COVID-pro-quo?

Inquiring minds ought to want to know.

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Keep the government out of private labor

By John Stossel

Congress passed and the president signed a \$2 trillion “stimulus” bill.

“Not enough!” shrieked politicians. They said the government must do more.

They demanded President Donald Trump reactivate the Defense Production Act, a 1950 law that lets government force companies to make things.

Trump hesitated.

That upset lovers of big dictatorial government. They demanded the president order companies to make respirators, masks and other desperately needed medical equipment.

CNN’s Alisyn Camerota joined the media mob asking “What’s the holdup?” Then a White House press reporter confronted Trump at the White House, asking, “Why not use it now?”

The president surprised me by responding: “We’re a country not based on nationalizing our business. Call a person over in Venezuela, ask them, ‘how did nationalization of their businesses work out?’

Not too well.”

No, it didn’t.

Venezuela was once one of the richest countries in Latin America. Now it’s one of the poorest.

That’s because government dictating production leads to less production.

Although Venezuela has more oil in the ground than any other country, once the socialists nationalized the oil industry, production declined. Today, Venezuelans struggle to buy gasoline.

When government orders companies to do things, companies don’t innovate. They’re less able to adjust quickly to market demand. That’s the topic of my new video.

Today, hospitals need more ventilators. But the government doesn’t need to order companies to make more. The private sector is already on it.

Automakers slowed car production and are gearing up their factories to produce ventilators. Other businesses are, too. That’s what businesses do when conditions change; they pivot.

Distillers that once made gin and vodka now make hand sanitizer. The federal government had to waive regulations to allow them to sell it.

Some give it away. It’s not just charity; it’s “goodwill.” They hope customers will remember the good deed, and that’ll lead to profit in the future.

The best catalyst to spur production is simple pursuit of profit. It’s what gets companies to produce new things instantly. Unlike governments, businesses have no guaranteed income. To survive, let alone grow, they must constantly innovate to make sure more money comes in than goes out.

The socialists call that “greed.”

Without question, some tycoons are greedy. They pursue profit to the point that they have more money than they will ever need.

Rent relief

Dear Editor:

There is a movement to allow renters not to pay rent while the coronavirus crisis is with us. This movement ignores the situation of small landlords like myself.

I am retired and depend on rental income for my survival. If we are going to help renters, it is only fair that we also help small landlords whose income depends on rental income and who will be in a precarious situation without it.

Jorge Montero Downey

That’s fine. That greed for success drives them to get me what I need.

I assume it’s what inspired Ford to start using 3D printers to make face masks.

The profit motive delivers the goods. Higher prices tell companies what products are most urgently needed.

When our government failed to produce enough coronavirus test kits, private companies filled the gap. Some offered convenient tests you could use at home.

But the government didn’t like it, saying the test hadn’t been approved. The tests were withdrawn.

Government’s rules often make it harder for private actors to help people. In a crisis, America’s unsung heroes are people who overcome that.

Many truck drivers wanted to work overtime to help, but federal law said they must not work more than 11 hours a day. Finally, the government suspended the regulation.

We ought to suspend a lot of these rules permanently. Allow Americans to make our own choices about when we want to work.

In this crisis, businesses are trying all sorts of new things. Supermarkets started offering special “senior hours” so older people can safely get supplies we need.

Musicians are livestreaming concerts.

Restaurants are switching to takeout and delivery.

People have lost jobs, but if businesses are free to adapt, they’ll create many new jobs.

Because demand for deliveries has increased. Amazon is hiring 100,000 new workers. Walmart is hiring 150,000.

The free market adjusts. We don’t need “production acts” to tell us what to do.

John Stossel is author of “Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media.”

State hotline

Dear Editor:

The Governor announced today a hotline for seniors needing assistance.

Seniors with any questions or concerns, needs for assistance with tracking down prescriptions or other non-urgent medical needs, meal delivery, and more can call the hotline at 833-544-2374.

Remember, all seniors should stay home for their health and well-being, but if there is an emergency, call 911.

