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Council opposes dining closures

■ The Downey City Council on Tuesday passed a resolution formally opposing L.A. County's decision to close restaurant dining.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey City Council voted Tuesday to voice the city's opposition to Los Angeles County's move to close in-person dining for the next three weeks.

The evening's discussion was thrown onto the agenda as an emergency ordinance, in direct response to the county vote which occurred earlier that day.

The word "draconian" was tossed around a few times as councilmembers labored over the county's outdoor dining ban which took effect Wednesday night, attempting to curb the most recent wave of COVID-19 cases.

Specifically, there were concerns that there was not enough data to connect the recent surge of coronavirus to in-person outdoor dining, and that the most recent order would once again wreak havoc on small businesses who were just starting to find their footing from the last shut down.

Councilman Alex Saab expressed the opinion that more could have been done before the call to close again was made.

"It seems like there could have been steps that they could have taken not as drastic... maybe reduce the allowance of the number of people who could eat outside, or maybe not allow longer periods of gathering," said Saab. "It just seems so odd to me; are we going to start restricting supermarkets, start restricting Costco, Walmart?"

"The last time they did this, the effect it had on small businesses - particularly the restaurants - was devastating."

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa added that the council's opposition was not an indication that they were blind to the current spike.

"We are fully aware that this is a public health emergency," said Frometa. "But at the same time, we have to look at all of this, and all of the unintended consequences that shutting down our businesses bring to the communities."

"We've seen it across the country, we've seen it across the state, we've seen it across the southeast communities: These restaurants - these small-owned businesses - many of them are not coming back."

Councilman Sean Ashton was the only councilmember to not be fully on board initially, concerned that to ask the county to reverse its decision was asking them to "swing the pendulum all the way back to what has been allowed."

"According to what I'm reading here, we're asking them to repeal the outdoor dining restrictions. Basically, that's taking it back to what was in process before," said Ashton. "I can't support the total repeal of what they passed."

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Serving Downey was the greatest honor of my life

Councilman Rick Rodriguez reflects on his four years on the Downey City Council.

By Rick Rodriguez
Councilmember

In 2015, my life looked very different. At that time, my two combat veteran sons had returned from war and began now working with me in our family business. It was clear to me that Uncle Sam, my wife and I had done a good job preparing our children for leadership roles within our family business, and it was now time for me to retire.

Soon after my retirement from our family business, I was approached by several former Downey mayors to run for office. I quickly fell in love with the idea of being an elected official that would serve my city. The decision was easy because of my past 30 years of volunteer service in the City of Downey. This would be the greatest honor of my life, to serve as a member of the city council and eventually become the 45th mayor of our great city.

My goals while in office were simple: I planned to work just as hard as an elected official as I did growing my company for the past 23 years. I committed to spending long hours to accomplish my goals and be accessible to the residents of Downey.

These are some of my programs and accomplishments that I am the most proud of:

Pets for Troops:

Providing honorable US veterans with an emotional service animal of their choice, free of charge. Downey would cover half of the adoption fees, a tactical service vest and leash to display their military patches, 100 lbs of dry dog food, and entry level discipline training provided by Petco. If adopting a dog, SEAACA would pay the other half of adoption fees.

For this program, the City of Downey received a national recognition known as "A Better City."

Clergy Council:

A collaboration of local churches with members from all denominations that provided volunteer services to our community. Providing immediate resources for feeding and rapid re-housing for those in need. We were further able to expand our Downey Police Department's chaplain program by engaging all places of worship within our city.

Downey Care Collaborative (DCC):

A collaboration of Department of Children's Family Services, Downey Police Department, Downey Unified School District counselors, probation officers, and Gangs Out Of Downey to help our foster children graduate and succeed. The DCC would further provide gifts and support for our foster youth, including Christmas gifts, Thanksgiving meals, Easter gifts, birthday presents, and graduation recognition gifts.

Mayor's Servant Heart Award:

Provided recognition to a variety of Downey residents and our business owners who have



Councilman Rick Rodriguez served on the Downey City Council for four years. He leaves office next month after declining to seek a second and final term. (Courtesy photo)

demonstrated a random act of kindness to others. We have so many kind and generous people within our city, that are always willing to help a stranger, I wanted to celebrate them and their actions.

