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State curfew on the table

■ As coronavirus cases surge, Gov. Newsom says a statewide curfew remains a possibility.

SACRAMENTO – California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday that his administration is considering a statewide curfew amid a surge in COVID-19 cases.

Daily COVID-19 cases have doubled in California over the last 10 days, forcing the governor's office to pull "an emergency brake," Newsom said at a press conference detailing the state's response. A total of 41 of California's 58 counties are now classified as "purple," the tier of COVID-19 related spread requiring the strictest lockdown guidelines. Just 13 counties were classified "purple" last week.

In Downey, the virus has infected 5,325 residents and killed 91.

"We also are considering – full disclosure and a little bit of a preview – the notion of a curfew," Newsom said at a press conference. "Before you jump in terms of your mindset of whether that's a good idea or a bad idea, we are assessing that as well."

Newsom said his team is reviewing studies from France, Germany and Saudi Arabia on the "efficacy of their strategies as it relates to curfews." The governor referenced "statewide curfews of interest" in Massachusetts and Virginia as examples of what California's could resemble.

California officials are still in discussions on whether to implement the curfew and key details about how it would be enforced. Newsom said the curfew restrictions would likely impact "certain kinds of industry and business activities."

"We really want the data to bear out," Newsom said. "We want the information not to be anecdotal. We want to really take a look at these studies."

Newsom said counties with new lockdown tier designations must make "industry changes" within 24 hours, rather than three days, in order to comply with state guidelines.

Under the "purple" restriction tier, restaurants, movie theaters and houses of worship are limited to outdoor service only and bars are closed entirely. Retail stores can open at 25% capacity with modified operations. Residents in purple counties were advised not to gather indoors with other households.

Newsom said he was aware of concerns from local business owners regarding the re-imposition of restrictions and said providing financial support for small business was his "number one priority" when considering the state's budgetary needs in 2021.

The governor touted California's state of preparedness to address the uptick in cases. The state has 11 "surge facilities" that can pop up within 24 to 96 hours and provide an additional capacity of about 2,000 hospital beds.

Newsom said California's inventory of personal protective equipment includes 180 million N-95 masks, 23.9 million face shields and 12.8 million sample collection kits. The state is conducting 164,000 average daily tests for COVID-19 and results are processed within 24 to 48 hours.

Super Lucha Cats

A new comic book from Southeast LA County

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

When vampires, demons, and all manner of things that go bump in the night threaten the town, who will be there to save it?

The Super Lucha Cats will.

Created by 33-year-old Bell Gardens native Javier Solorzano, "Super Lucha Cats" is a brand-new comic inspired by Latin folklore, a love of lucha libre, and a couple of feline friends.

It follows the adventures of Coco, Pizza, Nopalito, and Fresca; four cats adopted off the street by a retired luchadora who – with the help of a magical lucha mask – raised and trained the four siblings to pile-drive the forces of evil.

According to Solorzano, the journey to the creation of the book began around five years ago, with the book coming to fruition over the last year.

"The most obvious inspiration is I have two pet cats; one is named Coco, and one is named Pizza," said Solorzano. "They're the basis for Coco and Pizza in the comic."

"Just seeing how they interact with each other – how they wrestle around and how they bug each other – they definitely have a big brother / little sister vibe."

Solorzano says that his cats would often begin playing and chasing each other while he would watch wrestling on tv.

"After a while, with my sketch pad I just decided to draw an ambiguous cat with a lucha mask, and I thought, 'Oh, this is cute,'" said Solorzano.

Lucha Cats didn't start off as a comic, however. Instead, Solorzano initially intended it as a clothing brand.

"Eventually, as I started doing comic conventions and art fairs, a lot of little kids would come and they'd see the big banner with the cat in the mask and they'd start asking, 'Is this a cartoon? Is it a comic? Is it a book you're making,'" said Solorzano.

Book editor Mark Batalla suggested that Solorzano write something with his seemingly popular cat hero but Solorzano initially resisted, due to his commitment to another project.

"It was at Long Beach Comic Con last year, the same thing happened...and this guy who saw what happened to me said, 'You need a comic book,'" said Solorzano. "During the course of that convention, I started hashing out basically the rough beats of the story. It wasn't until afterwards that I realized I kind of had this story in different pieces and parts rummaging around in my head this whole time."

Solorzano likened the set



Javier Solorzano created "Super Lucha Cats," a comic book about lucha libre cats who fight monsters. (Courtesy photo)

up of the book to the "monster of the week" format seen in shows such as Scooby-Doo, so that readers will not feel lost or obligated to back track if they haven't read from the very beginning, though this doesn't mean that dedicated fans won't still have an overarching narrative to follow from issue to issue.

"We want to use this as a chance to have each city have its own little ecosystem of creatures," said Solorzano. "... if you pick up issue three, you're not going to feel lost."

"I think that's something that big comic books from the big two [companies] have a problem with. I've taken my nephew out to go get comics and it's overwhelming trying to figure out where to start because there is always some massive event where reality is going to be forever changed, and then it does it again in two years. I didn't want to do that; I didn't want it to be a thing where if a kid comes to the booth and we're all out of issue one, then they don't feel comfortable buying issue three because they feel they're going to miss out on something."

Local readers can expect some of the books settings to take direct inspiration from the surrounding area.

"Growing up, I was always hanging around Downey, Bell



Gardens, South Gate, Whittier; basically, that entire little area," said Solorzano. "I wanted to write a story about the place I grew up, just 'cause I remember growing up – especially when I went to college – no one really knowing what area that is; it's just 'L.A.'"

"It was just a fun way to highlight that area, but also if kids in that area read it then they can identify with it a little bit."

The monsters of Latin folklore also will play a huge part in the story. Solorzano says, "he didn't know how not to include that stuff."

"That was a huge part of it for me," said Solorzano. "Vampires and werewolves are fun, but we see a lot of that. We

don't ever see comics that deal with the cryptids and monsters that my parents told us about."

"...there's a lot of kids whose families talk about or mention these monsters. To me, La Llorona is as much a part of horror as vampires and mummies and all that; I ingested all of that stuff around the same time, reading about La Llorona in a Spanish paper literally a month after checking out a book about Lon Chaney Jr. and Bella Lugosi and all those old Universal movie monsters."

The book is aimed for a younger audience, however can still be enjoyed by adults.

Lucha Cats can be found on social media at @LuchaCats, with books and other merchandise available on Solorzano's Etsy shop.

Mayor says goodbye

Hello Downey,

As my term as mayor for the City of Downey comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone who gave me the opportunity to serve this great city. My success as Mayor could not have been possible without the support from my council colleagues and from our amazing city staff.

2020 has brought about many challenges but along every step of the way city staff has been there to help me keep residents informed and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Former Lakers Coach Phil Jackson once said "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

I leave my position as Mayor immensely proud of our City team and enthusiastic for Downey's future. Thank you for putting your trust in me this year. It has been a dream and an honor to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely,
Mayor Blanca Pacheco

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 74°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 73°

ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 19

1863: President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

1917: Indira Gandhi, the former prime minister of India who served four terms over 15 years, was born.

1959: Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

1969: Apollo 12 astronauts Charles "Pete" Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

1990: The pop duo Milli Vanilli was stripped of its Grammy Award after it was revealed that neither performer sang on the group's records.

1998: Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr laid out his evidence against President Bill Clinton during a daylight appearance before the House Judiciary Committee.

2001: President George W. Bush signed legislation to put airport baggage screeners on the federal payroll.

2001: Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants became the first baseball player to win four Most Valuable Player awards.

2006: Nintendo released the Wii game console.

2001: Taliban forces abandoned Kabul as U.S. troops advanced on the capital city.

2007: Amazon introduced the Kindle, an electronic book-reading device.

Birthdays

Television host **Larry King** (87), fashion designer **Calvin Klein** (78), sportscaster **Ahmad Rashad** (71), sports reporter **Michael Wilbon** (62), actress **Allison Janney** (61), actress **Meg Ryan** (59), actress **Jodie Foster** (58), Twitter founder **Jack Dorsey** (44), Olympic gymnast **Kerri Strug** (43), actor **Adam Driver** (38) and rapper **Tyga** (31).

Deaths

Della Reese, the jazz and gospel singer, ordained minister and actress who starred in "Touched by an Angel," died on this date in 2017. She was 86.

Murderer and cult leader **Charles Manson** died in 2017 of respiratory failure and colon cancer. He was 83.

Holidays

Today is the **Great American Smokeout**, an annual holiday in which Americans are encouraged to stop smoking. For tools and resources, visit cancer.org.

Also today is **International Mens Day**, a celebration of the positive male role models in your life. This year's theme is "Better Health for Men and Boys."

Today also marks **World Toilet Day**, which brings awareness to the global sanitation crisis. According to United Nations International, an estimated 4.2 billion people live without access to safe, proper sanitation.

Tyrone Conde of Downey Federal Credit Union receives Tomorrow's Star Award



■ Tyrone Condone has helped the credit union become a cornerstone of the Downey community.

DOWNEY – Tyrone Conde, vice president of marketing at Downey Federal Credit

Union (DFCU), was among those honored recently at the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues' REACH 2020 Conference.

Conde received the Leagues' Tomorrow's Star Award, which recognizes the achievements by young credit union professionals age 35 and under.

He was honored during a virtual annual meeting and convention for the Ontario, CA-based trade association for the two states, held Oct. 26-Nov. 5.

Conde had just begun his credit union career when he joined DFCU in August 2017. In the subsequent three years, the Downey resident has made an incredible impact to the credit

union and the community.

His many accomplishments include helping to increase credit union membership from predominately Hispanic communities by 52 percent since April 2019, overseeing the development of a Spanish-language version of the credit union website, and helping Downey Federal become the exclusive financial institution for the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration in Downey.

He also worked with the Downey Police and Fire Foundation to create an affinity debit card where their logo is on the DFCU debit card and a portion of the interchange income received is given back to

the foundation.

This new program has given about \$1,500 to the foundation.

In addition, he introduced to the credit union the interactive Bite of Reality financial education program offered by the Richard Myles Johnson Foundation, the state foundation for credit unions in California and Nevada. With the program, DFCU has so far reached approximately 2,500 students.

He also launched the Money Smart Jr. program—an off-shoot of the Bite of Reality Program targeted towards elementary age students—which has reached about 2,000 students.

He helped institute a Berenstain Bears Little Library, a small "library" in front of the credit union where residents can drop off or take books for free.

"He has extreme passion for what he does; he has learned so much about the industry in three years and he is a great voice for the credit union," said Downey FCU President and CEO Ray Mesler.

"With his passion, desire, and ability to learn and his overall business ethics, I see Tyrone playing a major role in credit unions for a very long time."



