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Only 34, Downey man recovers after Covid-19 put him in ICU

DOWNEY — “The hardest part about being in the hospital for three weeks is that my family isn’t able to visit me,” Raul Marin said from his hospital bed.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, the state of California requires hospitals to restrict visitors to help reduce the spread of the disease. Marin, 34, who had a cough and a fever that wouldn’t go away, was being treated for COVID-19 at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center.

“When I first found out I was positive [for COVID-19], I was really scared. I wasn’t the healthiest person at the time, and I knew it wasn’t just a regular flu,” Marin said. “I told my mom, ‘I am going to the hospital and we’ll see what happens. I told her to keep me in her prayers.’”

Since his early symptoms wouldn’t go away, back in March, Marin called the Kaiser Permanente Advice Nurse phone line and was instructed to go to the Emergency Room where he was tested. At the time, test results took a few days to come back and he was sent home to rest and await results.

He had to return to the Emergency Room the next day because he was experiencing shortness of breath. He was put on oxygen for a couple hours and when he wasn’t producing enough oxygen on his own, he was told they are going to admit him to the intensive care

unit (ICU) and put him on a ventilator.

“Being told I was going to be put on a ventilator was really scary,” Marin said. “But the doctors did not give up on me. They made me feel like I could beat this.”

While he was in the ICU, his care team was nothing but hopeful. When asked what’s been most helpful to help get him through this, Marin doesn’t hesitate.

“I appreciate everything Kaiser Permanente has done. Everyone has been great—from the lab techs, to the nurses, to the security guards. Everyone pitched in to put me back into one piece.”

Marin formed some bonds with a few nurses in particular and credits them with helping him to recover. “I discovered one nurse [Chris Moreno, RN] shares the same faith as me. He offered to pray for me,” Marin recounts. “When he prayed for me, he told me, ‘This is just like climbing a mountain, you have to take it one step at a time, you can’t jump.’ It was one of the most amazing moments.”

He credits another nurse, William “Willy” Spencer, RN, to being an integral part of his care team.

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Raul Marin recuperates at home. (Photo courtesy Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center)

Doctors urge residents not to put off medical appointments

DOWNEY — As the country continues to battle the current COVID-19 pandemic, PIH Health would like to reassure the community that its hospitals and medical offices remain available to provide needed medical care, even if not related to COVID-19.

Many patients and community members have medical needs unrelated to the coronavirus but are ignoring symptoms, not showing up for follow-up scans, or delaying care due to a fear of going to a physician office, urgent care center or Emergency Department. Delaying needed medical attention can potentially be detrimental to health.



Dr. Jaime Diaz

PIH Health continues to provide safe in-person visits and urges patients not to hesitate in reaching out their primary and specialty physicians in order to receive the care they need. PIH Health has taken steps to minimize risk of infection in all its hospitals and outpatient locations to ensure patients can interact with health providers in a safe environment.

The following is a Q&A with Dr. Jaime Diaz, MD PIH Health Urgent Care System medical director and chief medical officer for PIH Health Downey Hospital.

Is it safe right now to visit my doctor?

Visiting your doctor’s office is safe. PIH Health has taken many measures to assure the safety of our

patients and staff.

Primary care and specialty physicians are available for telephone and video visits so that the community can continue to receive care. If people need medical care, they should reach out to their physician’s office.

If I visit my physician, am I taking away resources that would otherwise go towards coronavirus patients?

Definitely not. While battling the current COVID-19 pandemic is a high priority, PIH Health is also able to safely care for other medical needs.

What precautions should I take before going to the doctor’s office?

Follow CDC guidelines and protect yourself and others by wearing a face mask. Also, wash your hands thoroughly and frequently and of course, practice social distancing.

Can I still have my regularly scheduled surgery?

Yes, PIH Health continues to provide needed surgical and procedural services. It is recommended that you call your doctor’s office to help in the coordination of your procedure and to receive detailed instructions on any special measures needed.

What has PIH Health done to make its doctors’ offices safe for patients?

PIH Health has taken extra precautionary measures

to ensure the safety and well-being of our patients. PIH Health Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Centers and Medical Offices are screening patients prior to entering the building and anyone with a fever, or respiratory or flu-like symptoms is escorted to separate spaces for care, away from other patients, to minimize risk of infection. Anyone entering our facilities is screened (not tested), has their temperature taken, uses hand sanitizer and wears a mask.

I’m thinking of taking a break from my doctor until the fall, when things calm down. Is that a bad idea?

People should not let COVID-19 delay needed medical care. Many members of our community have health issues that are unrelated to COVID-19, and yet they are ignoring symptoms, canceling follow-up imaging tests, or delaying care due to a fear of seeking medical treatments at a physician office, urgent care center or Emergency Department. Delaying needed medical attention can potentially be detrimental to your health.

We encourage patients to call their doctor’s offices to schedule video visits or in-person visits. Video visits, also known as telehealth appointments, can be utilized for PIH Health patients via our PIH Health patient portal. Patients can visit PIHHealth.org/MyPIHHealth to learn more.

Interview conducted by Eric Pierce

Eric Pierce announces candidacy for Downey City Council

A longtime civic leader, Eric Pierce is seeking the District 5 seat being left vacant by termed out Councilman Alex Saab.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Longtime resident and community volunteer Eric Pierce announced his intention to run for Downey’s City Council this November, becoming the first to do so in this election season.

Pierce, 38, will bid for the city-wide District 5 seat, which will be vacated by current Councilman Alex Saab when he terms-out later this year.

“Downey is the best community to live, work, and raise a family, and I want to ensure it remains that way,” said Pierce in a statement released on Monday. “I’ve dedicated the

past two decades to Downey and serving on the City Council would be the ultimate form of community service.”

He says his campaign platform will focus on three areas: public safety, quality of life, and cultural arts.

Saab is endorsing Pierce, calling him “the best person for the job.”

“Eric Pierce has a keen understanding of how city government works, and I know he will uphold the values that Downey residents cherish,” said Saab. “He’s a leader who genuinely cares for Downey and has our residents’ best interests at heart.”

Pierce also has the endorsement of Downey Unified School Board members Martha Sodetani, Nancy Swenson, Bobbi Samperi, Tod Corrin,

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Eric Pierce receives a city proclamation in 2019. From left: Mayor Blanca Pacheco, Councilman Alex Saab, Eric Pierce and Councilman Rick Rodriguez. Photo by Claudia Gomez

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 84°

Saturday 81°

Sunday 79°

THINGS TO WATCH



Back to the Future

Netflix (film)

Eccentric inventor Doc Brown turns a DeLorean into a time machine that inadvertently sends his young friend, Marty McFly, 30 years into the past.



The Patriot

Netflix (film)

A widower and past war hero just wants to live in peace and farm his land -- until a cruel British officer brings the American Revolution to his door.



Murder to Mercy: The Cyntoia Brown Story

Netflix (documentary)

After 16-year-old Cyntoia Brown is sentenced to life in prison, questions about her past, physiology and the law itself call her guilt into question.



Fun With Dick and Jane

Netflix (film)

After losing their high-paying corporate jobs, an upwardly mobile couple turns to robbing banks to maintain their standard of living.



Hustlers

Hulu (film)

A crew of savvy former strip club employees band together to turn the tables on their Wall Street clients.



Where'd You Go, Bernadette

Hulu (film)

Cate Blanchett stars as Bernadette, a loving mother and wife who embarks on journey to rediscover herself.

Crime Report

Monday, April 27

Detectives are investigating a strong arm robbery that occurred around 10 am in the 7100 block of Firestone Blvd. The male suspect entered the location and was attempting to take store merchandise as a customer intervened. A fight ensued and the suspect then fled westbound on foot with the loss. The customer sustained a minor injury.