Downeys Volunteer One Day of Service:

A gathering of our local non-profit clubs, church groups and service clubs to provide "one day of service" to our community; tree planting, helping seniors with household needs, gardening, graffiti removal, and painting were just some of our actions that took place on our One Day Of Service. On our very first day, we had over 600 volunteers that came out to lend a hand and work hard to help others. I am hoping that this will carry on for years to come.

Coyotes Out Of Downey:

With the increase of coyotes being seen within our city, I was approached by our residents that had lost a pet or had an interaction with a coyote in our city. I was able to visit multiple neighboring cities to review their best practices for our city's coyote problem. We created an online coyote mapping and recording system to report all sightings and interaction with coyotes within our city. We developed our very own volunteer Coyotes Out Of Downey group (COOD). This group of volunteers proceeded to educate our residents with coyote awareness/training education programs and meetings, part of the Neighborhood Watch. We provided "Beware of Coyote" signs and printed materials to residents who had requested them. Lastly, by reporting any coyote actions, we were able to provide accurate data to California's Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Business Watch:

A monthly meeting with DPD and the local Downey business community to discuss the latest crime trends and protection efforts. This is a great way for members of our business community to have direct access to our Downey Police Department and learn how to keep their business safe.

Military Awareness Day:

This is an annual event wherein we allow ALL of our



U.S. military branches of service to speak with our Downey students from all Downey high schools, both public and private. The true benefit of this program is to educate our Downey students on how to earn a pathway to success through their military service. This program was created by my own children as they both earned their college money and degrees through their military service, and they are now successful within their post military service careers.

Homeless Outreach Program:

As part of my commitment to minimize our homeless numbers in our city, I attended the Service Provider Area (SPA-7) meetings. This is a regional meeting that discusses the collectible efforts in providing services like affordable housing, job training, food banks and access to health care for those who are experiencing homelessness. The best part of this program is the development of affordable housing for veterans to be built at the American Legion site in the southwest portion of our city.

Public Infrastructure

Starting in 2017, our community began the most robust infrastructure improvement and construction program in Downey's history. This included a brand new library (opening very soon), four new fire stations, six renovated parks, a new outdoor plaza at the Downey Theatre, and much more.

In conclusion, thank you ladies and gentlemen of Downey for allowing me to be of service to you and our wonderful city. Without a doubt, this has been the honor of my life to serve as your elected official for the City of Downey. I leave with a full heart of doing my best that I could to keep our city moving forward, while maintaining our positive attitude.

I thank my wife and children for allowing me this time to serve away from my family. I pray that the new incoming council members will continue the good positive work that our previous elected officials have been doing for over 60 years.

Always forward and God bless!

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 71°

Saturday 73°

Sunday 74°

ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 26

1789:

A day of thanksgiving was set aside by President George Washington to observe the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

1832:

Public streetcar service began in New York City.

1863:

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving would be observed annually on the fourth Thursday of November.

1940:

The half million Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

1942:

"Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.

1942:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing.

1983:

Thieves broke into a Brink's warehouse in London and gained access to a vault, stealing 6,800 gold bars, diamonds and cash totaling \$133 million.

1992:

Britain announced that Queen Elizabeth II had volunteered to start paying taxes on her personal income, and would take her children off the public payroll.

2000:

Florida certified Republican George W. Bush the winner over Democrat Al Gore in the state's presidential balloting by 537 votes.

2009:

An investigation ordered by Ireland's government found that Roman Catholic Church leaders in Dublin had spent decades sheltering child-abusing priests from the law and that most fellow clerics turned a blind eye.

Birthdays

The "Queen of Rock and Roll" **Tina Turner** (81), retired Angels pitcher **Chuck Finley** (58), retired basketball player **Shawn Kemp** (51), hall of fame boxer **Winky Wright** (49), music producer **DJ Khaled** (45) and pop singer **Rita Ora** (30).

Deaths

Stephen Hillenburg, an animator and marine biologist who created the Nickelodeon animated series "Spongebob Squarepants," died on this date in 2018. The cause of death was heart failure as a result of ALS. He was 57.