Alistair Hunter Downey

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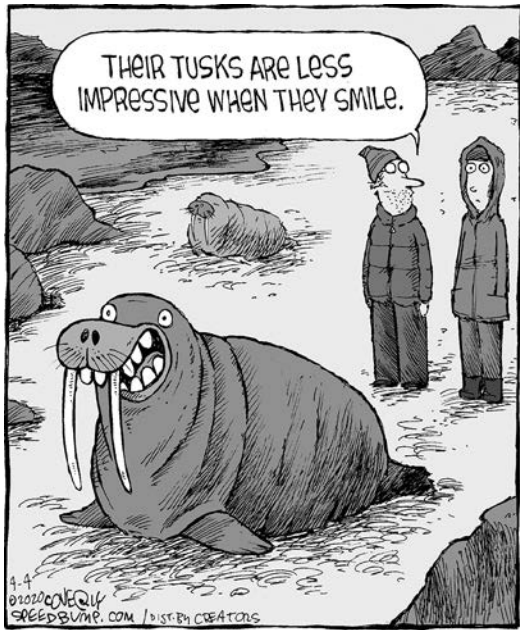
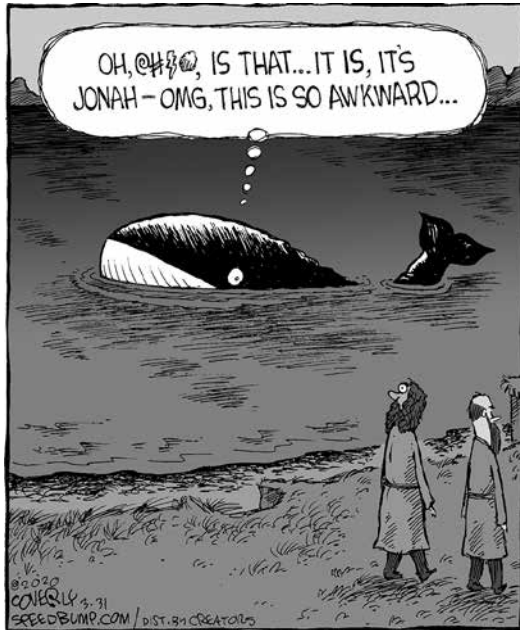
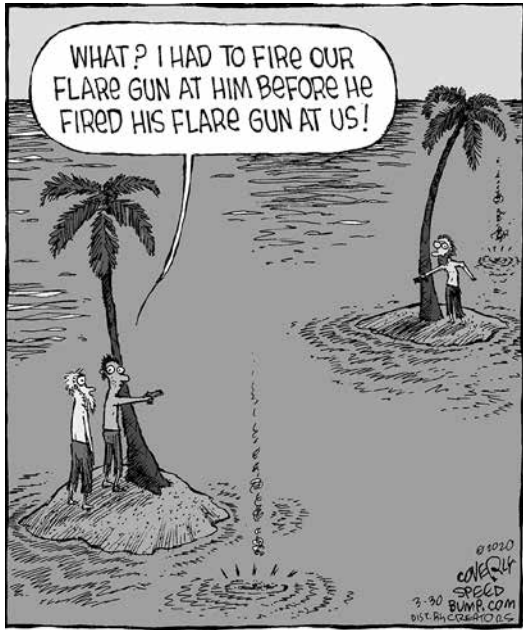
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara 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: OLPH Women's Guild, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day..

April 2, 1877: The first Egg Roll was held on the grounds of the White House in Washington, DC.
1889: Charles Hall patented aluminum.
1917: U.S. President Woodrow Wilson presented a declaration of war against Germany to the U.S. Congress.
1987: The speed limit on U.S. interstate highways was increased to 65 miles per hour in limited areas.
2014: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that limits on the total amount of money individuals can give political candidates and political action committees were unconstitutional.