Tuesday, April 28

At approximately 3 am, officers responded to a burglary in progress in the 8200 block of Phlox. The victim observed a male suspect force entry into his commercial business. The suspect began taking property from the office and warehouse. Officers arrived on scene and during a search of the property, located the suspect hiding in a storage room.

Wednesday, April 29

Detectives are investigating a robbery involving a simulated firearm that occurred around 6 am in the 10000 block of Lakewood Blvd. The masked male suspect entered the store and walked around the front counter with his hands in his waistband. The suspect yelled at the clerk who, in fear, dropped a money bag on the ground in front of the suspect. The suspect stole the money bag and fled on foot.

Thursday, April 30

At approximately 3:30 pm, officers located a stolen vehicle at Downey Ave. and Gardendale. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, an adult male, was detained without incident. The vehicle was recovered and the driver was arrested for auto theft.

Friday, May 1

At approximately 2:35 pm, officers located an armed and dangerous vehicle near Firestone and Woodruff that had been used in a shooting in LAPD's area. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted and the driver was detained for LAPD who responded to the location and took custody of the suspect.

Saturday, May 2

Detectives are investigating a commercial burglary that occurred around 3:55 am in the 9400 block of Telegraph. Officers responded to the location after the business owner witnessed the suspects drive a black SUV into the front of the store. The business owner was nearby and observed several suspects enter the store then quickly return to the vehicle. The suspects were last seen fleeing in the vehicle eastbound on Telegraph. Alcohol, cash, and lottery tickets were taken.

Downey at 253 cases as California prepares to reopen

DOWNEY — The number of known coronavirus cases in Downey reached 253 this week as hopeful state and county leaders prepared for a slow reopening of businesses.

Golf courses, including both courses in Downey, can reopen Saturday, with restrictions:

- Golf courses are open for regular play of no more than 4 players per tee time. Tee times will be at least 10 minutes apart. No tournaments or group play.

- Physical distancing of 6 feet always required. No group gathering allowed on the course or in the parking lot.

- Online reservations and payment recommended. Golf courses will accept payment online, only by debit, credit or gift card.

- Push carts and walking recommended. Golf carts are limited to single riders.

- Rental golf clubs and push carts are not available.

- Bring your own water. Drinking fountains are closed.

- Golfers may not touch, remove or adjust the flag stick during their round. Course green cups are touchless. Rakes, ball washers, benches, divot boxes and sand bottles will be removed.

- Driving ranges open. One-hour time limit may be enforced. Practice putting and chipping greens remain closed.

- Clubhouses and pro shops remain closed. Restaurants and cafes open for take-out only.

Effective Friday, florists, toy stores, book stores, clothing stores, sporting goods stores and music stores will be allowed to open for curbside pickup only.

Car dealership showrooms will also be allowed to reopen.

The reopening plans came as L.A. County Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer reported another 55 coronavirus deaths Wednesday and 851 new cases. It brings L.A. County's death toll to 1,367, and its total number of cases to 28,644.

All this comes after California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday that the state will begin

moving into the second phase of his four-phase reopening plan, which involves reopening businesses and workplaces that are deemed low-risk because they can easily enact social distancing guidelines.

Ferrer laid out a five-stage recovery plan that the county will follow as it reopens.

Friday's actions will mark the beginning of stage two of the plan. Eventually, low-risk businesses such as manufacturers and offices will reopen, along with libraries, museums and cultural centers

"As a reminder, all of the business that will reopen in a much modified way that allows for optimum physical distancing and infection control practices, and all of the business are encouraged to make sure that their employees are allowed to continue to telework wherever that's possible and it makes sense," Ferrer said.

Stage three will see higher-risk businesses reopen, such bars and nightclubs, movie theaters, bowling alleys, tattoo and massage parlors.

Stage three will also include schools and colleges.

Ferrer did not provide an estimated timeline for when the county might enter stage three.

Stage four will see the reopening of the highest-risk businesses, including sporting and spectator sports, entertainment venues and convention centers.

Stage five will see the county return to fully normal operations.

Shannon Cuthbertson

You are the best mother I ever had. You are strong, funny, and utterly fantastic. Your only son, Jayden!

I love you mom more than ever. You are my sunshine and I really love you! Happy Mother's Day!!! I ❤️ U Megan!

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OBITUARIES

Oscar Chávez

One of Mexico's best-known protest singers, Oscar Chávez, died April 30 at age 85 after being infected with the coronavirus.

Mexico's culture secretary confirmed the singer's death, and the State Workers' Social Security Institute said he died of complications from COVID-19 after he was hospitalized on Tuesday with symptoms.

The institute said Chávez had "evident respiratory difficulty" and had a chronic lung condition. It said he tested positive for the coronavirus and succumbed to COVID-19 related pneumonia.

Chávez was best known for folk-style songs lampooning Mexico's corrupt political elite. One such song was "La Casita" ("The Little House"), which described an imaginary politician's mansion.

Culture Secretary Alejandra Frausto wrote in her Twitter account: "Thank you, Oscar Chávez, your life was journey worthy of you! My deepest sympathy to your relatives, friends and companions in struggle and song."

Interior Secretary Olga Sánchez wrote: "I have learned to my deep regret that a voice of the struggle has been silenced. My deepest sympathy to the family of Oscar Chávez."

Chávez sang ballads since the 1960s and played in public as recently as 2019.

Don Shula

Don Shula, the NFL's winningest coach who led the Miami Dolphins to the league's only undefeated season, died Monday. He was 90.

The Dolphins issued a statement saying Shula died "peacefully at his home."

"Don Shula was the patriarch of the Miami Dolphins for 50 years," the statement said. "He brought the winning edge to our franchise and put the Dolphins and the city of Miami in the national sports scene. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Anne along with his children Dave, Donna, Sharon, Anne and Mike."

Shula won an NFL-record 347 games, including playoff games. He coached the Dolphins to the league's only undefeated season (17-0) in 1972, culminating in a 14-7 victory over the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII.

The Dolphins repeated as champions the next season, beating the Minnesota Vikings 24-7 in Super Bowl VIII, the third straight title game Miami had played in; the Dolphins lost 24-3 to the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl VI.

In all, Shula guided the Dolphins to five Super Bowls, including losses to the Redskins (27-17 in Super Bowl XVII) and San Francisco 49ers (38-16 in Super Bowl XIX).

Before coming to Miami, Shula coached the Baltimore Colts, who made him the then-youngest NFL coach when they hired him at age 33 in 1963. He led the Colts to Super Bowl III, the first title game to officially have "Super Bowl" in its name. Baltimore lost 16-7 to quarterback Joe Namath and the New York Jets, who became the first AFL team to win a Super Bowl.

By the time he resigned as Dolphins coach after the 1995 season, Shula had been an NFL head coach for 33 seasons, 26 with Miami.

Only two of his Dolphins teams finished below .500. He finished with an overall coaching record of 347-173-6 (73-26-4 with Baltimore).

Shula coached three Hall of Fame quarterbacks: Johnny Unitas, Bob Griese and Dan Marino. During his 26 seasons in Miami, he became an institution, and his name adorns an expressway, an athletic club and a steakhouse chain.

Cady Groves

Cady Groves, a pop and country singer and songwriter, died over the weekend at her home in Tennessee, Camus Celli, CEO of Vel Records, told CNN. She was 30.

"Her death appears to be from natural causes, pending a final coroner's report. Foul play and self-harm have both been ruled out by the coroner," Celli said in a statement on Monday.