Holidays

Today is **Thanksgiving**, a holiday whose history traces back to 1621, when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast.

It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Also today is **Good Grief Day**, celebrating the birthday of "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles Schulz.

"Peanuts" ran for nearly 50 years from Oct. 2, 1950 to Feb. 13, 2000, one day before Schulz's death. Today, reprints of Schulz's comics appear in many U.S. newspapers. At its height in the 1960s, "Peanuts" appeared in 2,600 newspapers every day. Good grief.

Downey presses county to reconsider dining ban

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“I agree with portions of why they did it, but there’s something that needs to be worked; by saying we’re just asking them to repeal what they’ve done doesn’t really cover what they need to do.”

City Manager Gilbert Livas recommended that the council add language to their resolution asking for the county to consider implementing lower dining capacities and/or time limits at tables, as well as to make a clear distinction between bars and restaurants.

Ultimately, the council unanimously voted in approval of a resolution that defaulted to the California State order, as well as

the county order before the Nov. 25 LA County Board of Supervisors action, applicable to restaurants and not bars.

This move is mostly symbolic, as the city is contractually obligated to abide by LA County Health Department mandates due to a prior general services agreement. According to Livas, there have been examples elsewhere of cities who have defied their county’s mandates, only to lose in court later on.

Livas also suggested there were other cities looking to oppose the new mandate.

The controversial move by the county split the Board of Supervisors, with Supervisor’s Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger

calling to maintain the status quo, though coming away fruitless.

“I don’t support shutting down outdoor dining in LA County right now,” Hahn tweeted. “I don’t think we have the data to prove dining is driving the recent surge or to rationalize the number of people who would lose their jobs. I’m also worried it will drive more people to gather indoors.”

“But I do not want to give people the idea that we are not facing a serious crisis that demands action. We need you to stop gathering with friends and family. Please cancel your plans. I did. Our healthcare employees, our workers, and businesses need us to turn this around.”

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A Christmas Story

One winter morning at 5am when I was pulling out of my driveway taking my kids to the airport for a Christmas with relatives, I saw there on the street two big dogs playing in the middle of the street with strangely enough, toys. I didn’t have time to think about it so about an hour and a half later after I came home from the airport they were on my lawn! Mind you these dogs are very ferocious looking, big and muscular, probably 90lbs. each just staring at me as I got out of my car. I recognized the breed as a Bully, which is a bulldog/pitbull mix. Being a professional dog person that I am I said something loud and sweet and called them to me. Wow! They came running at me wagging their tails. They were all over me kissing me and I looked in the street and I saw toys, so I went and picked them up. I immediately recognized one was a boy and one was a girl. They were blue and white and massive in size. The female was crazy about her toys!

I needed to go to work and I have no where to put these big dogs, even at my grooming shop I don’t have cages big enough to support them for more than a couple hours so I called animal control to ask them to come pick them up, thinking they were lost. When they came out about an hour later, she scanned for a microchip and they had one which was great, so I felt better about turning them in. A few days later I called animal control and they were still there. They told me that they had sent a letter to the people on the microchip but had no response yet. I waited a few more days and then I went to visit them, they were still there and now they were up for adoption. I immediately asked if I could see them. They took me back and the male was in the male section and the female was in the female section. I was absolutely horrified! My poor boy was so sick with green mucus pouring out of his nose, his head was down and he was happy to see me but I can tell he was miserable. Obviously, they never had any vaccinations from the previous owners and got kennel cough, which is pneumonia. I looked at the man and I said “I want this dog out now!” I was not leaving there without my dogs. I found them, and I’m responsible for them, and I want them now so I can take them to a doctor! They let me have the dogs, for a fee of course. I took them both in my Hummer to my doctor and got them medicine and made a nice place for them in my garage and let them go outside in my backyard during the day time.