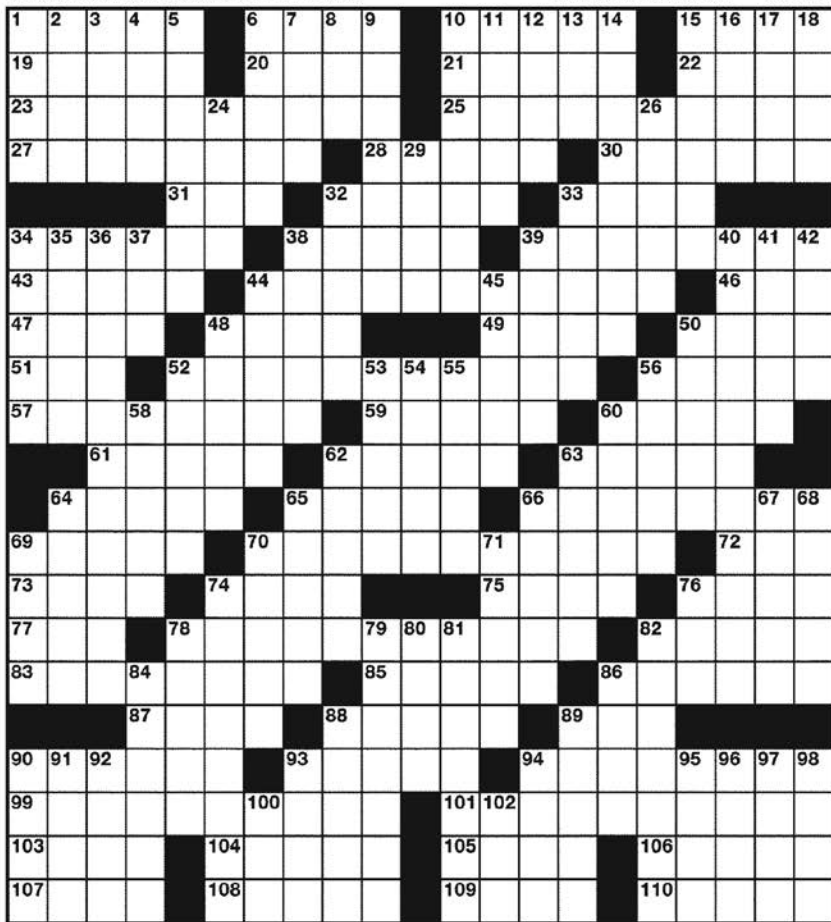
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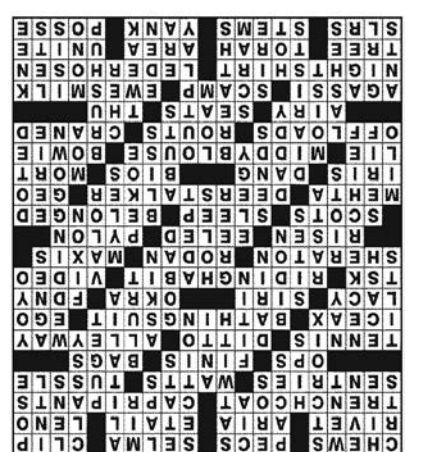


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My quarantine diary

By Eric Pierce
Editor

Day 1 of quarantine

This isn't so bad. I'm able to work remotely thanks to my laptop and iPhone. I've set up my workstation on the dining room table, located dangerously close to the refrigerator.

My heart aches for the small business owners who were either forced to shut down or saw their customer traffic drastically reduced. And what about the workers not lucky enough to work from home? How soon can they begin collecting unemployment? How will they pay their bills?

After Downey had its water scare in 2008, forcing all restaurants to close for several days, the city created Taste of Downey, a community festival to shine a light on our local eateries. I wonder what we can do this time around; sort of like a grand re-opening celebration for all of Downey.

Day 2

Two people have asked if Downey is writing street sweeping tickets. I don't know the answer and my contacts at City Hall are not eager to talk. The general consensus among the public is, "I guess we'll find out."

My work day has been mostly spent tweeting about cancellations and postponements. Lots of dinners, galas, golf tournaments, and charity walks have all either been pushed to the fall or canceled altogether. Downey's non-profit organizations are taking a real hit financially.

Working so close to the refrigerator may have been a mistake.

Day 3

I drove past Porto's Bakery and the place was packed with no social distancing. People are standing very close together, both inside the dining room where they wait for their food, and in a line that stretches outside. I love Porto's but I'm not willing to sacrifice my health for a cheese roll.

I'm noticing a lot more families outside taking walks and riding their bikes. It's really nice.

Day 4

On the hunt for toilet paper, I acted on a Facebook tip and visited a store called Big Outlet in South Gate. And let me tell you, it was the sketchiest store I've ever been to. But I made it out with two industrial rolls of TP, so it was a success.

Day 5

It's Friday but honestly each day is indistinguishable from the previous.

I called my mom and told her grocery stores are opening early for senior citizens. She warned me never to call her a senior citizen again and hung up on me.

Day 6

My wife and I unearthed a 1,000-piece puzzle somebody had given us for Christmas. Nicole is prepared to start the puzzle but I'm not ready for that kind of commitment. The puzzle, however, is on standby in case our situation does not rapidly improve.

Day 7

I'm torn between strict orders to quarantine and a desire to help our local small

businesses. I walked to 3rd Street Coffee and picked up two chai lattes before hurrying back home.

Day 8

Nicole has started working from home also. Her work station is in the living room, directly across from me.

It's nice to have company but she's developed a habit of blowing me kisses, and I'm expected to "catch" them and plant them on my cheek. I don't know how long I can take it.

Day 9

I've relocated to the guest bedroom.

Day 10

Curious to see what all the fuss is about, I started watching "Tiger King" on Netflix. Two episodes in and I don't see how this show can get any stranger. I shall continue my binge tomorrow.

Day 11

Oh my god.

Day 12

I no longer remember what jeans feel like.