Groves, originally from Kansas, had just wrapped her upcoming 2020 album which was set to be due out this summer, according to her label. Some of her most popular songs include "This Little Girl," "Love Actually" and "Forget You."

Groves toured with LMFAO, Good Charlotte and Third Eye Blind and was continuing to play shows for fans in Nashville.

"Those closest to Cady want people to know she loved music, laughter, cooking, tacos and, especially, her family," Celli said in his statement.

Groves' family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to the Music Health Alliance or MusiCares.

In Memory of



Brownie Brown

July 2, 1928 - April 2, 2020

Brownie Brown was born July 2, 1928 in Los Angeles CA. He passed away on April 2, 2020 in Union City, CA. He was the son of Harold and Blanche Lily Brown. Brownie graduated Downey High School in 1947. After serving in the Army, he spent his early career in the lunch truck business for his mom's business "Blanche Brown Lunches". He later became a Real Estate Broker in Downey. Brownie was very active in the Downey Rose Float Association, he served as float driver and a term as President. He was active in the Downey and Chino Hills Lions Clubs serving as President and receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was active in the Downey Masons. Brownie was a former member of the Downey First Presbyterian Church. Brownie and his wife volunteered many times on mission trips helping to rehabilitate Christian camps and schools. Brownie spent several summers acting as a camp host. Brownie loved to travel, especially on cruises. Brownie, along with his wife, lived in the Masonic Homes of Covina and Union City.

Brownie believed strongly in giving back to the community, always seeking out ways to lend a hand. He loved to travel and explore new places. Brownie was a people person, always ready to learn about people of all cultures, religions and from all walks of lives. Brownie touched many lives in his over 91 years.

Brownie is survived by his wife Georgia of Union City; his children: Ken (Anne) of Alpena MI; Laurie (Rory) Gibson of Florissant CO; Joyce (Hank) Feldman of Long Beach; his brothers: Ron (Leta) of Redondo Beach; Evert (Louise) of Boulder, CO; his nine grandchildren and his six great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Downey Rose Float Association in his memory.

In Memory of

Thresa Mae Cheek

November 18, 1927 - April 19, 2020



Thresa Mae Cheek passed away Sunday, April 19, 2020 at age 92. She was born on November 18, 1927 in Pleasant Plains, Illinois to Henry and Ethel Alexander. She married Ewing A. Cheek on December 16, 1951 in Pleasant Plains, Illinois and moved to California upon his discharge from the U.S Navy where they lived in Compton and Bellflower before settling in Downey in 1960. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cheek, as he was known, who passed away on September 30, 1986.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Guy) Ray of Lakewood, CA, son Jim Cheek of Tehachapi, CA, daughter Donna Cheek of Valencia, CA and granddaughter Allison Cheek of Tehachapi, CA. She is also survived by a brother, Audie Alexander of Pleasant Plains, IL, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Thresa was very active while her children were in school by being a room mother and enjoyed hobbies such as cake decorating, ceramics and upholstery. She returned to work at Superior Honey and Los Angeles Chemical, both in South Gate. She was also always willing to help out at her church, first at North Bellflower Church of Christ, then later at South Gate Church of Christ.

After retiring, she stayed involved at her church by quilting lap robes for convalescent homes, food distribution and helping out wherever the need was greatest.

Thresa stayed active into her later years, taking exercise classes, canning berries, candy making, jewelry making and staying involved at South Gate Church of Christ. She will be greatly missed by her devoted family, friends and all those who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Donations in Thresa's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Rancho Foundation marches forward

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY — What happens when one of Downey's landmark fundraisers, given on behalf of a beloved institution, is canceled at the last minute?

"Our annual Amistad Gala," said Deborah Arroyo, "that was scheduled for March 21, 2020, has historically been the foundation's largest fundraiser of the year with more than 300 guests in attendance, was cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Occasions like this are mainly a time for friends to meet, raise philanthropic dollars, and treat themselves to a well-earned celebration of the accomplishments of the past year. One of the secrets to "what makes Downey work," is that so many local volunteer organizations come together to help. But this year they were not able to.

"While all of our Amistad sponsors were so generous," said Deb, the executive director of the foundation, "and insisted that we retain their donation, we still find ourselves facing a \$50,000 deficit because we had to cancel the event. The proceeds are entirely in support of patient programs."

It's the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year, held in the ballroom of the Westin Hotel in Long Beach. The theme of last year's glamorous festivities was Black and White, and Deborah was resplendent in gauzy black tulle, greeting everyone as hostess.

Also welcoming guests in wheelchair, tux and black tie, was Gilbert Salinas, Chief Clinical Officer at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

To be in a chair at Rancho is to be one of the stars of the show. The Foundation is proud of the mobility in recovering patients, and everyone admires the strength and will power that makes such success possible.

This is the important part: in 1983 when volunteers organized the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, its purpose was to see that patients receive treatments and programs that are not funded by insurance. And to bring them programs outside of their financial means and not within the county budget.

Now the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with two full-time staff members. Twelve individuals serve on the Foundation's volunteer board of directors, and its mission is to restore health, rebuild life, and revitalize hope for persons with a life-changing illness, injury, or disability such as stroke or spinal injury.

"We have been attending Amistad since 1991," said Beverly Mathis, "and we have never missed a year. I first was involved on the planning committee in 2009 and then I chaired the event for several years. As for a 'most touching' moment we would have to say that miracles happen every day at Rancho and just being involved becomes a truly inspirational experience."

Bev is a longtime Soroptimist, married to Sam Mathis, of the Downey Optimists. Optimist Club was the honoree at the 1991 Amistad Gala, and genial table host Sam Mathis has been active with the Foundation for 40 years.

"Sam has said that seeing the smiling faces of the pediatric patients when they receive a balloon is worth a million dollars," said Bev.

With donors large and small, the foundation for almost four decades has helped provide patient-centered services and programs each fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th); the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation provides more than \$550,000 for patients who have suffered spiral cord injury, stroke, traumatic brain injury, and other neurological disorders.

"Typically, at the ball," said Deb, "we have a silent auction, and the highlight of the evening is Fund-A-Miracle. Guests offer to fund a miracle from a list of possibilities, and they plan ahead for their bid. Bidders attach small adhesive tabs with their personal bidding number to a fingernail to signal a bid."

By raising a hand, a runner is summoned to record the offer and solidify the "bid." Cool.

For \$1,000, one could fund someone in adult arts, robotic work, or help a child with cerebral palsy who has special wheelchair needs. Five hundred dollars sends someone to wheelchair basketball camp, and that is a wickedly rugged game. Players have to be fit. \$250 pays for a Wellness Center scholarship.

There are also sponsorships on all levels and a continual slide show highlights close-ups of the patients' faces as they get to enjoy much needed recreational experiences.

The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation provides financial support to the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Hospital, with year-round programs that help the thousands of patients treated at Rancho each year, like free wheelchair New Year's day parties on the outdoor patio, or art classes for stroke or amputee victims who learn to use the other side of their brain.

The Amistad Gala has a long lasting and deep impact on the work that Rancho does to return patients to their family, school or job, and to a dignified quality of life. Downeyites have long



Photo courtesy Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

contributed by attending the annual black-tie Amistad Gala evening.

To help meet the needs of the hospital's diverse disabled population are small and personalized projects like wooden spoons hand-carved to fit around a patient's hand and paralyzed fingers. Stroke patients can feed themselves from specially mounted trays mounted like an artist's palette on a table. On the far end of the rainbow of possibilities, research is being funded for a robotic machine that is able to get in sync with the human brain.

So many activities are going on at the foundation, that interested volunteers can find something to join. The Volunteer Office also welcomes help.