Now let’s talk about toys! First of all, they did spay my girl because she was not sick but they didn’t neuter the male because he was sick. My female had her favorite little ball, which was a tennis ball. One day when I opened my garage there was blood everywhere and she was down. I rushed her to an emergency because it was Sunday and they took an x-ray of her to find a tennis ball in her stomach. So that was a real expensive bill, poor thing had just gotten spayed and now she had another surgery for this tennis ball to be removed! I took her home and she healed, so now it was time to find them a home. This was not easy to do because this breed is typically very aggressive and criminals use for fighting. So, I never advertised them in the paper I just told my customers about them. My daughter named them little poodle names; Princess and Duke. We didn’t have a lot of time to spend with them, but we took very good care of them and eventually I found them their homes.

I finally came to the conclusion that someone had dumped them on my street in the middle of the night! Someone drove down my street, opened the car door and pushed them out. How heartbreaking is that? The fact that they also pushed out the toys told me they loved those dogs but had some kind of problem I’m sure and didn’t want to take them to the pound. That’s totally understandable and I live on a very nice street so I think that’s why they dumped them in front of my house. But, moral of the story is there are better ways to find homes for your dogs. Better than dumping them on the streets or taking them to the pound. There are a few animal controls that are no kill, such as the one in Seal Beach. You can find them in your area online or even advertise them on Craigslist. On Craigslist you must ask for money in exchange for the dogs to screen people and keep the criminals away. There are better options than to push them out of your car at 3am! I often wonder if the people who owned Duke and Princess worry about them. We hope everyone has a great Christmas and remember to buy your pet a gift!

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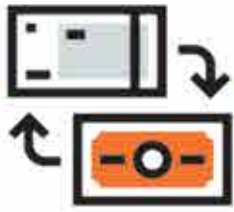










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David Dinkins

David Dinkins, the first and, to date, only Black mayor of New York City, died Nov. 23 at his home in Manhattan at the age of 93.

Dinkins began a career as a lawyer in 1956, and he served as president of the New York City Board of Elections from 1972 to 1973 and New York City Clerk from 1975 to 1985.

In 1985, he was elected Manhattan borough president, serving until his election as mayor in 1989. Dinkins ran against incumbent Ed Koch, beating him in the Democratic primary and facing off against future Mayor Rudy Giuliani in the general.

Dinkins won on a platform

of advancing racial harmony, famously describing his city's diversity as a "gorgeous mosaic."

After inheriting a city with a high crime rate, Dinkins oversaw a modest reduction in the homicide rate, though crime remained high enough to be seen as a failing of his single term as mayor. Among the incidents that loomed large in his term was several days of rioting in Crown Heights after the accidental killing of a young Black boy.

Dinkins' perceived failure to contain the unrest was cited among the reasons he lost his bid for a second term to Giuliani.

In later years, Dinkins was a professor at Columbia University and hosted a talk radio program on WLIB.

"Sometimes people ask me what I want to be remembered for," Dinkins said in a 2019 interview. "And I always say, I want to be remembered as somebody who cared about people, especially children."

Dena Dietrich

Dena Dietrich, an actress whose memorable roles include Mother Nature in a series of commercials for Chiffon Margarine, died Nov. 21 of natural causes at a health care facility in Los Angeles at the age of 91.

Dietrich's Chiffon commercials ran from 1971 to 1981 and became iconic on the television landscape. After trying

the margarine and believing it was butter, she uttered her catchphrase tagline, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature," when she realized the truth.

The popular commercials opened doors for Dietrich's acting career, and she had roles in TV shows including "Adam's Rib," "The Ropers," "The Practice" (1976), and "Karen."

She made notable appearances in other shows including "Santa Barbara," "All My Children," "Murphy Brown," "Boy Meets World," and "The Golden Girls," playing the sister of Bea Arthur's Dorothy.

Her movie appearances include Mel Brooks' "History of the World: Part I."

"My career up until Mother Nature had been in New York, doing Broadway, doing off-Broadway, doing stock," Dietrich said in 2005. "But the minute the Mother Nature commercials came out, all the phone calls started to come in from Hollywood. They were curious to see what that broad looks like, what was the story behind her."

Bruce Boynton

Bruce Boynton, a civil rights activist whose 1960 landmark Supreme Court case inspired the iconic Freedom Rides, died Nov. 23 of cancer at a hospital in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 83.