Day 13

It is an incredibly sad day as the first coronavirus death hits Downey. Pastor Alex Bernard of Desert Reign Church succumbs to the virus one week after he is diagnosed with COVID-19.

I've noticed some panic from community members, and residents are lashing out at Downey's elected officials.

The pandemic is a global concern and Downey is relying heavily on the L.A. County

Public Health Department for guidance. But there are areas in which Downey can improve, especially in regards to communication.

Tell us if parking laws are being enforced. Tell us if Downey police officers are enforcing the governor's "safer at home" orders. Tell us why CalMet is mixing our recyclables with trash.

I wish Downey would take off the kiddie gloves and give it to us straight.

Not every statement has to be a polished video. Talk to us like neighbors. Give us some assurances that the city is doing all it can to keep its citizens safe.

We shouldn't have to rely on Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles for leadership.

Day 14

Feeling regret that I did not purchase stock in Zoom.

Day 15

It's become apparent that life won't return to normal anytime soon. Depression is sinking in and I wish I could fast-forward life to July or August.

I know these hard times are temporary and it will eventually pass. But at what cost?

In the meantime, I try to be thankful for everything I have.

Day 16

One of my favorite parts of living in Downey is watching the airplanes pass overhead,

especially at night. I wonder if they're coming home or visiting from someplace else. I don't see as many planes anymore.

My pants are feeling a little snug; I must have washed them incorrectly.

A coworker posted an Instagram picture of her six-pack. She is now blocked.

Day 17

Even with the state under quarantine, Downey is indeed ticketing vehicles blocking the street sweeper.

This seems insensitive to me with so many people home,

either working or laid off.

It's particularly egregious in Downey, a city notorious for building housing with insufficient parking. Not everyone has the luxury of a garage or private driveway.

Other local cities have suspended parking citations with exceptions for vehicles that pose a danger. I wish Downey would do the same.

I just looked at the calendar and realized it's April 1.

Somehow, some way, we made it through March.

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First responders and unexpected heroes

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

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DOWNEY — My older daughter is a checker for a large supermarket chain. Just a few weeks ago, in early March, she called to vent a little about how stressful and exhausting work had become. Even though this wasn't a holiday season, she and others had started working ten-hour shifts with only 30-minute lunch breaks. Shoppers seemed tense and weren't exchanging pleasantries like they used to. There was a run on bottled water and paper towels as people started stocking up on items useful in a crisis.

Since February the media had been brimming with stories of the extreme measures being used to combat the new, highly contagious virus, COVID-19, that was spreading around the world. Millions of people had been quarantined in Wuhan, China, where the virus first appeared, and over three thousand people on a cruise ship were confined for weeks when an outbreak was discovered. The virus showed up in the state of Washington, carried there by a traveler and resulting in the death of several people.

As I did my best to offer sympathy, it finally hit me—Amy

and her coworkers were now on the front lines of a growing world crisis. The public was anxious, even though the federal government downplayed the threat. The quarantine of a world city like Milan left everyone shaken. Americans who had seen the pictures of empty store shelves in Italy were preparing for a possible health crisis here.

People felt the danger, I told her, and the normalcy of the grocery market experience, with cashiers and courtesy clerks who remained professional and even cheerful, was reassuring.

My view of Amy and others as heroes only deepened as the week went by. Now there was a serious run on toilet paper and cleaning products. I was thrilled to score two containers of the few remaining anti-bacterial wipes—one for Amy and one for Natalie who has a new baby.

When the National Basketball Association canceled its season on March 11, followed by a postponement of hockey, soccer, and baseball games, panic buying appeared in full force. Shelves were quickly emptied of almost everything—milk, eggs, soup, canned tomatoes, bread, pasta, flour. The Los Angeles Unified School District didn't hesitate long before closing all campuses, with no plan for alternative education. Flights from Europe to the US were abruptly restricted, causing considerable fear and difficulty for Americans trying to get home. The complete closure of Disneyland removed all doubt about the global threat from Covid-19.

Amy came for dinner one night after a long shift—too tired to shop for food that she needed. The anxiety of the customers was "heightened" she said, their behavior like a "megaphone" for their feelings.

When I repeated my assessment that she and her coworkers, more than ever, were serving as first responders in a crisis, she replied that one person actually said, "Thank you for your service," and she had to fight back tears. Another checker told me that she received similar expressions of gratitude.

In Memory of

Suonghong Phan Lobato

February 10, 1954 - March 10, 2020



Suonghong Phan Lobato was born on February 10, 1954 in Vietnam to Quynh Phan. She entered into eternal rest on March 10, 2020 in Downey, California at the age of 66.