Party by new council member draws noise complaint

■ Police issued a warning to council member-elect Catherine Alvarez after her victory party drew complaints from neighbors.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A victory celebration for councilwoman-elect Catharine Alvarez drew a visit from Downey police over the weekend.

Alvarez's rally took place on Sunday in front of the Eden Roc

Apartment complex on Western Avenue.

The event was publicized live by the Downey Tenants Union – which Alvarez founded – on Facebook.

It included a large gathering of people, speeches, music, drums, and Aztec dancing.

According to an official with knowledge of the situation, a warning was given to Alvarez but no citation was issued.

Police were not called back to the area after leaving.

Though results are not final, Alvarez is poised to claim the city's District 3 council seat. She replaces Rick Rodriguez, who opted not to run for reelection due to health concerns.

Alvarez did not reply to a call for comment.

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8th Grade (52)

- Brissa Alvarez, Samantha Alvarez, Alexis Avila, Victor Avila, Jesse J. Barrientos, Vincent M. Camejo, Cassidy R. Canales, Ariana Castagnola, Abigail Castor, Angel N. Cazachkoff, Lily N. Chau, Blake C. Cordova, Benjamin I. Correa, Ashon T. Delgado, Brianna Diaz, Kaia E. Dioli, Sienna Dill, Sandra P. Echavarria, Syph B. Elmais, Andrew L. Flores, Sarah A. Gomez, Alexa G. Gonzalez, David M. Gonzalez, Eva A. Guerrero, Joshua P. Han, Ivanna Hernandez, Sophia A. Hernandez, Eleni K. Ifantis, Madelyn Macedo, Adriano Martinez Gonzalez, Ana R. Martinez, Samantha Mejia, Ayden Murillo, Alejo Necochea,

- Nora Ortiz, Jenna Pepaj, Elias G. Perez, Mariana I. Prado, Adamantina S. Rameau, Kimberly A. Rangel, Allen L. Reyes, Aidan H. Roach, Brianna Rosas, Melinda Y. Sanchez, Elena Sandoval, Kimberly I. Torres, Caitlyn M. Trujillo, Jocelyn H. Vigil, Joanne S. Yu, Viviana Zacarias, Ruben A. Zamarrpa, Joshua H. Zaragoza

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8th Grade (58)

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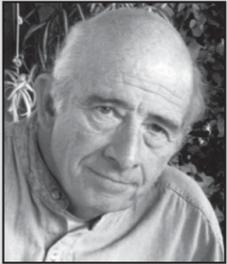
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In Memory of



Michael Burke

September 27, 1936 - October 5, 2020

On October 5, 2020, Heaven's Angels gained a new player. At the age of 84 years old, Michael Burke, devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away.

Michael was born on September 27, 1936 in West Hollywood, California to Edmund and Una Burke. He spent the majority of his life in Los Angeles County, where he raised four children, two sons, Richard and Robert, and two daughters, Peggy and Catherine. In 2000, at the age of 65, he moved to Escondido, California, where he joined a hiking group, began volunteering at Palomar Hospital, and ate breakfast at Champions Restaurant so frequently that his newspaper was delivered there.

Mike loved life and his joy overflowed. He had a passion for baseball and he loved sharing it with others. He loved exploring this world and his sense of wonderment brought him on adventures throughout North America, Europe and Asia. He loved people and rarely passed up an opportunity to offer a stranger advice. He loved many things about life, but he loved his family the most. Mike was a devoted Los Angeles Angels fan, a successful father, an easy Papa, a coach of everything, the peacemaker of his family, and an expert on all current events. He will be missed deeply.

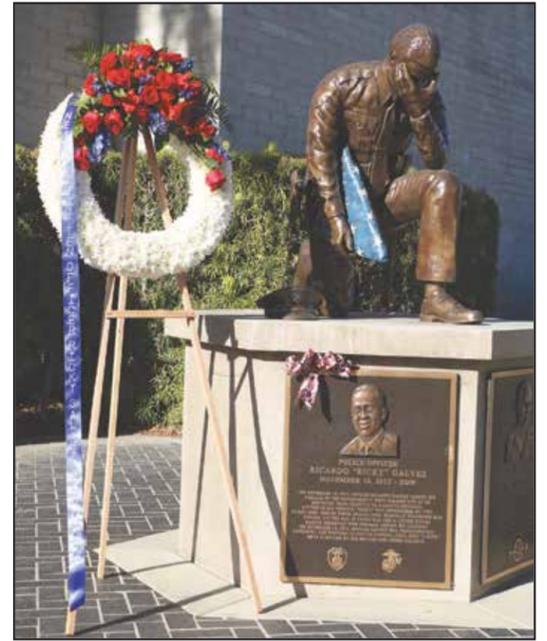
Mike is survived by his four children, Richard, Robert, Peggy, and Catherine and his multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 21st, 2020 at Calvin Christian High School at 10 o'clock a.m. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Homeboy Industries at homeboyindustries.org.

A wreath outside the Downey Police Department marks the fifth anniversary of the murder of Ricky Galvez, the Downey police officer killed in a botched robbery outside the police station on Nov. 18, 2015.

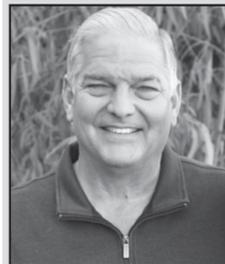
Galvez, a former U.S. Marine and five-year veteran of the Downey Police Department, was dressed in plain clothes after working with the department's K-9 team when he was fatally shot as he sat in his personal car in the police station parking lot. He was 29.

Two men pleaded guilty to his murder earlier this year and were sentenced to 50 years to life in prison.

Photo by Alex Dominguez



In Memory of



Jon Kelly Lang

October 22, 1958 - November 12, 2020

Jon Kelly Lang, 62, a lifelong resident of Downey, succumbed to a three-year battle with cancer on November 12, 2020. He founded Lang Construction Services, Inc. and successfully operated it for 37 years, serving many within the City of Downey and the surrounding area.

As a lifetime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served two years as a missionary in Vancouver, Canada.

Jon also served within the Church in many capacities such as Young Men's President, Bishop, Stake President, and Patriarch.

He was an avid participant in the Boy Scouts of America. He was awarded their highest rank, that of the Silver Beaver, for his service to the Organization. Jon also participated within the City of Downey including Keep Downey Beautiful, for many years.

He is survived by the greatest accomplishments in his life, his sweetheart and eternal companion of 38 years, Elisa (Snow) Lang; and his loving children, Tiffany (Steve) Jenks, Joshua (Brittani) Lang, Ryan (Denise) Lang, Kyle (Liv) Lang, and 11 adoring grandchildren; mother-in-law, Lorna (House) Snow, sisters, Alyson (Richard) Tyner, and Kirstin (David) Wood, aunts D. Verdene Korngay and Ida Mae Stallcup, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Predeceasing Jon are his parents: James L. Lang and Mary Lou (Davis) Lang, and two brothers, Mark K. Lang, and D. Scott Lang.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 17500 Bushard Street, Fountain Valley, California 92708 on November 19, 2020 at 11:00 am. Family viewing was at 10:00 am. Regretfully, due to COVID-19 restrictions, funeral service attendance is by invitation only. The family would like to thank you for your understanding. Interment was at Rose Hills Cemetery, 3888 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California 90601. Mortuary services provided by Allen-English-Estrada Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the Lang Family requests a donation to the American Cancer Society.

In Memory of



Marjorie Meeker Kimbrell

October 11, 1927 - August 12, 2020

Marjorie Meeker Kimbrell was born on October 11, 1927 to George Coleman Meeker and Marjorie Wyckoff Meeker in Los Angeles, CA after coming to California in a Model T Ford from Salem, OR. She was the third of three children with brother John and sister Mary who preceded her. After studying Literature and Philosophy and receiving a Bachelor degree from USC she married Robert Kimbrell in 1949. They moved to Downey in 1951 where they raised four children. The family went on many camping vacations and played games and sports together. They attended the Downey United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed being a mother (Mom), grandmother (Grammarj), great-grandmother (G.G., aka Great Grammarj), and aunt (Aunt Marjie).

She was an avid tennis player and bridge player. She loved the beach, wearing scarves, flying kites, gardening, making greeting cards, stamping, and quilting. Being involved in her children's school activities, a Girl Scout leader, trainer of leaders, substitute teacher, tutor, ballroom dancer, and being a member of the tap dancing group The Dancin' Grandmas were among her favorite things to do. She loved Dixieland Jazz and the Long Beach Municipal Band.

Her favorite foods were chocolate, olallieberry pie, and waffles with strawberries and maple syrup. She often said that Peanut M&M's were her secret to good health and a long life.

Marjorie passed away peacefully on August 12, 2020 surrounded by family. She is survived by sons Bob (Rosalie) and Steve (Ann), daughters Jill and Sue (Rick), grandchildren Sarah (Jeff), Peter (Jennifer), Scott, and Wes, great-grandchildren Riley, Emily, Evan, Aubry, and Reymond, and many nieces and nephews.

She had a big smile as well as a big heart and was a forever teacher.

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Opinion

Stepping outside into a country that stares

By **Fatima Bhojani**

I am angry. All the time. I've been angry for years. Ever since I began to grasp the staggering extent of violence — emotional, mental and physical — against women in Pakistan. Women here, all 100 million of us, exist in collective fury.

“Every day, I am reminded of a reason I shouldn't exist,” my 19-year-old friend recently told me in a cafe in Islamabad. When she gets into an Uber, she sits right behind the driver so that he can't reach back and grab her. We agreed that we would jump out of a moving car if that ever happened. We debated whether pepper spray was better than a knife.

When I step outside, I step into a country of men who stare. I could be making the short walk from my car to the bookstore or walking through the aisles at the supermarket. I could be wrapped in a shawl or behind two layers of face mask. But I will be followed by searing eyes, X-raying me. Because here, it is culturally acceptable for men to gape at women unblinkingly, as if we are all in a staring contest that nobody told half the population about, a contest hinged on a subtle form of psychological violence.

“Wolves,” my friend, Maryam, called them, as she recounted the time a man grazed her shoulder as he sped by on a motorbike. “From now on, I am going to stare back, make them uncomfortable.” Maryam runs a company that takes tourists to the mountainous north. “People are shocked to see a woman leading tours on her own,” she told me.

We exchanged hiking stories. We had never encountered a solo female hiker up north. When I hike solo, men, apart from their usual leering, offer unsolicited advice, ask patronizing questions and, on occasion, follow in silence. I pretend to receive a call from my imaginary husband who happens to be nearby and wants to know exactly where I am. Even in the wilderness, you can't escape.