The foundation is supported by events like this; private donations small and large; as well as county grants through Supervisor Janice Hahn's Office; grants from foundations like Hoag and Annenberg; and the LA County

Department of Arts and Culture.

So, what happens when the Foundation's major fundraiser is cancelled?

"The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation has found more and more ways to help our Rancho Los Amigos family get through the stress of this pandemic," said Deb. "During the Covid-19 pandemic the board and the staff have been successfully meeting via conference calls."

"Through partnerships and donations," Deb said, "from various local restaurants and our own vendors, the foundation has been arranged food donations for the hospital's frontline staff, the physicians, nurses, therapists, etc. multiple times a week."

"The Rancho Foundation continues to work full time," says Deb, "to make sure that for each and every patient, the programs they rely on go uninterrupted."

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San Francisco legislators need a lesson in basic economics

By Veronique de Rugy

Have you ever wondered why it seems like some places have a high concentration of elected officials with little to no economic knowledge whatsoever? I have. While I don't have a solution for this deficiency, I'd like to highlight one city in particular where this seems to be the case: San Francisco.

The COVID-19 pandemic now underway in the United States is, of course, wreaking havoc throughout our economy. Fortunately, entrepreneurs and corporate managers have been trying to figure out how to transform their operations in order to keep their businesses afloat. Thank goodness for the profit motive!

One industry has moved impressively fast: food service. It didn't take long for restaurants to shift their energy and resources toward selling food for pickup or delivery. Throughout the country, consumers are now as never before ordering food from their favorite joints — fancy and greasy spoons alike — to enjoy in the comfort of their homes.

This has caused a surge in demand for drivers to deliver the food. Precoronavirus, many restaurants didn't deliver at all, so they had to create home-delivery capacities from scratch. Others have had to step up capacity by adding more drivers. And many restaurants now increasingly rely on delivery services like UberEats and Grubhub. Following this sharp increase in demand for driving services, delivery fees have risen. This increase in fees is exactly what economics predicts will happen and recommends should happen. The higher fees reflect the increased demand for delivery services

while simultaneously giving stronger incentives to more people to become delivery drivers.

However, San Francisco legislators don't get it. On April 10, the city of San Francisco issued an emergency order mandating that delivery companies that wish to continue to operate in the city cap the fees they charge restaurants at 15% of each order's amount. Mayor London Breed explained, "These fees typically range from 10% to 30% and can represent a significant portion of a restaurant's revenue, especially at a time when the vast majority of sales are for delivery. This commission fee can wipe out a restaurant's entire margin."

Yes, these fees will eat up some of the restaurants' profits if restaurants decide not — or are unable — to shift at least some of the higher costs on to their customers. But having too few or no delivery drivers won't help their business either, and this government-imposed cap on fees will reduce the number of drivers. Unable to charge higher fees, delivery services cannot pay drivers higher wages. This results in fewer drivers and longer delivery times.

Capping these fees also reduces incentives for entrepreneurs to start new delivery services — new services that would ensure fees stay as low as possible over time.

Meanwhile, following San Francisco's emergency order, companies like Grubhub and UberEats explained why the fee cap would force them to reduce the scope of their services. UberEats noted that the limit on fees makes it difficult to cover operating costs, so they would need to stop delivering food to Treasure Island, a lower-income neighborhood further away from the city center.

This predictable response triggered an equally predictable but economically ignorant outrage from politicians.

San Francisco Supervisor Matt Haney tweeted, "This is DESPICABLE, outrageous behavior from @UberEats." According to him, "The caps on commissions are to protect small businesses and ensure they can survive during a GLOBAL PANDEMIC." Haney's disregard for the law of supply and demand underscores the fact that when governments make it impossible for companies to cover the costs of supplying some service, they'll stop supplying that service.

San Francisco politicians constantly treat reality as if it's optional. For instance, through strict zoning and other land-use regulations, they have artificially inflated the wealth of single-family homeowners by obstructing the building of multifamily homes. As a result, San Francisco is one of the least affordable cities for younger and lower-income people. Its politicians then double down with rent-control regulations to try to fix the negative impacts of their zoning rules. Yet these regulations only further reduce the supply, and further raise the price, of housing in the city. Yet to this day, elected officials there persist in their misguided policymaking, against the advice of every economist.

If politicians in San Francisco really want to help their citizens, they may want to brush up on basic economics. That would be a treat.

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What 'The Golden Girls' can teach us

By Froma Harrop

No surprise that Americans have spent much of their lockdown watching TV — nor that one of the most-watched shows has been "The Golden Girls." First aired in 1985, the sitcom portrays four older women, three widows and one divorcee, sharing a house in Miami.

They're "sheltering in place" in that they don't have outside jobs to go to. They do venture out to restaurants, volunteer work and hospitals, but almost all their activities take place at home. The enemy scratching at their windows is not a virus but the indignities of old age, which they shoo away with biting humor.

"They were all buying T-shirts," Dorothy (Bea Arthur) says of their contemporaries. "You know, the ones that say, 'Today is the first day of the end of your life.'"

As a team, they're doing just fine. More than that, they're having a mostly grand time. And that's why "The Golden Girls" currently ranks Hulu's top 10 streaming shows.

A Hulu spokeswoman explained its popularity as "comfort viewing." It is that but also an inspirational story of friends joining forces to face harsh realities.

Plots featuring four very different women teaming up have been a commonplace in American culture. The four women in "Sex and

the City," which premiered in 1998, nurse one another through emotional turmoil. And 130 years before that, there was the classic novel "Little Women."

But these other stories center on young (or youngish) women launching themselves into the bigger world. "The Golden Girls" is about the four older women coming in from a wider life of paying jobs, husbands and children at home.

Isn't that what some sequestered younger Americans now face? Some have lost their sources of income and had to move in with others. Working remotely has stripped many of the social connections they had at the office, factory, shop or school — which may be especially hard on single people.

The golden girls conquer the threat of loneliness. They show a fulfilling social life can grow almost entirely within the four walls of one house. A reason the sitcom is so popular with gay people is that the happy household consists of unrelated people of the same gender. (Another reason is the late Arthur, who left money for various LGBT causes.)

The show was way ahead on topics then little discussed on TV sitcoms: gay marriage, menopause, end-of-life issues. Even then, the "girls" made fun of themselves.

In a discussion about lesbians, Sophia (Estelle Getty) says, "I'd

rather live with a lesbian than a cat. Unless a lesbian sheds; that I don't like."

And their barbs about each other getting old are just as funny.

Rose (Betty White), the naive farm girl from Minnesota, asks, "Dorothy, was Sophia naked just now, or does her dress really need ironing?"

In another episode, Sophia steals a suave Cuban gent from the arms of the Southern sexpot, Blanche (Rue McClanahan). When caught, Sophia explains, "Look, we happen to be an item. I'm wearing his MedicAlert bracelet."

Three of the four female stars are gone. The survivor is the amazing and seemingly indestructible Betty White. Now 98, White entertained troops during World War II. Last year, she provided the voice for the toy tiger, Bitye White, in "Toy Story 4."

For many in the streaming audience, "The Golden Girls" supplies a blueprint for a future now taking shape. More of us will probably continue to work at home after the virus is tamed. Some are creating new communities of friends and family within one home. If that's the future, the Golden Girls show the future may not be all that bad.

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist. She can be reached at fharrop@gmail.com.

Testing is the key to reopening our economy

By Mona Charen

One of the less helpful aspects of our current quandary is the shrill argument between two closed-minded camps. One condemns those who wish to open up the economy as science-defying ghouls who care nothing for human life. The other depicts the stay-at-homes as economic saboteurs willing to destroy the national economy in the name of unobtainable safety.