Suong was intelligent and a determined individual that loved her family dearly, and was committed to her work as a USDA

Investigator in Food Inspections for 31 years. She was a devout Catholic, with a strong faith, which gave her great comfort throughout her illness.

Suong loved spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren. Her hobbies included traveling, volunteering, and raising orchids. She enjoyed going to Las Vegas and Pala Casino to play the slots, and vacationing in Hawaii, since it made her feel like being home in Vietnam. She was an active member of the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and the Secretary of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Suong leaves behind her loving husband, David W. Lobato of Downey, CA, her daughter, Hong Loan Hull (and her husband, Tim) of Downey, CA, her son, Quan Nguyen (and his wife, Debbie) of Covina, CA, her son, Phan David Nguyen of San Diego, CA, her daughter, KieuMy Nguyen of Long Beach, CA, and her son, Duybao Nguyen of Fountain Valley, CA. She also leaves behind 7 grandchildren, and her mother, Quynh Phan of Norwalk, CA, as well as many other family and friends who will greatly miss her.



Milk has been a precious commodity at grocery stores recently. Photo by Carol Kearns

There were lighter moments, of course. When one of the new courtesy clerks, following his training, asked a customer, "So, did you find everything you were looking for?" she burst out laughing, "Nooooo!"

The next day Frank went to the store at 6:00 AM, and came home with two large packages of toilet paper—one for Amy and one for Natalie. Later I went shopping for both of them, looking for available items I thought each could use—milk, bread, pasta, frozen dinners, diapers.

The factual news conferences of Mayor Eric Garcetti and Governor Gavin Newsom were particularly helpful. Conflicting information was still coming from the federal level—Yes, everyone who wanted to be tested could be tested; No, our country did not have enough tests for everyone. The straight-forward answers of city and state leaders contributed significantly to maintaining a degree of normalcy.

Amy's store and others shortened their hours. They also started imposing limits on the number of particular items each customer could purchase. Bottled water was limited to two flats per customer, and checkers were required to remove any items above the limit and put them off to the side. Then signs went up stating only one container of milk per household, one loaf of bread, etc. Most customers understood the need for rules; a few swore at the checkers who were following the guidelines.

I applaud the grocery stores for imposing these regulations. It reassures the public to know that when food arrives, it will be distributed fairly. The last thing we need to see during this pandemic are fights over food. Limiting the entry of customers to only a certain number at a time also promotes safe social distancing.

This past Wednesday, I heard Mayor Garcetti refer to the heroic grocery workers—twice—in a news conference. I was so glad to hear that I wasn't the only one who was thinking this. But grocery workers need, and deserve, more than just our thanks. They need concrete help in the form of time to shop for themselves (without having to go store to store like the rest of us) and protective clothing while at work.

It's no exaggeration to include grocery workers in the team of first responders. Not only are they putting in long hours to serve the community, they are facing danger every minute on the job. Even as the rest of us are ordered to stay home and practice social distancing, grocery workers are within a few feet of the several hundred customers who comes through each line daily.

The grocery workers didn't volunteer for the job of hero—but there they are. Their extra-long hours of service to the community, at personal risk themselves, go a long way in helping us remember that we are a civilized society and our best chance of eliminating the threat of COVID-19 is through cooperative behavior.

Hats off to the grocery workers who stock the shelves, set out the produce, package the meat, ring up our items, and bag our purchases. You are a critical part of the team of first responders in the face of this pandemic.

In Memory of

Barbara Ann Marifian



Barbara Ann Marifian, nee Pope, of Downey, CA passed away March 22 in Whittier, CA at the age of 87. She was born in Belleville, IL in 1932 to Ben and Agnes Pope.

On April 8, 1953 she was married to John Marifian, her high school sweetheart and were together 71 years total. They raised a family which included 5 children. In 1978,

Barbara and John moved to Downey, CA where they spent the next 41 years.

Barbara loved to read, do crossword puzzles, and was an exceptional cook, when not helping run the family dry cleaning business. She also loved watching movies with her grandkids and was active in various charity events with the Downey Optimist Club.

Barbara is survived by her devoted husband, John Marifian Sr., children, Theresa Sonnenberg (Ray) of Waterloo, IL., Kathy Zaring, (Dan Hamlin) of O'Fallon, IL., Kim Melton (Dewayne Lougeay), of Smithton, IL., John Marifian Jr. (Teresa), of Downey, CA and Jeff Marifian (Kathie) of Downey, CA.

She also is survived by 8 grandchildren, Johnny Marifian, Kimberly Presson, Austin Sonnenberg, Erin Reyes, Ashley Marifian, Andrew Marifian, Nicholas Melton, and Katie Marifian, as well as 11 great grandchildren and numerous in laws and cousins, especially Carol Hudack, who was like a sister to Barb. She has been reunited in heaven with her parents Agnes and Ben Pope and numerous aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Life is pending. Please check our website for future information.