Years ago, a friend told me about the time her dad beat her up after he saw her talking to a boy outside school. It wasn't the first time. Until she left for college in the United States, she lived in constant terror of when the next wave of violence would arrive. Her mother stood by and let it happen.

Internalized patriarchy rears its head often when aunties (an auntie is any older woman who exists to profess her uninvited opinion) are concerned that you are not married. Aunties emphasize that motherhood is your assigned purpose on this planet. Aunties comment on your body as if you are not there.

This country fails its women from the very top of government leadership to those who live with us in our homes. In September, a woman was raped beside a major highway near Lahore, Pakistan's second-largest city. Around 1 a.m., her car ran out of fuel. She called the police and waited. Two armed men broke through the windows and assaulted her in a nearby field.

The most senior police official in Lahore remarked that the survivor was assaulted because, he assumed, she “was traveling late at night without her husband's permission.”

An elderly woman in my apartment building in Islamabad, remarked, “Apni izzat apnay haath mein” — Your honor is in your own hands. In Pakistan, sexual assault comes with stigma, the notion that a woman by being on the receiving end of a violent crime has brought shame to herself and her family. Societal judgment is a major reason survivors don't come forward.

Responding to the Lahore assault, Prime Minister Imran Khan proposed chemical castration of the rapists. His endorsement of archaic punishments rather than a sincere promise to undertake the difficult, lengthy and necessary work of reforming criminal and legal procedures is part of the problem. The conviction rate for sexual assault is around 3 percent, according to War Against Rape, a local nonprofit.

Mr. Khan's analysis of the prevalence of gender-based violence is even more regressive. Fahashi (indecency) in society is the culprit, deflecting responsibility from the police and government. Mr. Khan blamed Bollywood for widespread incidents of rape in neighboring New Delhi, missing the point that, like Pakistan, India suffers from similar issues with policing, public safety and the judicial system.

The highway attack shook the women of Pakistan, but it did not shock us. We grew up with stories of women killed for “honor” and

women raped for revenge. Women doused with acid and women burned with stoves. Pakistan ranks 164 out of 167 countries on the Women, Peace and Security Index 2019–2020, barely hovering above Yemen, Afghanistan and Syria.

In the two months since the highway assault, a police officer raped a woman in her home. A girl was murdered by her cousin and uncle for speaking to a male friend on her phone. A woman waiting for a bus after work was kidnapped and raped. A teenager committed suicide after being blackmailed by the men who raped her and videotaped the assault. A 6-year-old was clubbed to death by her father for making noise. Between January and June alone, there have been 3,148 reported cases of violence against women and children. Many go unreported.

There are slices of Pakistan where a woman can bare her arms, smoke, drink, escape abroad, become a minister. But class does not protect her from the stares and the fears of assault when she ventures outside. Yet for women in the lower socio-economic strata of society, women in rural Pakistan, things are much worse. The insecurity and harassment working-class women face daily at a bus stop are experiences that are foreign to those behind the wheel of a Mercedes.

On a recent afternoon, I pulled up to a traffic stop. Twenty or so motorcycles zigzagged their way up to right under the light, as they commonly do here. The riders were men. With one exception. I noticed her only because the men around her were consuming her. It's rare to see women driving bikes in Pakistan — probably because when they do, they're on display.

Although she had her back to me, face obscured by a helmet, I imagined her staring resolutely ahead, pushing through the discomfort, the sheer creepiness, of being watched. A wave of fury passed over me. Don't let the bastards grind you down, I tried to telepathically transmit to her, a refrain from “The Handmaid's Tale” that frequently floats through my head when I'm back here.

Fatima Bhojani is a writer from Islamabad, Pakistan.

A death like no other

By **Judge Andrew Napolitano**

“I hold it true, whate'er befall;

I feel it when I sorrow most.

‘Tis better to have loved and lost

Than never to have loved at all.”

— Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–1892) “In Memoriam”

The death of a loved one is never easy. Three of my grandparents died during my college years; my maternal grandmother died much later at 99 years and 7 months of age. My dad, who lived a true American life, died two years ago at 92. My best friend, Jim, died suddenly at age 48 in 2013.

I grieved. I wept. I prayed for their souls. I grieve and weep and pray still.

Earlier this week, I experienced a death like no other. My little Gina, a black lab and chow mix, died in my arms in my home in New Jersey. She was 16 years and 10 months old.

Jim and I adopted Gina in 2005. She was rescued off the streets of New Orleans six weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck. Dr. Karen Dashfield, a loving and selfless veterinarian from northwest New Jersey, rented a tractor-trailer and drove 2,600 miles to New Orleans and back.

While there, she rescued 187 dogs and cats that had been abandoned by their owners when they fled the city. She brought them all to New Jersey and fed, cleaned, x-rayed and vaccinated them, and put them all up for adoption. She did this at her own expense at the Sussex County Fair Grounds during the winter of 2005–2006.

One day, on a lark, Jim and I wandered into the barn she was using,

and we found the dog we had been longing for. I had never had a dog due to maternal objection in my youth. We went back the next day to visit the dog with whom we both had loved at first sight, but she was gone — adopted by someone else.

Two crates away was a beautiful jet-black, wolf-looking, shy but anxious black lab and chow mix. We adopted her. We named her Evangeline — after one of the good folks in Harriet Beecher Stowe's “Uncle Tom's Cabin” — and we called her Gina.

Gina changed my life. Like many dogs, she was loving and loyal. And, like many dogs, she naturally drew people to her. My mom, who for nearly all her life was terrified of dogs, fell in love with Gina. Mom — who is totally apolitical — got herself appointed to the board of directors house committee of her condominium association solely to change the house rules so that Gina could come when I visited. Mom, who was fearful of all things canine — teeth, odor, droppings — loved it when Gina jumped onto her lap or on my dad's.

Animals bring out the best in us. They are our little angels. They unify us around them. We wonder what they know and what they comprehend. We give them the benefit of all doubt. They love us simply and unconditionally.

Gina was happiness itself. She was only unhappy in the presence of other animals. While walking her once in Central Park, in New York City, she chased a cop on a horse. What a sight. On my farm, she chased deer and bear.

Gina became my best friend. We walked many hours together in New York City and at my farm. Chows love to kiss, and Gina was no exception. Her kiss was, of course, a lick. She once licked my face 228 times before I decided enough of a good thing was enough. She kissed me many times every day that we were together.

Since COVID-19, Gina and I had been living together at my farm. By then, she was suffering from the ravages of age, particularly arthritis and a torn and irreparable canine equivalent of an ACL. Therapy at the Animal Medical Center in Manhattan worked for half a year, but then age caught up to her.

At the time of her death, she was hard of hearing, couldn't walk, occasionally lost her appetite and was incontinent; however, she could still kiss. Even in the ICU, she kissed me every day when I visited. When the vets told me her time had come, and they could do no more for her, I brought Gina home. I slept next to her bed on the floor, lest she leave this veil of tears alone.

When she refused food, I knew she'd eat like a wolf the next day. But when she refused water — she loved water — I knew her end was near.

When she was breathing hard and slowly losing consciousness, I held her in my arms. Her tongue was dry and gray, and she lost control of it. “Gina, give Daddy one more kiss before you go,” I said three times. No response.

Her favorite vet was with us when the end came. He told me that sound is the last sense to go in animals. I tried her one last time, “Hey, Gee (as I often called her) you know how Daddy loves you. Please give your Daddy one last kiss.”

In her own way, she did. She reached up to my face and pushed her snout onto my lips, and then, in my tear-soaked arms, her beautiful heart and her labored breathing stopped.

Rest in peace, my sweet angel. We will be with each other again.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

Teaching racial justice is not racial justice

By **Benjamin Fong**

In the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the season of protests for equality and against police violence that followed, universities are seeking to affirm and reaffirm their commitments to racial justice at all levels. Administrators are drawing up institutional plans to address structural racism (my employer, Arizona State University, put out its own this fall), and faculty are reorienting their courses to greater emphasize diversity and inclusion. This overdue reckoning is welcome, an opportunity to address longstanding inequities and injustices perpetrated by the sprawling conglomerates of higher education.

But good intentions do not prevent misguided practices. Just one example: Corporate antiracism trainings are not only of questionable efficacy and dubious origin, they also provide “an opportunity for employers to exert even more power over employees.” If we are not to dilute the political energy of the moment, we must be on guard against attempts to domesticate, defuse and thereby betray the overlapping movements for racial, social and economic justice that have emerged

with such force this past year.

One danger for academia in this regard pertains to the stubborn notion that the university does not merely educate students about social transformation, it is also where that transformation takes place. Many faculty and administrators believe that by educating students in the approved manner, we will transform them, politically and socially, one classroom of de-prejudiced minds at a time.

Undoubtedly students are changed in the course of critical inquiry and engagement with diverse and challenging texts. I can attest to this fact having taught liberal arts discussion seminars for the entirety of my academic career. The problem comes in thinking that these individual transformations are themselves small-scale social transformations. This belief leads to a number of worrisome consequences, the most immediate being simply an inflated sense of the university's importance. Yes, diverse perspectives ought to be incorporated into our courses, but the future of American society does not hang on our collective syllabuses being carefully weighted for race and gender.

If that sounds cavalier, consider the following: Throughout American history, racist attitudes and structures have been changed and dismantled because mass political movements altered the balance of power in this country through protest, violence, nonviolence, organizing and political strategizing — not because people were educated in an enlightened fashion. We all know this, and yet a grounded perspective is often absent from the marvelous displays of self-flattery that are academic conversations about pedagogy today.

The bigger problem with academic narcissism, however, is that it blinds us to the real good we could do with the syllabus flexibility offered in the expendable disciplines. At best, an overriding focus on diversity and inclusion in the current paradigm teaches students that exclusionary attitudes and structures exist and that we can do our part by overcoming our individual biases, complacency and impingements on others. At worst it results in tokenism and a cynically deployed “cultural intelligence.” Think Frantz Fanon's “Wretched of the Earth” prominently displayed on a bookshelf at a cocktail party of professional elites.

This again is not to say that students do not benefit from encountering diverse perspectives and marginalized voices, but simply that such an encounter does not in itself put them in touch with the political considerations behind movements that advance the struggle for racial justice. If we free ourselves of the notion that education is social change, then we can begin to think of education about social change.

To be clear, I am not arguing that classrooms should be political spaces — the conservative nightmare wherein students are pushed into activist organizations — only that the classroom can be a space where real political concerns are considered and debated.