Neither reckons with the indispensable bridge — the testing problem. Whatever mayors, governors, or presidents might say, we cannot restart the economy as long as people are too frightened to resume working, shopping, and socializing. An NPR/Marist poll found that 65% of Americans believe that it would be a "bad idea" to have people return to work until further testing is available, and 80% say the same about eating in restaurants. Even larger majorities oppose opening schools or sporting events.

On the other hand, it's simply untenable to keep huge sectors of the economy in what Will Wilkinson of the Niskanen Center calls "soft house arrest" indefinitely, or to open up only to be forced to shut down again in the face of new illness spikes. We are stuck in limbo. We've succeeded in flattening the curve but haven't conceived a way to avoid thousands of more deaths without causing an economic catastrophe.

Fortunately, the Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard has gathered experts from across the political spectrum and

prepared a very compelling roadmap for escaping from this trap. It requires shifting focus from quarantining the entire population (with its attendant economic pain) to testing on a massive scale, contact tracing and supported isolation (TTSI). With the proper level of TTSI, we could begin safely to reopen the economy, sector by sector, starting with the most essential.

We are currently testing about 150,000 people a day. That number needs to ramp up fast to 2 million a day and then quickly to 5 million per day, reaching 20 million by August. To accomplish this, Safra calls for a Pandemic Testing Board modeled on World War II's War Production Board to coordinate the innovation, supply chains and regulatory changes necessary to facilitate this. Testing is always a critical part of disease control, but never more than in this case, when so many carriers are asymptomatic.

Once infected people are identified, they need to be supported in isolation — meaning that they should be able to expect sick pay, the guarantee of a job when they return and perhaps temporary housing (hotels may be useful for those who need it). Their contacts must also be informed and urged to self-isolate for the two-week incubation period. Johns Hopkins University has estimated that we will need to hire and train at least 100,000 new personnel. This will involve the use of apps and other technologies that pose privacy concerns, but experience with other epidemics like HIV has shown that it can be done sensitively. After a negative test, people can safely return to

work.

Phase One would focus on essential workers, the 40% of the workforce who are not able to self-quarantine and alarming numbers of whom are falling ill. Doctors and nurses are at high risk. Seventeen percent of the New York City police force is infected, and the outbreak at meat processing plants has prompted the chairman of Tyson Foods to warn that the "food supply chain is breaking."

Phase Two would permit the reopening of many businesses while maintaining social distancing for vulnerable populations. Phase Three would see about 80% of the economy back on track, and Phase Four would see a new normal in which the economy returned to pre-pandemic levels but with testing, careful monitoring and improved decontamination to suppress further outbreaks.

If a vaccine comes along, so much the better. But this roadmap would permit us to cope with a world that contains COVID-19 — or some future pathogen — without letting it wreak devastation on the economy or our health.

How much would it cost? Between \$50 billion and \$300 billion over two years. But compared to what? The current lockdown regime is the costliest emergency of our lifetimes. The price we are paying now, including eye-popping outlays of up to \$350 billion a month from the federal government (spiking our national debt to levels unseen since World War II), lost education for children, bankruptcies, diminishing mental health, overwhelmed soup kitchens, spikes in domestic violence and more, is incalculable.

This roadmap — or something like it — offers a lifeline.

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California's recovery will be slow

Dear Editor:

Gov. Newsom has set up a taskforce on business and jobs recovery. It is an 80-member group.

That's right -- 80 people are on this committee. It includes the governor's chief of staff, Disney's Bob Iger, and Apple CEO Tim Cook. Tom Styer, the San Francisco billionaire who spent \$250 million to run for president on wealth tax, a carbon free economy, and slavery reparations, will lead it. I doubt if any of the members of this committee are concerned about having a job and where their next paycheck is coming from.

Mr. Styer was quoted as saying that the mission of this committee is to recover as fast as safely possible from the Covid-19 induced recession and to create a fair, green and prosperous future" that "remedies some of the injustices, which this Covid-19 has revealed in our society."

Gov. Newsom said, "We felt he was an ideal candidate to lead the charge and introduce the broader purpose behind this advisory committee."

This is the same Gov. Newsom who, last fall, ordered revenue redirected from the last gas tax hike, which was supposed to fund highway construction, to projects that "reverse the trend of increased fuel consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Some 3.1 million Californians filed for unemployment benefits in March, more than in all of 2008, during the nation's last recession. Based on Mr. Styer's and Mr. Newsom's comments, I think we can expect more regulation as this committee puts into place its "fair" and "green" policies. California's recovery will be slow.

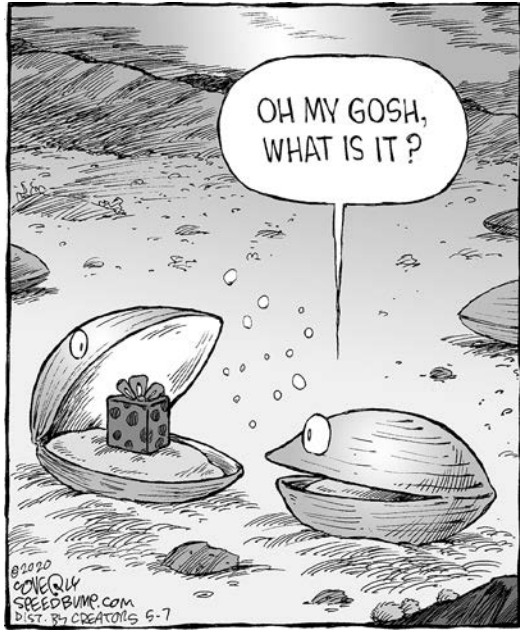
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Downey Community Calendar

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 Barabara 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 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.

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...

May 7, 1429: The English siege of Orleans was broken by Joan of Arc.

1942: In the Battle of the Coral Sea, Japanese and American navies attacked each other with carrier planes. It was the first time in the history of naval warfare where two enemy fleets fought without seeing each other.

1951: Russia was admitted to participate in the 1952 Olympic Games by the International Olympic Committee.

1994: The Edvard Munch painting "The Scream" was recovered after being stolen 3 months earlier from an Oslo Museum. This version of "The Scream", one of four different versions, was painted on paper.

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MY BOY FRIEND'S BACK: At last!