Boynton was a law student at Howard University when he was arrested while traveling home to Selma, Alabama for the holidays.

He was dining at a bus station restaurant designated "whites only" and when he failed to leave when ordered to, Boynton was sent to jail for the night.

Aware that the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887 prohibited discrimination in interstate travel, Boynton went to court, with future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall as his lawyer. Appealing all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, Boynton ultimately won, with the court asserting that the Interstate Commerce Act applied in bus stations and similar facilities as

well as on the buses themselves.

The decision inspired the Freedom Rides that began the following year, when Black and white civil rights activists rode interstate buses into the South together to test whether the law was being followed.

Boynton received his law degree and practiced for decades, focusing on focusing on fighting for civil rights. He became Alabama's first Black special prosecutor.

Nancy Darsch

Nancy Darsch, a women's basketball coach who helped take USA Basketball to gold at the 1984 and 1996 Olympics and was one of the original WNBA coaches, died Nov. 2 of Parkinson's disease at the age of 68.

Darsch coached college basketball at the University of Tennessee before becoming head coach at Ohio State University in 1985.

She took the Buckeyes to four Big Ten titles and seven NCAA tournament appearances, and her team had the first televised game for Buckeyes women's basketball, shown on ESPN in 1990.

Darsch was assistant coach for USA Basketball at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, where both teams won gold.

In 1997, the inaugural season for the WNBA, Darsch was named head coach of the New York Liberty. Her team played the WNBA's first game ever on June 21, 1997, against the Los Angeles Sparks, winning 65-51.

Darsch became head coach for the Washington Mystics in 1999 before moving to assistant coach positions for the Minnesota Lynx in 2003 and Seattle Storm in 2008.

David Hemblen

David Hemblen, an actor known for live-action roles as well as voice roles including Magneto in "X-Men: The Animated Series," died Nov. 16 at age 79.

The British-born Hemblen had an early voice role as the tiger Shere Khan in the late-1980s animated series "The Jungle Book: The Adventures of Mowgli."

Around the same time, he was appearing on live-action TV as Detective Dick Hargrove in the Mr. T series "T and T." Hemblen began voicing Magneto in

"X-Men: The Animated Series" in 1992, bringing gravitas to the role.

His other notable TV roles include Jonathan Doors in "Earth: Final Conflict," George in "La Femme Nikita," Lord Dread in "Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future," and Lewis Hewitt in "A Nero Wolfe Mystery."

Hemblen also appeared in movies including "The Sweet Hereafter" and "Tommy Boy," and he was a noted stage actor in Canada.

Len Barry

Len Barry (born Leonard Borisoff), the lead singer of doo-wop group the Dovells, known for their hits "Bristol Stomp" and "You Can't Sit Down," died Nov. 5 at age 78.

Barry was the lead singer of the Philadelphia doo-wop group the Dovells. The Dovells had a hit song in 1961 with the dance track "Bristol Stomp."

The song sold over a million copies and was a gold record, with the band appearing in the Chubby Checker movie "Don't Knock the Twist."

The Dovells' other hits were "Do the New Continental," later featured in the movie "Hairspray," and "You Can't Sit Down" in 1963.

Barry went on to a successful solo career with top ten hits in the U.S. and the U.K. and appeared on "American Bandstand."

Hal Ketchum

Hal Ketchum, a country music star known for the song "Small Town Saturday Night," died Nov. 23 at the age of 67 from dementia.

Ketchum had three songs make it to No. 2 on the Billboard country charts with "Small Town Saturday Night," "Hearts Are Gonna Roll," and "Past the Point of Rescue."

He wrote the song "Stay Forever" with Benmont Tench of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, which reached the country top ten in 1995.

Ketchum collaborated with country greats Dolly Parton and Shelby Lynne. He also acted, appearing in the films "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Maverick."

Ketchum released nine albums and was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1994.

"So sad to hear that Hal Ketchum has gone to live amongst the angels," LeAnn Rimes tweeted. "We will miss you down here, Hal!"

In Memory of**Virginia Bianca Lorenzetti**

November 20, 1923 - November 8, 2020

Virginia Bianca Lorenzetti passed away November 8, 2020, in Upland, California, at the age of 96.