To get concrete, we might consider two of the most important moments of political struggle against racial injustice in America,

about which every student getting a liberal arts education ought to learn: the antislavery movement of the mid-19 century, and the civil rights movement of the mid-20th. In both moments, different and oftentimes competing visions of the future of the movement sparred for dominance, and the historical, political, economic and social considerations behind these visions are ripe for classroom discussion.

For instance, in the 1850s many abolitionists became quite pessimistic and called for Black emigration out of America. But many others resisted this call, energized by growing popular antislavery sentiment and the adoption of aggressive abolitionist rhetoric by the Republican Party. Similarly, at the height of the civil rights movement, prominent leaders like A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin called for a shift “from protest to politics,” as well as a greater emphasis on economic concerns and universal social goods. A younger generation of Black activists meanwhile spurned what they saw as these ameliorating tendencies in favor of Black power, an orientation roundly criticized by the old guard.

It's in this space of competing political orientations that the struggle for racial justice is carried out. Listen to Rustin's speech, “Firebombs or a Freedom Budget,” delivered at Harvard University in 1967, and you get a sense of the cacophony of conflicting strategies and viewpoints that infuse a movement with real stakes. The university is not the place where these things are worked out, but it can be a place where real-life political orientations are taken up and grappled with.

Teaching the considerations of political contestation bears the additional benefit of relieving authors of color from having to represent their identities in the minds of students. As the political scientist Cedric Johnson has noted, “at nearly 46 million, the Black population in the United States is greater than the population of Canada, three times the size of the population of Greece, and slightly larger than the combined population of Oceania (i.e., Australasia, Melanesia, Polynesia, and Micronesia).” To think that any individual author, or individual authors dispersed through time and space, could represent the “Black experience” is absurd, and yet they are too often called to do just that.

Finally, teaching in this manner about moments of radical social upheaval bears its own important lesson: that things can change. For all their intractability, racism and other forms of oppression are not static features of American society. The liberal arts classroom is a unique space within which students can engage with the strategies, conflicts, tactics and historical junctures of movements that changed the United States for the better. There is a place for education in the fight for racial justice, provided education itself is not confused for the fight.

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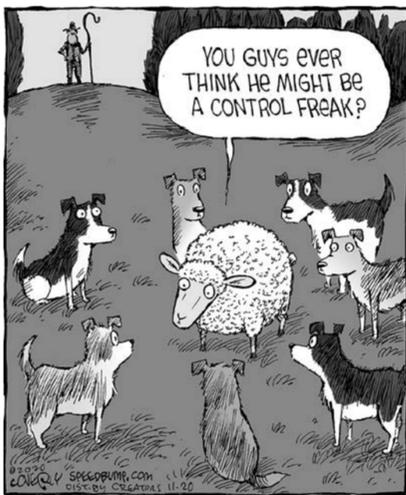
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 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task 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 William Medina 413-3447.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 7 am: 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

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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
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 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.

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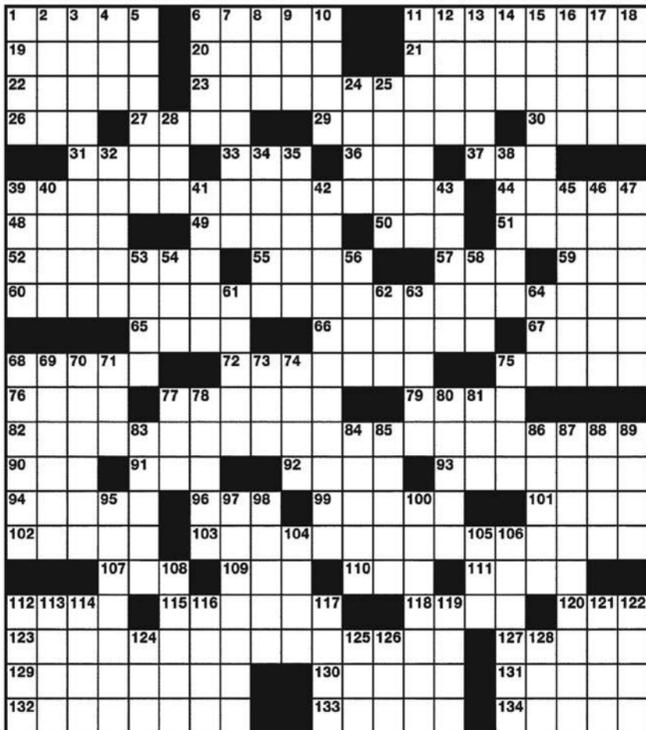
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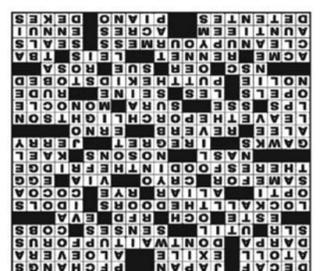
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Ben Watkins, 'MasterChef Junior' contestant, dies of cancer



Ben Watkins, a young chef who starred on "MasterChef Junior" in 2018, when he was 11 years old, died Nov. 16 at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago of angiomatoid fibrous histiocytoma, a rare cancer, at the age of 14.

Ben appeared in the sixth season of "MasterChef Junior," cooking classics including peach cobbler with whipped cream and caramel sauce as well as his signature dish, fried chicken with mashed potatoes.

He made it to the show's top 18 and became a fan favorite, winning the hearts of viewers who learned about his tragic story.

Ben was orphaned the year before his "MasterChef Junior" appearance, when his father shot and killed his mother before taking his own life.

Raised by his grandmother and uncle, Ben dreamed of becoming a chef like his father, who had owned Big Ben's Bodacious Barbecue & Deli - named after Ben - in Gary, Indiana. The young chef helped out at the restaurant and learned to bake from his mother.

"Ben you were an incredibly talented home cook and even stronger young man," chef Gordan Ramsey tweeted. "Your young life had so many tough turns but you always persevered. Sending all the love to Ben Watkins' family with this terrible loss."

Jim Pace

Jim Pace, a sports car racing driver who won both the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring in 1996, died Nov. 13 of complications of COVID-19. He was 59.

Pace began racing in 1988, debuting in the Barber Saab Pro Series. He had early success in the 1990 24 Hours of Daytona, winning the GTU class.

Six years later, Pace won Daytona and Sebring, later winning at Texas World Speedway. He also drove the 24 Hours of Le Mans that year, though he finished 33rd after transmission trouble.

Recently, Pace was active in vintage and historic sports car racing, including a 2020 race at Wisconsin's Road America during which he flipped his car in a blow-over crash. Pace walked away from the crash unhurt.

The Pace family has asked that any donations be made to Wounded Warriors or Alzheimer's Research in his name.

Bruce Swedien

Bruce Swedien, the studio engineer who helped define Michael Jackson's 1980s sound, has died aged 86.

His daughter Roberta said he had died in his sleep on Monday night. No cause of death has been reported.

In a Facebook post, she wrote: "My dad, Bruce Swedien, passed away peacefully last night, November 16th. He was 86. A legend in the music industry for over 65 years and 5-time Grammy winner, he was known for his work with Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson and many more.

"He had a long life full of love, great music, big boats and a beautiful marriage. We will celebrate that life. He was loved by everyone. Rest in peace dear sweet Daddy-ji. We will love you forever, Bea and Roberta."

Swedien was admired by generations of music producers, including Jones, with whom he worked on Michael Jackson's albums Off the Wall, Thriller and Bad; Swedien also worked on Bad's follow-up, Dangerous.

Doug Supernaw

Doug Supernaw, a country singer known for songs including his 1993 No. 1 hit, "I Don't Call Him Daddy," died Nov. 13 at the age of 60 after fighting lung and bladder cancer.

Supernaw's 1993 debut album, "Red and Rio Grande," took him to the top of the country charts. His first single, "Reno," made it to No. 5.

He followed it with the chart-topping "I Don't Call Him Daddy," which had been a single for Kenny Rogers in 1988.

Supernaw later released singles including "What'll You Do About Me" in 1995 and "Not Enough Hours in the Night" in 1996.

Lucille Bridges

Lucille Bridges, the mother of Ruby Bridges, who made history in 1960 when she began attending an all-white school in New Orleans, died of cancer at her home in Uptown New Orleans at the age of 86.

Bridges, who had to leave school after eighth grade to help her sharecropper parents, was determined that her own children would get good educations. So she moved her family from Mississippi to New Orleans, and when an opportunity arose for Black children to test

for entry into the city's all-white schools — five years after school segregation had been federally outlawed — Bridges jumped at the chance to have kindergartener Ruby take the test.

Ruby passed, becoming the sole Black child to attend William Franz Elementary School. Bridges escorted her to school every day of the school year, and they were accompanied by armed federal marshals amid violent protests and death threats.

Bridges and her husband lost their jobs due to the controversy, and their friends and neighbors volunteered to guard their home as protests escalated.

In later years, Bridges had to evacuate New Orleans for Houston during Hurricane Katrina; she moved back to New Orleans about five years before her death.

"All those people calling us names, you just have to charge that to their ignorance and just go on," Bridges said in a 2016 interview. "Be yourself, and God will bring you through."

Paul Hornung

Paul Hornung, a legendary Hall of Fame running back for the Green Bay Packers, died Nov. 13 at the age of 84 from dementia.

Hornung, known as "The Golden Boy," was a star running back at Notre Dame, winning the Heisman Trophy in 1956. He is the only player to win that award on a losing team.

He was drafted by the Packers as the number one overall pick in 1957. Hornung was an All-Pro three times early in his NFL career, until injuries and a gambling scandal slowed him down.

Known for his wild lifestyle at the time, Hornung was suspended for the 1963 season along with Lions star Alex Karras for associating with undesirable people and was reinstated in 1964.

He won three NFL Championships and Super Bowl I with the Green Bay dynasty, though he did not play in the Super Bowl due to an injury.

He played one season with the New Orleans Saints and then retired in 1967.

Vince Reffet

Vince Reffet, a French jetpack pilot who flew for Jetman Dubai, has died in an accident during training.

The incident occurred in Dubai on Tuesday morning local time, according to a statement from the company, posted on Facebook.

Jetman Dubai has developed a jet-powered wingsuit capable of taking off from the ground and then transitioning to high-altitude flight.

In February, Reffet, whose stunts using the jetpack have gone viral on social media, was the first pilot to demonstrate the transition to high-altitude flight.

Jetman pilots had previously launched from elevated platforms, such as a helicopter. Reffet was the first to launch from the ground.

The suit has a maximum altitude of 6,100 meters (20,000 feet), according to the Jetman Dubai website, a maximum flight duration of 13 minutes and a top speed of 220 knots (253 miles per hour).

In 2015, Reffet and fellow pilot Yves Rossy flew alongside the world's largest passenger jet, an Airbus A380, over Dubai.