by Gail Grabowski

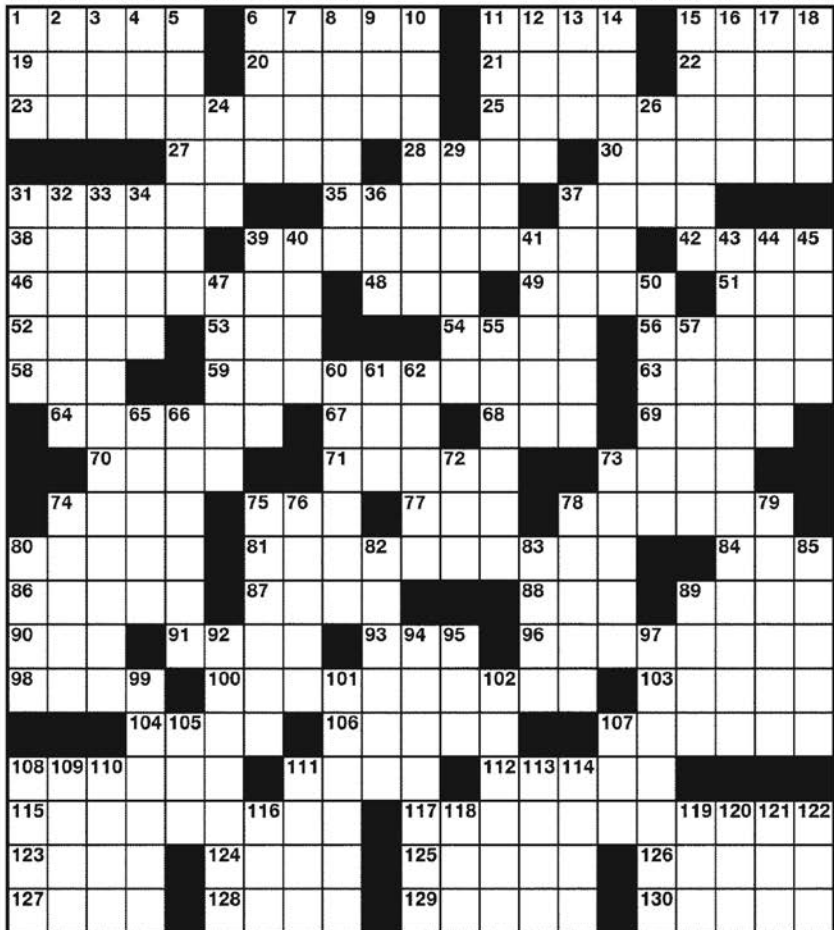
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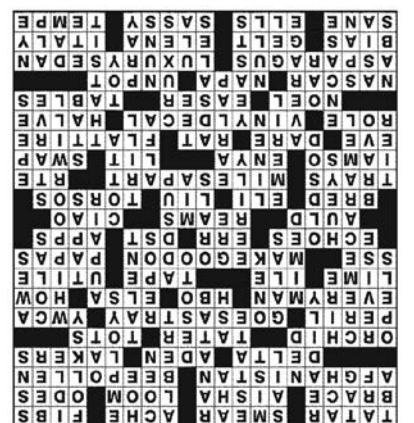


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Parishioners were able to receive “drive-thru blessings” at St. Raymond Catholic Church on Sunday, as well as partake in communion and confession.

Clergy say that they will continue to offer this service until stay-at-home orders and public gathering limits are lifted. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)



Jazlyn Fernandez cried tears of joy after she was surprised by birthday celebration recently. Jazlyn was originally going to celebrate her 11th birthday at Slimefest but those plans were canceled due to the safer-at-home orders.

“As parents, we were not going to let Jazlyn Fernandez down by not celebrating her 11th birthday, said her mom, Karyn Fernandez. “So we decided to have a drive-by bday celebration where her friends and family paraded down our street while she stood in front of our house surprised to see everyone. Her friends and family honked their horns, decorated their cars and gave her a gift to wish her a happy birthday.”



Three-hundred families took part in the Downey YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day drive-thru event last Saturday.

“As families entered the parking lot we asked them to share a few words of inspiration, evidenced by the picture with all the positive uplifting words,” said Lori Tiffany, executive director of the Downey YMCA. “The parking lot was decorated with our four core values and cute chalk drawings thanks to our volunteers.

“Next they drove further into our parking lot and the kids were given water balloons to throw at our dumpsters that had chalk drawings on it that said ‘Destroy Coronavirus.’ Very clever and the kids had a blast throwing the balloons. We had music playing and encouraged those to show us some moves from the car.

“Moving-on to the other side of the parking lot the youth got to shoot a basket from the car and lastly they received a bag full of fun beach toys, jump rope, coloring book, healthy snacks and some Healthy Family Home activities to do at home.

The cars were wrapped around the block! The final count was 300 families, 15 volunteers, four staff and countless smiles. It felt so good to do something so positive during this difficult time.”

Eric Pierce running for City Council



Eric Pierce announced his candidacy for City Council. (Courtesy photo)

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Giggy Perez-Saab, and D. Mark Morris, as well as six former Downey mayors including Saab, current councilman Rick Rodriguez, David Gafin, Kirk Cartozian, Mario A. Guerra and Meredith Perkins.

Pierce has nearly 20 years of volunteer experience in Downey, including a term as president of Gangs Out of Downey. During this period, Pierce budgeted funds to help pay for police officers at Downey, Warren and Columbus high schools to enhance student safety.

His service also includes past president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, plus current roles as a

board member of the Downey Symphony, TLC Family Resource Center board member, Downey Unified School District Measure O citizens bond oversight committee chair, volunteer adult advisor to Warren High School’s Key Club, and past board member of the Downey YMCA.

Pierce has worked at the Downey Patriot newspaper since 2002. As editor, he has worked to build collaborations within the Downey community and increase government transparency. His journalism has won awards from the Los Angeles Press Club and California Newspaper Publishers Association.

He is also a Realtor with Century 21 Peak in Downey.

He and his wife, Nicole, live in Downtown Downey.

Mayor Blanca Pacheco (District 1) and Councilmember Rick Rodriguez (District 3) are up for re-election, as are four members of the Downey Board of Education: Tod Corrin, D. Mark Morris, Donald LaPlante and Giggy-Perez Saab.

The election, which will also see the country select a president, is scheduled for Nov. 3.

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Downey Kaiser hospital gets 'A' grade

DOWNEY — Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center was awarded an 'A' in the spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center's achievements providing safer health care.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade is a letter grade assigned to all general hospitals across the country and updated every six months, assessing how well the hospital prevents medical errors and other harms to patients.

"This recognition is a testament to our staff and physicians who spend every day working to ensure our patients are safe while under our care and we're extremely proud of that," said Jim Branchick, senior vice president and area manager, Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center. "Physicians and staff here at our medical center hold the highest safety standards while delivering on the mission to provide the exceptional health care for which Kaiser Permanente is known."

"Members gain more confidence in Kaiser Permanente's patient-centered, physician-led system knowing that they're receiving care at one of the nation's safest hospitals," said James T. Lee, MD, area medical director, Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center. "Receiving high marks from the Leapfrog Group is a testament to Kaiser Permanente's commitment to quality health care and patient safety."

"As the nation copes with a challenging pandemic, our gratitude extends to hospital leadership and health care workers everywhere for their tremendous dedication," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We hope this 'A' helps to thank the people who work and volunteer for Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center. They are role models in putting patients first, and their service has been extraordinary in our country's time of need."

Church hosting food drive for seniors

DOWNEY — St. Raymond Catholic Church is hosting a food drive Saturday to benefit low-income seniors.

Food such as rice, beans, bread, pasta and canned goods are needed, along with toiletries.

Donations will be distributed to seniors living in low-income housing provided by the Salvation Army. These apartments are located throughout Southern California.

Families are encouraged to have their children write letters to the seniors to help the seniors cope with isolation.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Raymond Church this Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Quilters guild installs new officers

DOWNEY — Nancy Needham has been installed as president of the Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, which meets in Downey.

Also on her executive board are Linda Duncan, first vice president (programs); Cat Riley, second vice president (workshops); Muriel Bourke, secretary; and Ginie Mains, treasurer.

Before the pandemic, 2020 was a busy year for the guild, with monthly speakers, various workshops, and special events. The guild meets at the Women's Club of Downey on the third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call Nancy at (562) 458-4395 or Ginie at (562) 927-3635.

Rose Hills reopens with limited hours

WHITTIER — Rose Hills Memorial Park, closed for a month during the coronavirus pandemic, has started the process of a gradual reopening.

The cemetery is now open from 4:30 p.m. to dusk, Monday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"We appreciate our families and our community members for your patience and understanding during the past weeks while we do our part to mitigate any further spread of the coronavirus," the cemetery said in a statement.

"For the safety and well-being of our community and associates, we have temporarily modified our lawn and mausoleum visitation hours to open once services and burial activities have concluded."