Virginia was a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend. Virginia enjoyed cooking traditional Italian meals for large family gatherings and was always prepared to offer an exceptional dinner or dessert to a visiting family member or friend.

She enjoyed fine restaurants, painting, the theater, opera, travelling, movies, card games, and sipping a martini in a sophisticated hotel lobby bar. She dressed in style and had great taste in all facets of her life.

Virginia was born November 20, 1923, in Jessup, Pennsylvania, to Italian immigrant parents Anselmo and Margherita (Brunetti) Mengoni. She graduated from Jessup High School as class valedictorian.

She married the late Sal Lorenzetti of Downey, California, on June 1, 1946, in Jessup. The newlywed couple drove across the country and settled in Sal's hometown of Downey.

As a young mother, Virginia worked many hours alongside her husband at Sal's Italian Market and Deli in Downey, a family-run business that operated for more than 40 years at the corner of Paramount Boulevard and Florence Avenue. The couple moved into their Downey home in 1952, where they raised their family and hosted celebrations and holidays through seven decades.

She was active in a number of local organizations including the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild in Downey.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Diane Powell (John); her sons, Robert (Trish) and Daniel (Mary); her sister, Lillian Sposto; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Sal; her son, Steven; and her sisters Jenny Ortis and Mary Ghirelli.

In Memory of**Ellen Eilene McRae Osterbauer**

July 10, 1929 - October 31, 2020

Ellen Eilene McRae Osterbauer, our sweet mother and grandmother, quietly and comfortably left this life on October 31, 2020, after many years of suffering with dementia.

We, her "Dearest Children," are profoundly grateful our mother taught us that she would be welcomed into heaven by her husband, daughter, son, brother, parents, great-granddaughter, grandparents, friends, and many others who loved, adored, and cherished her.

Ellen was born to Ora Theron "Jerry" and Wilda Wimmer McRae on July 10, 1929, in Los Angeles, California, just before the onset of the Great Depression. Her dear brother Garry was born three years later and the two were close throughout their lives. When Garry later married his sweetheart, Ann, our mother was grateful for a sister. With few material possessions or comforts of life, they all learned about the love of family and friends.

Our mother enjoyed school and extracurricular activities, including church dances. She was elected President of Tri Y in her teen years and was also the winner of the American Legion Award.

In 1948, at the age of 19, she married Herbert Lester Gleason in the Saint George Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. By 1953, she had five children under the age of three. She won the title of "Queen for a Day" on TV after reciting the following original poem:

"My five children under three
Keep me busy as can be.
Hanging wash, ten lines a day
Doesn't leave much time to play.
But with a dryer, sakes alive,
I might have time to rock my five!"

She was grateful to win a washer and dryer and a rocking chair to help her in the nurturing of her children, and the eternal promise of motherhood.

Ellen and Herb had six more children before they divorced in 1968. Ellen and her 11 children moved into her beloved parents' small but lovely home in Manhattan Beach, California. With the ministering and support of loving angels from the Manhattan Beach Ward, our family experienced heavenly healing through the example and love of others, and by the strength found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On a particularly difficult day, after being dismissed from her job at a bank, Mother sobbed as she sat alone in the vault for hours. She wondered what she could possibly do to help her 11 children survive. Through God's grace and the support of her dear mother, Ellen began her college career at El Camino College with her best friend Mona. She pursued both Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Pepperdine University on a scholarship. She graduated in 1973 as her children and first grandchild witnessed and learned from her example of dedication, perseverance, and the priceless value of education.

After her graduation, Ellen taught History for a year at Pacific Continuation School in Manhattan Beach. At a church dance, she met her dear Ralph Osterbauer. He didn't bat an eye when he heard she had 11 children; instead, he only responded, "Oh, I've always wanted a large family." The two were married three months later on December 30, 1974.