Reffet, aged 36, was also known for BASE jumping, and jumped from the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, in 2014.



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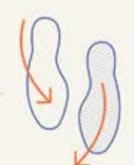
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Johana Hernandez, Downey's preeminent fashion designer

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

I'm the only designer in Downey," said Johana Hernandez, "and I was on the cover of the Beverly Hills Courier. I'd love to be in the Downey Patriot."

Johana showed me the October 2020 edition of the Courier with the headline, "A Fashion Phenom in Beverly Hills, From Compton to Couture."

"From learning in sweatshops," the story began, "to presenting on the biggest Fashion Week runways around the world, Johana Hernandez is a Latinx millennial sensation."

In 2014 Johana was named by People Magazine en Español as "one of 25 most powerful women" and by Latina Magazine as one of their "30 Favorite Stars under 30." She has just been added to Who's Who in America.

Johana has a showroom in Beverly Hills, on Brighton Way. "But I'm from Downey, and I wanted to be in Downey too," Johana said, so for five years now she has had a shop on Imperial Highway near Paramount featuring her own exclusive bridal fashions as well as haute couture dresses, both glam and elegant.

"Each gown is made to your measurements," Johana said.

Johana sees people by appointment only, and I was slotted in at 5 pm, ahead of a bride coming at 6. As I entered I was struck with how many beautiful dresses were on display, from beaded bridal creations in white or ivory or blush, to special occasion dresses in flaming red or black silk taffeta. Johana was wearing one of her own casual designs, a gold and black striped knit blouse with sheer black organza sleeves that puffed like little wings from her shoulders.

I had expected to find less inventory, and more of a portfolio with sketches of designs. But after being welcomed into the mirror-walled and crystal chandelier showroom, and having viewed many episodes on TV of "Say Yes



To the Dress," I was impressed by the enterprise.

Remarkably, for this COVID dominated times, Johana's business is thriving. Brides may have small weddings but they still want formal gowns to mark the occasion.

"Brides plan six months to a year in advance," Joana said, "and the orders haven't stopped. By the time these are ready, wedding attendance may be up again. I expect I can help then, because I can give jobs to fill the orders."

"We specialize in dresses for all the important occasions in a woman's life," Johana said. That includes Johana's own exclusive GLAUDI-label bridal and mother of the bride creations, but also frothy pink ball gowns for quinceaneras, as well as dresses for the young damas of the court. Birthdays, graduations, career promotions, haute couture designs with the GLAUDI label, all deserve her red carpet.

"For the elegant modern woman," Johana said.

How did Johana get from high school student to meteoric rise to star Latinx entrepreneur, in such a short time?

Johana's mother and father worked under oppressive conditions in the aptly named sweatshops in El Salvador for fashion designers. They came to Compton, where she and her siblings were born, and eventually Johana entered the Downey school system.

Johana showed me her framed citation from last year's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for Downey High School: "Johana Hernandez, fashion designer and owner of GLAUDI, a fashion boutique store in south Downey."

Johana has always been serious about her career. While going through school, Johana worked with her parents in a dress sweatshop.

"I learned tailoring as well as clothing construction and manufacturing processes and design there," she said.

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Johana Hernandez is building a fashion empire

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After graduation from Downey High in 2004, she apprenticed for design, and at only 19 she earned her first job as a head designer, where her first collection was featured on the Wall Street Journal.

At 22, she became head designer of Seven 7 Jeans where she also designed for Isaac Mizrahi Jeans, Eli Tahari, and many more. Her designs have been sold worldwide at mass retailers such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Macy's, and Bloomingdales.

"Some of my friends got together," Johana said, "and we produced dresses for charity shows. Latina celebrities like Paulina Rubio,

the Mexican singer and businesswoman, wore our dresses. We used the money to found Latinas Con Corazon, and we set up a school in San Ramon, El Salvador, where my parents came from, to give back to kids who suffer from poverty in poor villages. And we built shelters in Mexico for abused women."

"I got noticed, so that was a kind of breakthrough for me," Johana said. "I began designing under my own label." At age 24, without financial backing, Johana founded the family business GLAUDI, named after her mother Gladis. She had a showing in Paris, but this year's edition was postponed because of the coronavirus.

I had expected to see sketches and swatches of fabrics, but here was a store filled with inventory, so many beaded and sequined samples. "We hand sew the beading and sequins ourselves," Johana said.

Johana believes in giving back. "Fashions can bring us together," she said. "Marriage and love is for everyone - bless the dress."

She signs each GLAUDI wedding dress sketch with a tag, "What God has joined together, let no one separate. Mark 10:9."

GLAUDI is a faith-based business. "If your goal is to just become rich and famous," Johana says, "it's super empty.

But if your goal is to give work to people, to build schools, to give back to the community, that's leaving a legacy. And that's my dream for our brand." Her favorite message is Godfab: GOD is Fabulous!

One of Johana's prime objectives has been to free women from the tyranny of the sweat shop. She created a brand that doesn't take advantage of immigrant sewers like they did with her parents, who worked long hours in El Salvador sewing for brands such as Guess, Calvin Klein and Gap.

She already has ateliers in Downey, Chicago and Istanbul, Turkey. "We have all size wages from minimum to more," she said. "Wages people can live on."

"My focus is to give back," Johana said. "We value our team and give them not only a job but a family environment. We give them gifts for holidays, to let them know we are always grateful. You need people you trust to grow and be profitable. Our employees are the core of our business. We compensate fairly and treat everyone with respect."

All GLAUDI creations bear the label, "made in the U.S."

"We have a tight strong team that can wear many hats to be able to run the business strong," she said. Johana considers herself part of that team.

"My older brother Edwin is CEO," she said. "My younger brother is in charge of sales. And my mother helps too. She sews, and does a little of everything. Alexis is a stylist who works with me. We keep both shops busy."

Johana is 34 now, with no signs of slowing down. She has worked as a fashion critic for



Univision and Telemundo, top providers of Spanish-language content, covering the Emmys, Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, and other red-carpet events. In five years she sees herself with a family, and shops around the world, in addition to the GLAUDI's flagship stores in Beverly Hills and Downey.

"We design for men too," Johana said, a line of men's suits and jackets and attire for the groom. "I have tailors who make the men's clothes."

"How do you let people know you are here?" I asked.

"I use social media," she said, "and my website. And word of mouth. I grew up here, and people are loyal."

From behind the reception

desk cousin Josh waved to me. He is a Downey boy too, Johana said. When I left, Johana wanted me to have a souvenir. No, not a cutting edge party dress, but my choice of a face mask with the signature GLAUDI tag on the front. Thousands of GLAUDI masks were donated free to hospitals for frontline workers, the LAPD, and security officers and their medical teams at L.A. County prisons.

Faced with different variations on black, some with gold markings, I chose a preppy black and white plaid. But who knows. My beautiful granddaughter Lawren is single, and I may be back in the market for a glam grandmother of the bride dress.

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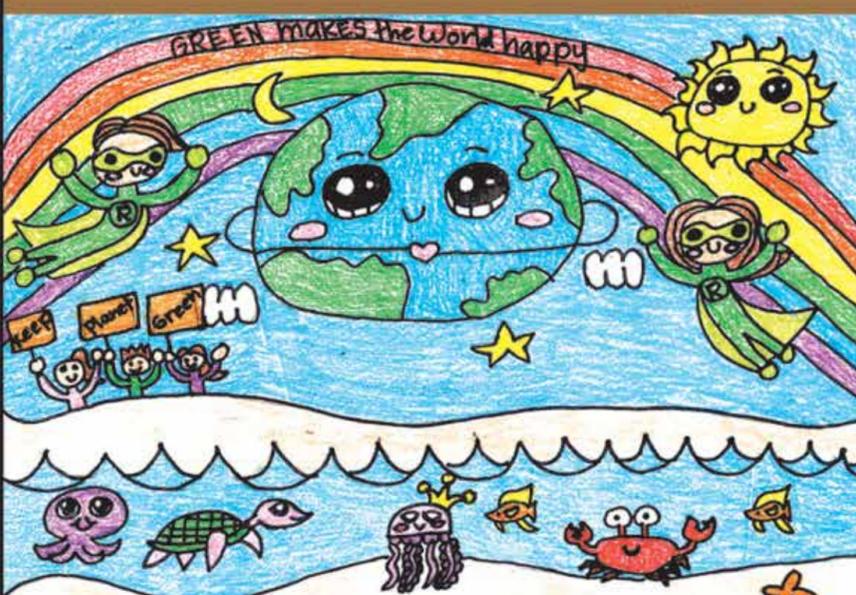
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Downey High's Hailey Harris signs letter of intent with Utah

■ A three-sport athlete and MVP, Downey's Hailey Harris signs to play with the University of Utah.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY — Downey High School standout softball player Hailey Harris officially signed her National Letter of Intent with the University of Utah last week.

Hailey is a three-sport athlete at Downey where she also competes in volleyball and basketball. She also competes for the USA Athletics' 18u gold softball team.

Hailey was the San Gabriel Valley League MVP in 2018 and an all-league selection in 2019, as well as a two-time Long Beach Press Telegram Dream Team member in 2018 and 2019. She won team MVP honors in 2019 and the Athletic Viking Award for softball in 2018.

Hailey is ranked 29th nationally among pitchers. The

University of Utah's website is gleaming with excitement of this signing.

The University of Utah's webpage said, "Hailey is an outstanding student as well who has won scholar-athlete awards each year at Downey."

The University of Utah's webpage continued by saying, "Harris has been heavily involved in extracurricular activities and has tutored in the school's writing center. Hailey was the Academic Viking Award winner for English Composition/Journalism in 2019 and 2020 and was a 2020 Stauffer Junior 4.0 Award winner."

Harris was signed along with Lakewood High School standout catcher Kendall Lundberg.

"Today we are very excited to introduce two talented athletes who have signed to become Utes," said Utah head coach Amy Hogue. "We have a very young and talented team, which means our list of needs was going to be small, so we went out and found two exceptional talents who would fit perfectly into our

program"

"I am convinced both can compete at the highest level of the game and we look forward to having them on campus next fall."

The entire administration, faculty and staff at Downey High School are extremely proud of Hailey's accomplishments and wish her the best of luck at the University of Utah next fall. Congratulations Hailey on a job well done!

CIF Update

There has been an update on the CIF website regarding the start of fall sports in January.

The CIF website reads, "the CIF Southern Section, due to Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement today related to the increase in COVID-19 cases, will be closing our office effective tomorrow, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 until further notice."

The C.I.F. website continued by saying, "we will re-evaluate our office service based on the recommendations and guidance

of local, state and federal health organizations as they evolve." Further, the site said, "during this time, all employees will work remotely and will continue to be reachable via their individual email accounts and our switchboard."