Downey parks closed on Mother's Day

DOWNEY — The city of Downey is closing all of its public parks this Sunday as a precaution against the coronavirus.

An anticipated influx of visitors to city parks on Mother's Day would make it difficult to maintain social distancing, officials said.

"We encourage our residents to celebrate Mother's Day safely at home and continue to follow the County order so that together we can keep flattening the curve of COVID-19," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

The Downey Police Department will be monitoring the parks on Mother's Day to ensure residents are aware of the closures.

Meanwhile, the city has launched "DOWNEYathome," a virtual recreation center that provides free access to fitness and instructional classes for the public to enjoy from home during the Covid-19 crisis.

This free online programming includes videos of Downey Parks & Recreation staff teaching recreation, sports, and arts & crafts activities.

"The city's new virtual recreation center provides residents with the opportunity to remain engaged in various activities that promote physical and emotional well-being," said Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa. "I encourage everyone to log-on to DOWNEYathome."

Cerritos College offering new degree in film & television

NORWALK — Cerritos College's Mass Communications Department will offer a new transfer degree in Film, Television, and Electronic Media, beginning fall 2020.

The new Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Film, Television and Electronic Media keeps abreast of a quickly evolving media landscape, which now combines elements of journalism, social media, radio, and traditional television.

The new program will prepare students with hands-on skills to produce digital video, podcasts, and webcasts in the era of YouTube, TikTok and other emerging platforms, in addition to film productions, live television, radio programming, and all that pertains to audio and visual content.

"Smartphones have re-wired our world," said Christian Brown, department chair of Mass Communications. "In Los Angeles County, the epicenter of media industries and technology, we owe it to our students to offer an academic program that trains a new generation of storytellers who will one day produce high quality entertainment, news and social content on apps and digital-only platforms."

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Downey man recovers from COVID

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“Nurse Willy is a great guy and a great nurse, if I could give him an award, I would,” Marin said. “He was one of the nurses who cared for me the first couple nights when I was really struggling to breathe. He went and got the doctor who put everything in motion to get me on the ventilator.”

After being taken off the ventilator last week, the doctor who cared for Marin in the ICU helped set up a video chat so Marin could see his family. “It was great to see my fiancé and my kids. I missed them a lot. I told them ‘I’m still fighting.’”

Marin, who says he usually boasts a very clean-cut, clean shaven look adds with a laugh, “When I video chatted with my family, I was surprised to see myself—it was the first time I saw myself with a beard.”

Marin is now home and clean-shaven once again, still taking it one step at a time and is grateful for the physicians and staff at Kaiser Permanente Downey who were there for him and helped him get better.

“I am looking forward to getting back to some type of normalcy,” he said before adding, “As I left the ICU, the nurses joked with me saying, ‘Don’t come back here!’ I told them, ‘If I do come back it’ll be with my fiancé and my kids to tell everybody thank you.’”

Fashion designer pivots to masks

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Bebe Aguirre worked in the entertainment industry, making custom clothing for music videos, commercials, and other projects. Then COVID-19 landed.

“Of course, when this whole quarantine / coronavirus thing happened, it went completely dead,” said Aguirre.

While sitting at home and “trying to figure out my next move,” Aguirre was struck with the desire to put her time into helping others. She – like others with sewing experience – decided to make protective masks.

“I posted one on Instagram, and it kind of blew up,” said Aguirre. “That night, I had my fiancé make me a website.”

“I’ve had hundreds of orders, and I have donated hundreds of masks.”

In total, Aguirre says she’s sold or donated a total of 800 cloth masks.

While she does list masks on her website for \$5, she has also given masks freely to those who have reached out and were in need.

She has also donated to charities and hospitals.

A self-proclaimed “hoarder of fabric,” Aguirre originally used what materials she had on hand to manufacture each mask. When that supply ran out, she purchased more material from neighbor, but that supply is already running low.

Now, she’s asking for help to resupply, and is more than willing to make any donations as seamless as possible.

“My mom lives in Downey, so I can make it easier for everyone and just have them drop off in Downey...or if they want to drop it off to my studio that would be cool.”

“If they couldn’t drop it off, I could definitely arrange for someone to pick it up from them.”

Aguirre can be reached at bebe@Baafstudio.com or 562-745-7269. She also can be followed on Instagram under the username [bebeaguirre_](https://www.instagram.com/bebeaguirre_).



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The ladders are picked up and stored in an enormous warehouse. Scientists have proposed attaching all the ladders, one on top of the other, creating an elevator into outer space. Some people want to destroy all ladders. Others want to destroy the walls. Others say that someday we are going to need all the ladders in the world.

Richard Garcia, Poetry Magazine, May 2019, printed with permission.

Students here at Antioch University in Los Angeles remember Garcia’s Creative Writing class dictum: “Make an impossible statement; then carry it out.” His prose poem parables are delightfully ambiguous. Richard now lives on James Island in Charleston, S. C. with his wife the poet Katherine Williams. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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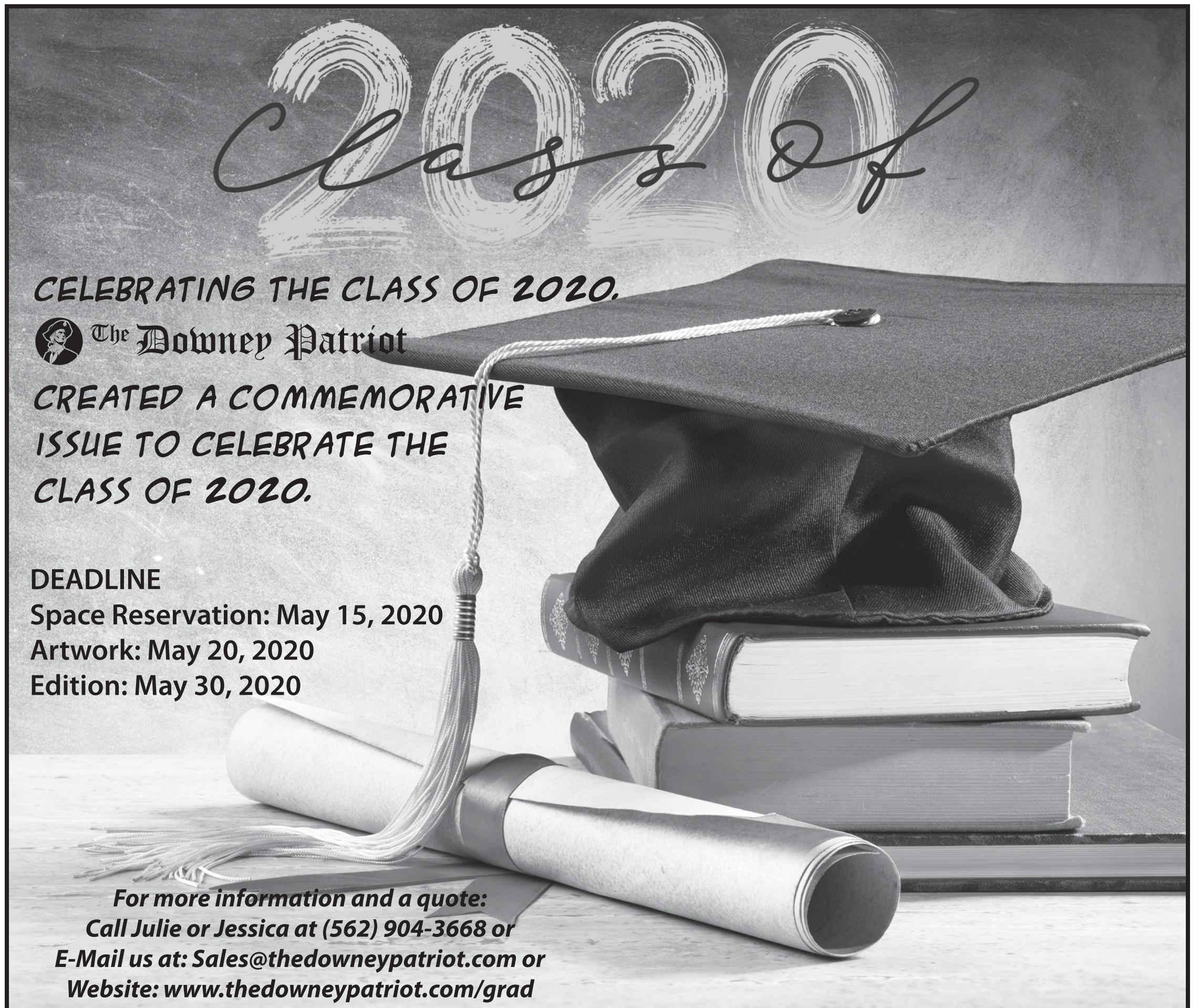
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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-19-00191