In lieu of flowers her family requests that donations be made to:

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CRIME REPORT

• On 3/16/2020 at approximately 8 a.m., Officers responded to the area of Firestone Blvd / Woodruff Ave regarding a strong arm robbery. The male victim was crossing Firestone Blvd on foot when a known male suspect approached and punched the victim. The victim fell to the ground and the suspect removed the victim’s wallet from his pocket. The suspect fled the location on foot. Later in the day, officers located the suspect in the 9500 block of Firestone where he was arrested for the robbery. The victim sustained minor injuries during the incident.

• On 3/17/2020 at approximately 4 a.m., Officers responded to the 8800 block of Imperial Hwy regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call. The male suspect was told to leave the location by security for assaulting an employee. As the suspect was driving away, the suspect attempted to drive over the security guard with his vehicle. In fear he would be struck, the security guard discharged his security-issued firearm at the suspect vehicle. The suspect fled onto westbound Imperial Hwy and out of sight. Detectives responded to the scene and are investigating the incident.

• On 3/18/2020 at approximately 11 p.m., Officers responded to 9800 block of Imperial Hwy regarding a report of a robbery. The suspect, entered the store and demanded money from the (3) employees. The suspect held up a hatchet and threatened to kill the employees if they did not give him the money. The suspect then fled the location without any money. The suspect was detained a short distance away by gang detectives and arrested for robbery.

• On 3/19/2020 at approximately 6 a.m., Officers responded to a burglary in progress near 300 Stonewood, at a jewelry store. Two adult male suspects were seen inside, on video, breaking into the store. Officers arrived as the suspects were exiting the mall. Both suspects were detained and were found in possession of approximately \$150,000 worth of jewelry. Both suspects were arrested and charged with burglary.

• On 3/20/2020 at approximately 9 p.m., Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 8400 block of Florence. The adult male was driving at a high rate of speed and lost control of his vehicle. His vehicle collided with a concrete Edison light pole, shearing it and collided into a business, causing minor damage to the building. The building was unoccupied and the driver’s injuries were minor.

• On 3/21/2020 at approximately 4:20 a.m., Officers responded to a commercial burglary in the 9000 block of Imperial Hwy. A witness from a nearby apartment complex south of the business observed 3 suspects breaking into the business. Officers were in the area and observed the 3 suspects fleeing on Columbia with store merchandise. Officers were able to apprehend one of the suspects. Additional loss was located in the area, however, the other 2 suspects were not located. Detectives are investigating.

• On 3/25/2020 at approximately 7:55 pm, officers responded to the 12200 block of Woodruff Ave. regarding a call of a stabbing. Officers forced entry into the residence and took the suspect into custody. The suspect was transported to Kaiser via ambulance where he was treated and medically cleared. The suspect was later booked for the assault and transported to county jail. The victim sustained minor injuries.

• On 3/26/2020 at approximately 4:10 am, Officers located an occupied stolen vehicle parked on Benedict and Everest. The

vehicle was occupied by one suspect who was arrested without incident.

• Detectives are investigating a theft of approximately \$1500 worth of cleaning supplies from the Barbara J Riley Center. Unknown suspects entered a storage closet, between 3/23/20 – 3/27/20, and removed the supplies. There were no signs of forced entry and no locks were damaged. Forensics responded for evidence collection.

• On 3/28/2020 at approximately 8:35 pm, Officers were alerted to a vehicle wanted for a robbery in the area of Firestone/Paramount. The robbery occurred in a jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a high risk traffic stop and detained the male suspect. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputies from Century station responded for follow-up investigation.

POETRY MATTERS



Often I Am Permitted to Return to a Meadow

as if it were a scene made-up by the mind,
that is not mine, but is a made place,

that is mine, it is so near to the heart,
an eternal pasture folded in all thought
so that there is a hall therein

that is a made place, created by light
wherefrom the shadows that are forms fall.

Wherefrom fall all architectures I am
I say are likenesses of the First Beloved
whose flowers are flames lit to the Lady.

She it is Queen Under The Hill
whose hosts are a disturbance of words within words
that is a field folded.

It is only a dream of the grass blowing
east against the source of the sun
in an hour before the sun’s going down

whose secret we see in a children’s game
of ring a round of roses told.

Often I am permitted to return to a meadow
as if it were a given property of the mind
that certain bounds hold against chaos,

that is a place of first permission,
everlasting omen of what is.