In addition, in Wednesday's COVID-19 press briefing, Governor Newsom and Dr. Mark Ghaly from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) disclosed "that the release of updated youth sports guidance has been postponed." The C.I.F. website concluded by saying, "therefore, the current guidance remains in effect, and C.I.F. competitions are not allowed until new guidance is provided."

I have reached out to coaches of Downey and Warren High Schools and will share their thoughts based on this week's news. I am curious to hear what they have to say in reaction to the CIF office's statement.



Hailey Harris, a three-sport athlete at Downey High, will play softball for the University of Utah next fall. (Courtesy photo)

Doctor offers tips for a safe Thanksgiving

■ Dr. Umber Chohan of Kaiser Permanente offers guidance for your holiday celebration.

If you're planning a large Thanksgiving gathering with family and friends this year, think twice!

That's because health officials are warning against such gatherings this year, and they are imploring the public to take important safety precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones against the coronavirus, which continues to pose a serious health threat in California and across the nation.

As COVID-19 continues to impact the country, families

may be tempted to let their guard down as they gather to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast and interact closely with one another. However, underestimating the risks posed by this virus would be a serious mistake, because the coronavirus still poses a significant threat to our communities' health.

"There are some important steps we can take to protect our health while still celebrating this beloved American tradition with our families and friends," says

Dr. Umber Chohan, infectious diseases specialist with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "However, going about it as if there's no need for concern is not a wise

decision, and it could create a serious health risk to yourself and your loved ones."

If you plan to host a dinner to feast on turkey and trimmings, Dr. Chohan recommends significantly limiting the number of people present due to the ongoing pandemic. In general, the lowest risk for contracting or spreading the highly infectious virus is simply by celebrating Thanksgiving in your own home with members of your household and/or celebrating virtually with extended family, she notes.

"We advise everyone to skip any big Thanksgiving plans this year," Dr. Chohan says. "Also, whenever possible, it's really important to take

extra additional precautions, including wearing masks, following good hygiene practices and observing physical distancing."

Take It Outside

Dr. Chohan also encourages families to celebrate Thanksgiving outdoors in their backyards or elsewhere outdoors whenever possible.

"Indoor public areas are one of the places with the highest risk of transmission of the coronavirus," she explains. "Natural air currents outside disperse virus particles more quickly and effectively than inside. There's minimal to no air circulation indoors due to a lack of ventilation, allowing virus particles to linger in the air or fall on high-touch surfaces.

"Also, there are more surfaces that people frequently touch indoors."

Indoor Tips

Dr. Chohan advises that if you are going to celebrate Thanksgiving indoors, then the best way to stay safe is through the three basic methods: wearing masks, physical distancing and good hand hygiene.

That's why it's wise to keep hand sanitizer with you and/or wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. It's also important to keep

disposable wipes on-hand to clean and disinfect surfaces.

If you plan to host or attend a holiday gathering, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends:

Washing your own dishes to limit cross-contamination.

Using paper plates, because they are safer to use than regular dishes.

Wiping down common areas with disinfectants.

Avoid using shared serving utensils or passing dishes around the table.

Dr. Chohan stresses that if an invited family member or friend is sick, even if they have very mild symptoms or just feeling 'under the weather,' they

should be advised to stay home since they may have COVID-19 or other germs that pose a threat to your health.

"We all want to enjoy our families and friends during this wonderful holiday," she notes. "We can do that. However, it should be done in a way that's both enjoyable and safe by taking precautions that better protect our health - and the health of our loved ones - during the COVID-19 pandemic."

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Apple admits slowing down older iPhones, will pay \$24.6M fine

■ A lawsuit alleged that iPhone updates purposely slowed down older phones.

CUPERTINO - Apple Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay \$24.6 million to settle a California lawsuit alleging the company failed to disclose that iPhone software it instructed consumers to download slowed down the performance in older iPhones.

The California settlement is part of a larger \$113 million settlement negotiated with a total of 34 states resolving allegations that the company made misrepresentations about iPhone batteries and software updates that throttled processing performance in order to manage insufficient battery power in its phones.

In the California case, the Cupertino, Calif.-based company reached a settlement with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the California Attorney General's Office, and the Alameda, San Diego, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz county district attorney's offices.

Apple Inc. will pay \$4.1 million to each agency.

The civil complaint, filed in

Alameda County Superior Court, alleges that Apple Inc. violated state law by failing to timely and adequately disclose that its iOS software slowed down the performance of older iPhones as their batteries aged.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Tara Desautels signed the stipulated final judgment between prosecutors and Apple Inc. on November, 18, 2020.

In December 2017, Apple Inc. released a statement apologizing to consumers and providing an explanation about why it slowed down the iPhones.

As part of the company's statement, it said that the iOS 10.2.1 update, which it had issued nearly a year earlier, contained power management features for certain iPhones to prevent unexpected shutdowns.

The company said a subsequent iOS 11.2 update also contained these power management features affecting other iPhones. These power management features resulted in slowing down certain iPhones and causing some users to experience longer launch times for apps, lower speaker volume, backlight dimming and other reductions in performance.

The iPhones affected by these software updates included



the iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus, iPhone 6s, iPhone 6s Plus, first generation iPhone SE, iPhone 7, and iPhone 7 Plus.

Prosecutors alleged that Apple Inc.'s failure to disclose these features at the time iOS 10.2.1 and iOS 11.2 were released constituted an unlawful business practice and violated California's false advertising statute.

Apple Inc. did not admit that it had violated any laws, but the company cooperated with the investigation.

Under the settlement terms, Apple Inc. has agreed to maintain easily accessible and prominent webpages that provide clear and conspicuous information to consumers about lithium-ion batteries, unexpected shutdowns

and performance management.

The webpages must provide guidance to consumers on steps they can take to maximize battery health and also describe the operation of performance management and its impact on iPhone battery and performance.

Additionally, Apple Inc. has agreed to notify consumers in a clear and conspicuous manner if a future iOS update materially changes performance management features.

"We are pleased that Apple Inc. has agreed to comply with state consumer laws," District Attorney Lacey said. "With this settlement, the technology company has pledged to provide clear and conspicuous communication to consumers

about lithium-ion batteries, unexpected shutdowns and performance management.

"We as prosecutors are here to protect consumers and ensure that all companies, large and small, provide transparency so that their customers are fully informed when they spend money on products."

POETRY MATTERS

Ithaka

As you set out for Ithaka
hope your road is a long one,
full of adventure, full of discovery....

Hope your road is a long one.
May there be many summer mornings when,
with what pleasure, what joy,
you enter harbors you're seeing for the first time;
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations
to buy fine things,
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,
sensual perfume of every kind—
as many sensual perfumes as you can;
and may you visit many Egyptian cities
to learn and go on learning from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you're destined for.
But don't hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
so you're old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you've gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.

Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey.
Without her you wouldn't have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.

And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
you'll have understood by then what these Ithakas mean.

C. P. Cavafy, translated by Edmond Keeley

You can go to Youtube for a nostalgic listen to Sean Connery's rich Scots burr reading the full version of this everyman's journey. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Stage version of 'A Christmas Carol' to stream online

LONG BEACH - International City Theatre of Long Beach is streaming a stage adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol," starring Tony Award winner Jefferson Mays.

The world premiere will begin streaming Nov. 28 and will be available for replay on demand through Jan. 3.

Tickets are \$50 at www.InternationalCityTheatre.org.

The timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is brought to new life as Mays plays over 50 roles in a virtuosic, master class of a performance.

Directed by Michael Arden, Mays' performance was staged

exclusively for this production.

"This is one more way that ICT can continue to serve and connect with our community," says producing artistic director caryn desai [sic]. "Perhaps this new telling of this classic holiday story will bring some joy to families during these challenging times."

The streaming video event will benefit International City Theatre, as well as other theaters across the country that have been devastated by the pandemic, with a portion of all ticket sales going back to the presenting theaters.

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City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support

Weekend at a Glance
Friday 70°
Saturday 71°
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THINGS TO DO
Memorial Day Ceremony

FROM OUR FACEBOOK
City continues financial support of Stay Gallery

Downey Patriot wins 5 journalism awards

Crime Report

Nov. 9:

At approximately 2:30 am, officers responded to the 11000 block of Downey Ave regarding someone pointing a firearm at Joseph's Bar. Three subjects were at Joseph's Bar and were asked to leave. The subjects attempted to leave with their alcohol and security told them they could not. The subjects became angry and walked to a vehicle. One of the subjects pointed a firearm at security and another male had a firearm concealed and in his possession. Officers quickly converged in the area and detained the suspects. One suspect was arrested for pointing the gun at security and the other male was arrested for possession of a concealed firearm.

Nov. 11

Detectives are investigating an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred at about 3 am in the 8100 block of 7th Street. The unknown male suspect was heard breaking into the victim's vehicle that was parked in the driveway. When the victim walked outside to confront the suspect, the suspect was already back in the suspect's vehicle and sped away. As the vehicle drove past the victim, it sideswiped his arms, causing minor abrasions. The victim declined medical treatment.

Nov. 13:

At approximately 2 am, officers responded to Imperial Hwy. and the west city limits regarding a stolen vehicle in the area. Officers located the vehicle and took the adult male driver into custody.

Nov. 14:

At approximately 11:05 pm, officers responded to the 7300 block of Irvinggrove Dr regarding an overdose. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in the home, unresponsive from a possible overdose. Two doses of Narcan were administered and the subject began breathing. The Downey Fire Department arrived and transported the subject to the hospital for further treatment.

Nov. 15:

At approximately 7 pm, officers responded to a strong arm robbery in the area of Paramount Blvd. and the 5 Freeway. The adult female victim was selling flowers at the off-ramp. The adult female suspect approached the victim and began physically assaulting the victim. During the assault, the victim's cell phone fell from her possession and the suspect took the cell phone and fled. The suspect was detained a short distance away and was arrested. The loss was recovered from the suspect.



Donovan Taylor earns leadership award

DOWNEY – Donovan Taylor, clinical director of Emergency and Hospitalist Services at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center, has been awarded the inaugural Daisy Nurse Leader Award, which honors nurse managers, directors and others “who create an environment where compassionate care thrives.”

Donovan's nomination notes that he has been a model for outstanding transformational leadership that has empowered his nursing staff of over 225 nurses and 15 administrative members.

“I love my job and I love my staff,” Donovan said upon receiving the award. “It is an honor to do what I do.”

Hawthorne city council candidate charged with voter fraud

HAWTHORNE – Two men have been charged in a 41-count criminal complaint for allegedly submitting thousands of fraudulent voter registration applications on behalf of homeless people, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced Tuesday.