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 20th day of May, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-19-00191) Conditional Use Permit: A request to conduct live entertainment (DJ, Karaoke, live mic & comedy performances) Friday through Sunday at an existing restaurant (Bar Louie), on property located 8860 Apollo Way and zoned DLSP (Downey Landing Specific Plan).

Public Participation and Accessibility for May 20, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19, this meeting of the Planning Commission will allow members of the public to participate and address the public hearing via live stream and/or teleconference only.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or participate via teleconference to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. The agenda will include a special notice with clear instructions on the various methods that the public can participate in the meeting.

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As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Senior Planner Alfonso Hernandez (562) 904-7154, or at ashernandez@downeyca.org.

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SITE PLAN REVIEW AND ZONE CHANGE PLN-19-00162

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 20th day of May, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-19-00162) Site Plan Review and Zone Change: A request for a Site Plan Review and Zone Change to rezone a portion of the site from P-B (Parking Buffer) to C-2 (General Commercial) and to construct a new 7,788 square foot, two-story medical office building, on property located 9432 Telegraph Road.

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS Capital Improvement Project No. 20-32 Paramount Boulevard at De Palma Street and Fire Station 1 Traffic Signal Installations Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 20-32 - Paramount Boulevard at De Palma Street and Fire Station 1 Traffic Signal Installations Project.**

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The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request.

The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-10, "Electrical Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive an informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:
Mr. Edwin J. Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works
email: enorris@downeyca.org
T: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUDOLPH RICHARD, JR. Case No. 20STPB03220

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, of RUDOLPH RICHARD, JR.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Judy Williams in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Judy Williams be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 14, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
CAROLE S MORITA ESQ
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 0000007955305 Title Order No.: 8745699 FHAVA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/08/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/16/2005 as Instrument No. 052237911 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: NORKA MADRIGAL, A SINGLE WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 05/27/2020 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FONTAINE LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7827 ADREEE STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6245-021-035 LOT 35 OF TRACT NO. 18511, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 459 PAGES 13 TO 17 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY, AS RESERVED OR GRANTED IN DOCUMENTS OF RECORD. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of

the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$611,170.95. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000007955305. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concourse Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 04/16/2020 A-4723549 05/07/2020, 05/14/2020, 05/21/2020

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Short Stories

A Stranger in My Heart

By Yolanda Adele

On the way to my doctor's office on a cold November morning, I used a detour due to road construction. I slowly drove through an alley when I noticed a man sitting on the concrete. His legs were stretched out in front of him. His feet were swollen, bulging out of his lace-less shoes. I could not tell how old he was. He wore a brown tattered jacket. His hair was thick and matted.

I stopped my car and rolled down my window. He looked at me as though he were trying to recognize me. I don't know why, but I smiled at him. He forced a weak smile. It was evident that he was homeless by the dirty blankets piled behind his back. I had the urge to give him money though he did not ask for any. I looked at his feet; it was apparent that it would be difficult for him to get up to go find a place to buy food.

It was a crisp morning. I asked him if he'd like a cup of hot coffee and something to eat. He just looked at me with a vulnerable expression. At that moment I literally felt my heart ache. Fighting back tears, the lump in my throat was painful. My emotions took me by surprise. I had seen homeless people many times before and though I felt sorry for them, I was never affected like this. "Why now?" I asked myself.

Apologetically, I said, goodbye to the stranger and prayed that my doctor visit wouldn't take too long.

In the waiting room, I felt anxious as if I had another pending appointment or as if I had to pick up a child soon after the last school bell rang. I sat in the waiting room clasping my hands in an attempt to calm myself.

After my appointment, I found a McDonald's and purchased coffee and a meal. I drove to the alley and found the stranger. He was lying on his side on the ground. I parked my car and walked over to him. He slowly rose to a sitting position. He had a handkerchief in his hand he used to wipe his weather-beaten face. I handed him the coffee and bag of food. After a short hesitation, he took it.

He didn't say anything audible to me, but his soft

brown eyes spoke volumes. They told me he was grateful and he was a proud man in spite of his circumstances. Perhaps that is why I didn't stay to watch him eat.

Subsequently, I found myself thinking about that stranger often, imagining his previous life and even inventing bits of dialogue between us. I thought about him when it rained, while I prepared a meal, when putting up holiday decorations, or while attending a social event.

I returned to that alley with my husband many times. We brought him a jacket, a shaving bag packed with sundries, a sleeping bag and food. Each time his eyes conveyed warm feelings to me. I didn't know if he could speak English or if he just couldn't speak at all.

I was going to ask someone I knew who worked at homeless shelter if they could help. Unfortunately,

when I went to see the stranger, he was gone. It never occurred to me that he wouldn't be there.

I felt a rush of emotions as I drove up and down the alley and streets searching for him to no avail. That was many years ago. I still ask myself why I didn't do more.

All I can do now is to continue to pray for him and in remembrance of him to reach out to others in need. I believe I'm a better person for having met him.

The memory of that stranger has found shelter in my heart where I visit him and we have reflective conversations. In my heart, we are no longer strangers.

Yolanda Adele is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.



Warren High School junior Alyssa Talavera baked 200 cookies for first responders and healthcare workers this week, personally delivering the cookies to four facilities across Los Angeles. "Their faces lit up just from cookies," Alyssa said. "It's the little things that can make people's days that much better."

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With help from credit union, small business owner secures PPP loan

DOWNEY — Like many local small business owners, Infinity Residential's Billy Rosenberg bears the burden of keeping his business afloat and maintaining the livelihoods of his employees during the economic downturn amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The residential property management firm has seen a significant impact between tenants unable to pay rent along with a complete shutdown of short-term vacation travelers. After the first round of stimulus funds were quickly exhausted, they weren't expecting to see the relief they desperately needed.

Rosenberg's credit union, Financial Partners Credit Union headquartered in Downey, kept trying to secure a PPP loan for Infinity.

To Billy's surprise, earlier last week, FPCU shared that they had received approval for the PPP loan and to expect funding in a few days.

"To be honest, when we got the news that our loan was approved, my wife and I were screaming and jumping up and down in our kitchen, followed by tears of happiness," said Rosenberg.

"It was one of the best nights I can remember in a long time. This loan will give us the resources we need to keep our employees and push through until business ramps up again on the other side of Covid."

"These are the kinds of stories that make everything we do during these challenging times worthwhile," said Nader

Moghaddam, President & CEO of Financial Partners. "We have been helping truly small business owners and independent contractors, get the relief they need to survive and ideally have one less concern on their minds."

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