Robert Duncan, The Opening of the Field, New Directions 1960

In difficult times, we are encouraged to find our “happy place,” and return to it in imagination. Duncan shares his with us. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva removed as head of emergency operations

LOS ANGELES — In the middle of the global coronavirus outbreak, The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Tuesday voted on an ordinance that puts the county CEO in charge of coordinating emergency operations, and replaces Sheriff Alex Villanueva in that role.

The board’s original vote to make the change -- as part of updating its plan for emergency preparedness and following lessons learned from the 2018 Woolsey Fire -- came back in November.

That report highlighted a lack of coordination between all the agencies managing the fire

and its aftermath that led to missteps. Firefighters, sheriff’s deputies, public health workers and public works employees -- among others called to deal with the blaze -- operated within departmental silos and relied on ad hoc responses, according to the report.

“The sheriff did not coordinate any of that,” Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said. “If he thought that he was in charge of that ... honestly I didn’t see it.”

Kuehl said who takes the lead in any given emergency depends on the type of emergency, and more than two-

thirds of California counties have designated either their CEO or department of emergency management to take on that role.

“In this (public health) emergency it would be totally inappropriate for any law enforcement agency to be in charge of anything other than law enforcement,” Kuehl said. “This is the appropriate and 21st century response to emergencies.”

Villanueva pushed back aggressively. During a Monday afternoon briefing from the county’s Emergency Operations Center, he said he had a message for the board.

“This will impact public safety and public health,” Villanueva warned. “They’re going to reassign the job to a financial analyst, and not a first responder with experience managing natural disasters and man-made. We’re in the middle of a global public health crisis.

“They need to remain focused on this united front against this spread of the coronavirus, so that together we can save lives. This is not meant to stoke any fears, but we have to be united in this fight, and not to be distracted by politics because that has no place in this fight against this deadly disease.”

LEGALS

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 9770-AK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: SA & SAK, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 11837 LAKEWOOD BLVD. DOWNEY, CA 90241 Doing Business as: ALOHA LIQUOR All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: NONE The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: FARES MIDAA 11837 LAKEWOOD BLVD. DOWNEY, CA 90241 The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE and is/are located at: 11837 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241 The type of license to be transferred is/are: 21-OFF-SALE GENERAL LICENSE #570503 now issued for the premises located at: SAME The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 27, 2020 The Bulk sale subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2 The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$565,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$75,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$198,000.00; CHECK \$367,000.00; TOTAL \$565,000.00 It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/ Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/ Transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Dated: MARCH 4, 2020 SA & SAK, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Seller(s)/Licensee(s) FARES MIDAA, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) LA2502161 DOWNEY/PATRIOT 4/2/2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020061728
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) CREATIONS FLOWER SHOP, 9321 TELEGRAPH RD STE A, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9744 TERRADELL ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DIANA GUTIERREZ, 9321 TELEGRAPH RD STE A, PICO RIVERA CA 90660 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 12, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020062283
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) MV-RN CONSULTING, 11644 GLENWORTH STREET, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MONIQUE VELASCO, 11644 GLENWORTH STREET, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2020 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 13, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020063607
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) EXOTICA LINGERIE, 3916 TWEEDY BOULEVARD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY, 10043 SIDEVIEW DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA TURIENZO, 10043 SIDEVIEW DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2018 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 13, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020054143
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) PENNY’S MARKETING, 5721 TAFT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KARINA ANDRADE, 5721 TAFT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2020 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 4, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020062212
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) NENA’S HAIR DESIGN, 12040 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARISOL LOPEZ, 1527 JUNIPERO AVE. APT 15, LONG BEACH CA 90804 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020047388
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) ACTIVE ELECTRIC CO INC, 1017 S MONTEBELLO BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 2047203 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CYNTHIA ALLEN, 7903 ELM AVENUE 197, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 26, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020037240
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) RESTORE LIFE CPR, 7903 ELM AVENUE 197, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CYNTHIA ALLEN, 7903 ELM AVENUE 197, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2015 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 13, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020061251
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) BUILT FURNITURE, 13308 VALLEY BLVD, LA PUENTE CA 91746, LA COUNTY, P.O. BOX 2506, PASADENA CA 91102**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS VALLADARES, 13308 VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE CA 91746 State of Incorporation: N/A

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Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation...

The county, The Downey Patriot March 13, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per MATTHEW IVAN ESPINOSA LOPEZ 11543 FOSTER RD NORWALK, CA 90650

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROY ORTEGA

Case No. 20STPB00730 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROY ORTEGA A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: RHONDA ORTEGA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

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...