Carlos Antonio De Bourbon Montenegro, 53, aka Mark Anthony Gonsalves, and Marcos Raul Arevalo, 34, were each charged with one count of conspiracy to commit voter fraud, eight counts of voter fraud, four counts of procuring and offering a false or forged instrument and four misdemeanor counts of interference with a prompt transfer of a completed affidavit.

Montenegro faces an additional 10 counts of voter fraud, seven counts of procuring and offering a false or forged instrument, two counts of perjury and five misdemeanor counts of interference with a prompt transfer of a completed affidavit.

Montenegro allegedly submitted more than 8,000 fraudulent voter registration applications between July and October 2020. He also is accused of falsifying names, addresses and signatures on

nomination papers under penalty of perjury to run for mayor in the city of Hawthorne.

If convicted as charged, Montenegro faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years and eight months in state prison, while Arevalo faces a possible maximum sentence of seven years in prison.

■ A Bellflower man was sentenced this week to 26 years to life in state prison for fatally stabbing another man outside of an apartment complex two years ago.

Jeffery Ardonal Johnson, 64, was convicted by a jury in June 2019 of one count of first-degree murder.

On the evening of Jan. 27, 2018, Johnson and 24-year-old victim Anthony Maurice Elston reportedly got into a physical altercation outside of the apartment complex.

During the fight, Johnson pulled out a knife and fatally stabbed Elston in the torso, prosecutors said.

Johnson left the scene but returned later and turned himself in.

LEGALS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020164826

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SHERRIE AMOR, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHERRIE DENNELL GOMEZ, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA, 90242

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: 01/2020

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).

S/SHERRIE DENNELL GOMEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 19, 2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020169259

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MI BURRITO MEXICAN GRILL, 1700 S CATALINA AVE SUITE 101, REDONDO BEACH CA 90277, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SILDANA ZAVALA INC., 15856 WHITTIER BLVD., WHITTIER CA 90603

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).

S/SILDANA ZAVALA INC, CEO, JOSE LUIS SILDANA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020177241

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ULTRALITE, 14335 ISELI ROAD, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 143019 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALUMAFAB, 14335 ISELI ROAD, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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S/ALUMAFAB, PRESIDENT, KENNETH A. LOCKWOOD

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020166097

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JAI TUTORING, 11798 BEVERLY BLVD UNIT C, WHITTIER CA 90601, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUDY IBARRA, 11798 BEVERLY BLVD UNIT C, WHITTIER CA 90601

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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S/JUDY IBARRA, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 20, 2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020179241

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020181653

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELEVATED PARTY ARRANGEMENTS, 8142 CHEYENNE AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) URSULA ANDREA MONTERROSO, 8142 CHEYENNE AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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S/URSULA ANDREA MONTERROSO, OWNER

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The Downey Patriot 11/12/20, 11/19/20, 11/26/20, 12/3/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020168661

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLUE HEART CO., 8336 1/2 LUXOR ST., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLUE HEART CO. LLC, 8336 1/2 LUXOR ST., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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S/BLUE HEART CO. LLC, CEO, ASDRUBAL ROMERO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 21, 2020

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The Downey Patriot 11/19/20, 11/26/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020180573

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020168661

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLUE HEART CO., 8336 1/2 LUXOR ST., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLUE HEART CO. LLC, 8336 1/2 LUXOR ST., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

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S/BLUE HEART CO. LLC, CEO, ASDRUBAL ROMERO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 21, 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).

The Downey Patriot 11/19/20, 11/26/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020164828

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) QUARANTINE WEAR, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHERRIE D GOMEZ, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) GUSTAVO GOMEZ, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2020

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).

S/SHERRIE D GOMEZ, WIFE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 19, 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).

The Downey Patriot 10/29/20, 11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020159887

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COAST CAPITAL MORTGAGE, 8255 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE 110, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOWNNEY CAPITAL MORTGAGE, INC, 8255 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE 110, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: CA 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).

S/DOWNEY CAPITAL MORTGAGE, INC, CEO, RICHARD RECTOR

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 9, 2020

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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).

The Downey Patriot 10/29/20, 11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020164828

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) QUARANTINE WEAR, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHERRIE D GOMEZ, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) GUSTAVO GOMEZ, 8718 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2020

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).

S/SHERRIE D GOMEZ, WIFE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 19, 2020

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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).

The Downey Patriot 10/29/20, 11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20WCP00251

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NEIBA MADELYN DE LA ROSA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) NEIBA MADELYN DE LA ROSA to Proposed name (1) LILY MADELYN DELAROSA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 18, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A

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, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT OCTOBER 21, 2020

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
NEIBA MADELYN DE LA ROSA
8140 BEECHWOOD AVE #B
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
(323) 559-2535
NEIBAD@YAHOO.COM

The Downey Patriot 10/29/20, 11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20WCP00122

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADYAN MURAD KABIR BY AND THROUGH MOTHER HUDA ABDURAHMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ADYAN MURAD KABIR to Proposed name (1) AYMAN MURAD KABIR

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 19, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room: 904

The address of the court is 200 WEST COMPTON BLVD, RM 902, COMPTON, CA 90220

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Judge Maurice A. Leiber
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
ADYAN MURAD KABIR BY AND THROUGH MOTHER HUDA ABDURAHMAN
1163 E. 223RD STREET
CARSON, CA 90745
(323) 342-3829
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The Downey Patriot 11/12/20, 11/19/20, 11/26/20, 12/3/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20WCP00235

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOEL AZARCOYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
Full Time
Thomas Vet Hospital
(562) 923-9497

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Call Erik (323) 228-4500

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McKinnon & Sons
Plumbing of Downey
(562) 904-3616

NICE-N-KLEAN
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Cleaning.
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(562) 419-6577

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PLANS, PERMITS CONSTRUCTION
Project Design,
New Construction,
Remodeling & Additions
Lic. #936419
Call Jeff (562) 869-1421

FINE ROOFING, INC.
Roof Repair & Leaks
Free Estimate•Quality Service
Senior Discount. Lic 976823
(562) 879-4987

SERVICES

APPLIANCE TECH HAS ARRIVED
House calls. Same day rapid
service all major brands.
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stoves, refrigerators, etc.
Senior citizen discount.
(562) 866-4291
(310) 251-3018

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(562) 202-0559

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HANDY CRAFTSMAN SERVICE
for all your home
improvements & repairs. All
labor and material guaranteed.
(562) 331-0976

The
DOWNEY GRAFFITI HOTLINE NUMBER



CLASSIFIED ADS AT PIGGY BANK PRICES!
904-3668

Report graffiti to this number.
923-4484

Present name (1) JOEL AZARCOYA to Proposed name (1) JOEL ANTONIO DIAZ THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: NOVEMBER 30, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.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, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** OCTOBER 2, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
JOEL AZARCOYA
10036 WILEY BURKE AVE
DOWNEY, CA 90240
(562) 644-3666
DIAZ11JOEL@GMAIL.COM

person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 3, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 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:
RICHARD A LEHN ESQ
SBN 147571
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9530 E IMPERIAL HWY
STE J
DOWNEY CA 90242-3041
CN973030 HUERTH Nov 12,19,26, 2020

otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAXINE DELORES DAY

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Johnna Woolfolk in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Johnna Woolfolk 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 Feb. 26, 2021 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:
EDWARD A TRABIN ESQ
SBN 27607
17515 CRENSHAW BLVD
STE 200
TORRANCE CA 90504
CN973255 DAY Nov 12,19,26, 2020

dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

AVISO - LAS ORDENES DE RESTRICCION SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PAGINA 2: Las ordenes de restricción estan en vigencia en cuanto a ambos conyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la peticion, se emita un fallo o la corte de otras ordenes. Cualquier agencia del orden publico que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCION DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a peticion de usted o de la otra parte.

1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766, EAST DISTRICT

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): PATRICIA GODA, 2926 E. VIRGINIA AVE, APT #14, WEST COVINA, CA 91791

SHERRI R. CARTER
Date (Fecha): AUGUST 17, 2017 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) ALMA CARDENAS, Deputy (Asistente)

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11/12/20, 11/19/20, 11/26/20, 12/3/20

UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/01/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2034535 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: CLEMENTINA SALGADO, AN UNMARRIED 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: 12/11/2020 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN 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: 8544 PURITAN STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6263-018-011 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 \$205,253.83. 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 the 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 0000008637001. 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: 10/30/2020A-4727593 11/19/2020, 11/26/2020, 12/03/2020

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00256

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA VALLESTEROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MARIA VALLESTEROS to Proposed name (1) MARIA BELIA BALLESTEROS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 30, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.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, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** OCTOBER 30, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTIN LOPEZ
Case No. 20STPB07570

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTIN LOPEZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Martin Lopez, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Martin Lopez, Jr. 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 Feb. 1, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Martin Lopez, Jr.
MARTIN LOPEZ JR
4052 LUGO AVE
LYNWOOD CA 90262
CN973159 LOPEZ Nov 5,12,19, 2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDWARD A TRABIN
Case No. 20STPB07570

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDWARD A TRABIN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Edward A Trabin in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Edward A Trabin 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 Feb. 1, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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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:
EDWARD A TRABIN ESQ
SBN 27607
17515 CRENSHAW BLVD
STE 200
TORRANCE CA 90504
CN973255 DAY Nov 12,19,26, 2020

The Downey Patriot
11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20, 11/26/20

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLAUDIA HUERTH
Case No. 20STPB09032

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CLAUDIA HUERTH

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jerry Kityk in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jerry Kityk be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested

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CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): 17PSFL00719

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales. Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

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10 first-time homebuyer loans and programs

There are many first-time homebuyer programs and grants available to help you afford your first real estate purchase with the aid of benefits like lower down payments and closing costs. We've rounded up some of the best national grants, programs and loans for first-time homebuyers that can help get you into your first home without needing to make a 20 percent down payment.

1. FHA loan

Best for: Buyers with low credit and smaller down payments

Insured by the Federal Housing Administration, FHA loans typically come with smaller down payments and lower credit score requirements than most conventional loans. First-time homebuyers can buy a home with a minimum credit score of 580 and as little as 3.5 percent down or a credit score of 500 to 579 with at least 10 percent down.

Unfortunately, you'll need to pay private mortgage insurance, or PMI, with FHA loans. Your overall borrowing costs can be higher since you're paying an upfront PMI premium and annual PMI premiums. Unlike homeowners insurance, this coverage doesn't protect you. Instead, it protects the lender in case you default on the loan.