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Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Sports Complex - Demolition and Abatement

Ohno Construction is requesting bids for "Abatement of Hazardous Materials and Demolition of Existing Structures and Foundations" for the development of a 5-acre sports center.

Bids are now due on April 17, 2020 at 2:00 PM. Bids are being received thru email at estimating@ohnoconstruction.com.

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The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received.

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00050 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ENRIQUE ANDRES CORREA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ENRIQUE ANDRES CORREA to Proposed name (1) ANDY CORREA

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: APRIL 22, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation...

All subcontractors who are interested in bidding this project should agree to the CWA requirement set forth by the County of Los Angeles. A copy of the CWA Agreement has been posted in our website for your review.

Here is the link to the CWA: https://ohno.sharefile.com/home/shared/f0be0d2c-244d-4b9e-aa3e-32019564454c

Login Information: Username: caprojects@ohnooc.com Password: Cnno0c1966

For questions you can contact the Project Manager Tyler Britz at 760-619-7967

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Email: estimating@ohnoconstruction.com Contact: Eithel Montano 206.267.8647

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP000101 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Matthew Ivan Espinosa Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Matthew Ivan Espinosa Lopez to Proposed name (1) Matthew Espinosa

NOTICE OF HEARING

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The estimated construction costs is \$1,200,000.00 for the Wilderness Park Pond Restoration Project - Ponds & Electrical (CIP No. 15-21D).

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC City Clerk

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00062 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENETTE GRACIANO and PAUL BUSTAMANTE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JAYLA FAITH GRACIANO ROMAN to Proposed name (1) JAYLA FAITH BUSTAMANTE

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00096 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner David Rosales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) David Rosales to Proposed name (1) David Aguilera

Date: MAY 13, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation...

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Mortgage rates jump, continuing stretch of volatility

Mortgage rates rose sharply in the past week, reversing recent declines and continuing a torrid stretch of wild swings that has gone on for the better part of the past three weeks.

The mortgage market is facing the next phase in what is continuing to evolve into a perfect storm.

Aggressive interventions by the Federal Reserve initially

helped address some volatility in rates brought upon by underlying strains in the secondary markets for mortgages.

And actions taken by other government agencies offered support to many borrowers who were at risk of missing monthly payments because of coronavirus impacts. But these well-intentioned measures may have produced new challenges for mortgage lenders and servicers,

who now face the prospect of short-term cash shortages due to missed payments and disruption to usually reliable risk hedges.

These new constraints have manifested themselves in mortgage rates that remain all over the place on a day-to-day basis and no longer follow their usually rock-solid and largely predictable relationship with Treasury yields. Demand for unconventional mortgages

— namely jumbo loans — is also drying up on the secondary market.

Taken together, it's clear that absent any pointed relief for lenders and servicers, mortgage rates are likely to remain somewhat high and wild swings in rates will continue in the near future."

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Should I get a fixed or ARM mortgage?

Many home buyers gravitate toward the traditional fixed-rate mortgage — often with 15- or 30-year terms — but home loans aren't one-size-fits-all. You may be able to get an even lower initial interest rate, and a term that's more suitable to your needs, with an adjustable-rate mortgage, or ARM.

Comparing ARM and fixed-rate mortgages will help you choose the best home loan for your current needs and future goals.

The biggest difference between ARM and fixed-rate mortgages is how interest works. Fixed-rate loans have interest rates that never change. ARM rates reset at specific intervals over the full loan term. Adjustable-rate mortgages can be a powerful tool for home buyers with shorter-term goals in mind, but they do have their risks.

ARMs begin with a set interest rate for a specified period of time, then the rate is adjusted periodically after that. The key to knowing how an ARM will adjust is hidden in its name: A 5/1 ARM means your rate will be fixed for five years, then adjusted

annually, for example. The most common ARM terms have initial fixed-rate periods of three, five, seven or 10 years.

Although ARM interest rates start lower than fixed-rate loan rates, there's always a chance they will reset higher several times over the life of the loan, increasing your mortgage payment.

If you're settled into your career, have a growing family or are ready to set down some roots in a community you love, a 15- or 30-year fixed-rate mortgage may

be right for you. With a locked-in rate, you'll always know what your payment will be. And if rates drop or your home appreciates significantly a few years into your mortgage, you can always take advantage by refinancing into another fixed-rate mortgage at the lower rate.

Adjustable-rate mortgages, on the other hand, most often appeal to first-time homebuyers because lower rates boost buying power. If you're advancing in a career that could require you to move within a few years, are thinking about starting a family,

or just want to keep your long-term options open, an ARM could be a good choice. You'll get the benefit of a lower introductory rate and the flexibility to move away or trade up to a bigger home before the fixed-rate period ends.

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