2. USDA loan

Best for: Borrowers with lower or moderate incomes purchasing a home in a USDA-eligible rural area

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, or USDA, guarantees loans for some rural homes, and borrowers can get 100 percent financing. This doesn't mean you have to buy a farm or shack up with livestock, but you do have to buy a home in a USDA-eligible area.

USDA loans have income limits based on where you live and are geared toward folks who earn lower to moderate incomes. You typically need a credit score of 640 or higher to qualify for a streamlined USDA loan. Otherwise, you'll have to provide extra documentation on your payment history to get a stamp of approval.

3. VA loan

Best for: Active-duty military members, veterans and their spouses

Qualified U.S. military members (active duty, veterans and eligible family members) are eligible for loans backed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA.

VA loans are a great deal because they come with lower interest rates compared to most other loan types and don't require a down payment. Borrowers, however, will need to pay a funding fee that is required on VA loans, but it can be rolled into your loan costs. Some service members may be exempt from paying it altogether.

Other VA loan perks include no minimum credit score or private mortgage insurance (PMI) requirements. The VA can negotiate with the lender on your behalf if you find yourself struggling to keep up with mortgage payments.

4. Good Neighbor Next Door

Best for: Teachers, law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical technicians

The Good Neighbor Next Door program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides housing aid for law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers.

Qualified participants can receive a discount of 50 percent on a home's listed price in "revitalization areas." You can search for properties available in your state using the program's website. You must commit to living in the home for at least 36 months.

5. Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac

Best for: Borrowers with strong credit but a minimal down payment

The government-sponsored enterprises, or GSEs, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac set borrowing guidelines for loans they're willing to buy from conventional lenders on the secondary mortgage market.

Both programs require

a minimum 3 percent down payment. Homebuyers also need a minimum credit score of 620 (depending on the lender) and a relatively unblemished financial and credit history to qualify. Fannie Mae accepts a debt-to-income ratio as high as 50 percent in some cases.

You'll need to pay for PMI if you're putting less than 20 percent down, but you can get it cancelled once your loan-to-value ratio drops below 80 percent.

6. Fannie Mae's HomePath ReadyBuyer Program

Best for: First-time homebuyers who need help for closing costs and are willing to buy a foreclosed home

Fannie Mae's HomePath ReadyBuyer program is geared toward first-time buyers interested in foreclosed homes that are owned by Fannie Mae. After taking a required online homebuying education course, eligible borrowers can receive up to 3 percent in closing cost assistance toward the purchase of a HomePath property.

The trick is finding a HomePath property in your market, which might be a challenge since foreclosures typically account for a smaller chunk of listings.

7. Energy-efficient mortgage (EEM)

Best for: Homebuyers who want to make their home more energy-efficient but lack upfront cash for upgrades

Making "green" upgrades can be costly, but you can get an energy-efficient mortgage (EEM) loan that's insured through the FHA or VA programs.

An EEM loan lets you tack the cost of energy-efficient upgrades (think new insulation, a more efficient HVAC system or double-pane windows) onto your primary loan upfront — all without a larger down payment.

8. FHA Section 203(k)

Best for: Homebuyers interested in purchasing a fixer-upper but who don't have a lot of cash to make major home improvements

If you're brave enough to take on a fixer-upper but don't

have the extra money to pay for renovations, an FHA Section 203(k) loan is worth a look.

Backed by the FHA, the loan calculates the home's value after improvements have been made. You can then borrow funds needed to pay for home improvement projects and roll the costs into one loan. Improvements must cost more than \$5,000 and you'll need to make a minimum 3.5 percent down payment.

9. State and local first-time homebuyer programs and grants

Best for: First-time homebuyers who need closing cost or down payment assistance

Many states and cities offer first-time homebuyer grants and programs in an effort to attract new residents. The aid comes in the form of grants that don't have to be repaid or low-interest loans with deferred repayment. Some programs may have income limits. Before buying a home, check your state's housing authority website for more information, or contact a real estate agent or local HUD-approved housing counseling agency to learn more about first-time homebuyer loans in your area.

10. Native American Direct Loan

Best for: Eligible Native American veterans wishing to buy a home on federal trust land

The Native American Direct Loan (NADL) provides financing to eligible Native American veterans and their spouses to buy, improve or build a home on federal trust

land. This loan differs from traditional VA loans in that the VA is the mortgage lender.

The NADL has no down payment or PMI requirements, and closing costs are low. You're not limited to only one property — you can get more than one NADL. However, not all states are eligible.

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Daniel was attracted to this office by the energy and cooperative attitude that existed. "The atmosphere at this office was different," he said. "I saw a high level of professionalism among the agents and staff. 24 Hour Real Estate's reputation was well known for its exceptional training, state of the art technology, and exceptional support. I realized that I would gain valuable experience from a company that had standards as high as my own."

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Maria Nicolaou
Thankful for my family and friends. Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Carmen Jimenez
I am grateful for my family, work family and friends! I am grateful for everyone's support. You guys are a ray of sunshine to me.



Mel, Rifa, Michael & Jami Berdelis
BROKER | OWNERS
We are blessed with a wonderful family and the amazing staff we work with. We are truly thankful for the continued support of all our clients...
We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!



Johanna Soto
Thankful for another year of life & for all the wonderful people that showed lots of love when my brother went to heaven.



Claudia Soto
I am thankful for the health & safety of my family and friends during this challenging year.



Angelo & Marie
We are blessed and thankful for our family, our health, and our loyal clients



Armando & Maria
We are thankful for God's blessings, our loving marriage, family & friends but most of all, we are thankful to God for His amazing Love, Grace and Mercy. Happy Thanksgiving.



Pat McCallum
Thankful for my many years in Downey and the friends and clients that I have here.



Helen Lancaster
I am thankful for his "Amazing Grace"



Vicki Spearman
Thankful for my family.



Frank Moreno
Thankful for my family, friends & associates. It's been a privilege to represent my clients; an honor to be referred by past clients & friends



Christina Davilas
I am thankful to God for the gift of every day, for my family, friends, clients and my community. Thank you to my clients for your trust in me these past 30 years.



Carrie Uva
I am thankful for my family, great friends and loyal clients. Thank you for your support & business.



Mario Persico
Thankful for God's continued blessings and grace and for my family, friends, and clients.



Penny Watson
I am thankful for my wonderful Real Estate family.



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I am thankful for the health & happiness of my friends & family.



Jimmy Spathos
Thankful for all of life's blessings!



Louie Gullerrez
Thankful for GOD, my Mom's health, my health, and that of my family. All the lessons & challenges GOD puts in my path.



Andi Grant
I'm thankful for a God who loves me and for the clients, family and friends to share his blessings with.



Ben & Stephanie
We are thankful for our family's health, well being and the opportunity to serve our community.



Eisa Mazon
I'm thankful that God has given me a heart that I can offer love, hope, & strength for all my family, friends & clients.



Lloyd Guillen
Thankful for God's grace in my life and so appreciative for the continued love and support of my family, friends and clients.



Jerilyn Fierro
I am extremely thankful for the amazing support of family, friends, cherished clients. Wishing abundant blessings in the upcoming year!



Armando Martinez
May you have a home filled with laughter, freedom and love; Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!



Joanna Martinez
Thankful for my wonderful husband, amazing kids & beautiful family! Most of all God's love, promises & mercy; everything is a gift from God.



Rich Ramirez
I'm thankful for my wife Jaclyn, my son Gavin, my daughter Ryley, our family & friends. Also thankful for our health, love & all the admirable people we've been privileged to meet & know. Blessings to all.



Ana Silahua
Thankful for all my blessings. I wish you all a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday season.



Paul & Sonia
Thankful for my family and to Downey's first responders and all the citizens who work hard to make Downey safe and prosperous for our family and so many other families who live here.



Edith Stine-Woods
I am thankful knowing that even in challenging times, my family, friends, colleagues & customers remain hopeful, positive and focused on rebuilding our nation.



Zeke & Eric Pinaya
We are thankful for the safety and health of our clients during these delicate times.



Gabriel Reyes
To my friends & family who have passed or are currently battling cancer, I'm thankful for your courage and honored to be a small part of your life.



Julio Garcia
I'm thankful to have my family together - all in good health, and for another year of hard work.



Susan Martene
I am thankful for God, family and our Country!



Richard Reyes
I'm thankful for the love of my family and friends and for the opportunity to be allowed to live a dream.



Raiph Aranda
I'm thankful for family and friends and all that we do for each other.



Olga Demchesen
I am mostly thankful to be in this Country and to have all my family here with me.



Maria Elena Serrano
Thankful for my family, friends, health and the opportunity to serve my community.



John Brito & Marta Guillen
We are thankful for God, our family, all that we have and for the people that make us happy.



Mazen Nabulsi
I am thankful for my health & the wonderful opportunities to always make a difference in my life and to others.



Maria Mokay
I'm thankful to God for the love, peace & joy that we get to share with one another, and for everyone I have ever met and those that I am still to meet. Blessing you with all my heart.



Linda Robertson
I am thankful to God who saved me! His mercies are new every morning. I am thankful for my husband, children, grandchildren, my wonderful mother, and I am thankful for our blessed USA.



George Gusman
Thankful for my family and friends. Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Ekber Djokovic
Grateful for my family, friends, clients and the people I work with.



Lucy Villalobos
Thankful for God's many blessings. I wish all my family, friends, & my extended family at 24 Hour Real Estate a blessed Holiday Season.



Telicia Carr
Thankful for being able to still go to work and to serve my family, friends and clients through this challenging year.



Monica Saucedo
Grateful for small things, big things and everything in between.



Steven Hernandez
I am most thankful for my good health, my family and friends. If you have good health, you have wealth.



Jaime Marquez Jr
Thankful to God for my wife and daughter; for all of his blessings in our lives thus far.



Jessica Vazquez
Thankful for my family and for having the ability to help others make the biggest investment of their lives.



Alexis Reyes
Thankful for my family & friends that give me the support & encouragement each & every day. Happy Thanksgiving!



Tania Zavaia
I am thankful for God, my family, friends and to be given the opportunity to help others.



The Angulo Team
We are thankful for 24 Hour's successes, a prosperous year, our team's growth, and dedication. Grateful for the love & support we have from family & friends.



Fernando Buenabad
Thankful for my family and all the opportunities God has blessed me with.



Ray & Krystal Castillo
We are thankful for the Lord blessing us with another day of life, its blessings and having a foundation of support from our family & friends.



Luis Ruballos
Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Erika Gonzales
Thankful for my family and friends. Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Maureen Avila
I am grateful for my husband, our family's good health and friends. May they continue to be safe and healthy.



Jessica Reyes
Thankful for my family and friends. Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Damien Tenorio
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