Ellen moved her family to Downey, California where she lived for the next 45 years. At the age of 50, she obtained a second Master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. With this added diploma, she continued to bless her posterity by solidifying her example of endurance, and life-long learning.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, never wavering in her faith. She had many callings in the Downey First Ward and enjoyed serving others and sharing her testimony of Jesus Christ. She especially enjoyed teaching, singing, leading the music, and serving others with meals, beautiful cakes, listening ears, and quiet acts of love and grace.

Ellen and Ralph were sealed for time and eternity in the Los Angeles Temple on December 27, 1986 and when she slipped into eternity, she had a current Temple Recommend.

Her tea parties, backyard swim parties, family parties, plays like "Little Women", and parodies taken from all the classic musicals will never be forgotten. Her front door was always opened to "all" who entered. Ellen enjoyed laughing, talking, visiting, and showering guests and family with cookies, cakes, pies, fudge, yummy meals, more fudge and love.

Together, Ellen and Ralph raised 14 children including Donald, Paul and Alan Osterbauer, Barbara (Eric) Roberts, Mary (Jim) Petty, Eilene (Ron) Baker, Robert (Cindy) Gleason, Richard (Lori) Gleason, Melynda Gleason, Rachel Gleason-Mittleman, Martha (Dean) Michael, Melissa (David) Williams, John (Julie) Gleason, Thomas (Rebecca) Gleason.

In addition to their children, Ellen and Ralph also loved their 38 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren and all those who were welcomed into their family.

Our family would like to thank the many angels who provided love and care for our dear mother, including The Homestead Assisted Living, Brio Hospice, and Eckersell Mortuary in Idaho, and Allen, English, and Estrada Mortuary in California.

Thank you, Mother for crossing the Sweetwater River ever so many times for us!
"Come sit with me" because "YOU are my sunshine."

In Memory of**Charles "Chuck" Frey**

September 29, 1931 - October 27, 2020



Charles "Chuck" Frey died at the age of 89 due to complications of a recent stroke and COVID-19. He and his wife, Joan, were involved in many groups in Downey where they lived for 55 years including: Keep Downey Beautiful, Assistance League both at the Second Time Around store and the Chapter house, and the Moravian Church.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan and his children Julie Palmer, Nancy Wilson, and Chuck Frey in addition to their spouses and 6 grandchildren who will miss him.

He will be laid to rest in December at Mount Vernon Cemetery in the Sacramento area in the Veteran's Court of Honor for his service in the Korean War.

In Memory of**Patricia (Pat) Zacker**

February 6, 1936 - October 8, 2020



Patricia (Pat) Zacker, passed away peacefully at home in La Quinta, CA surrounded by her family on October 8, 2020. She was a long time resident of Downey where she and her husband, William (Bill) Zacker, owned and operated Downey Plumbing & Heating. In 1993, Bill and Pat were both Honorees of The Memorial

Trust Foundation for The Downey Community Hospital at their Annual Charter Ball. Pat was a lifetime lover of animals, but her passion were her dogs and horses. She was involved in breeding and showing Arabian horses locally as well as nationally. They built a ranch in La Quinta California to expand their operation to include breeding and racing Thoroughbred Horses. She is survived by her daughters Michelle Bolks of Litchfield Park Az., and Vicki Jeffries of La Quinta, CA., along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She's greatly missed. Due to Covid-19 we will not be having a Celebration of Life until after the New Year, when restrictions are lifted.

We need election reform. Here's how to do it.



By Zeynep Tufekci

Since 2008, partisan distrust of presidential election results has been substantial. In 2016, only 43 percent of Democrats believed that the election was free and fair; now, only 30 percent of Republicans do. Each party's supporters are more likely to believe that the vote was free and fair if they won, and those on the losing side are becoming more suspicious of the results. With a defeated president trying for weeks to overturn an election he has falsely called fraudulent, our partisan breach will be hard to repair.

But electoral reform can still provide a better foundation of trust. Two decades since the 2000 Florida recount debacle revealed the shoddiness of how America votes, we should be able to provide a straightforward, sensible answer to anyone who asks, "How do you know the results are correct?"

Yet, we still do not have nationwide standards and procedures to assure Americans that results are reliable. Claims of widespread fraud are false, but we can do much more to provide stronger answers to those who might want to question the process or the results.

The true scandal is that we know what we need to do and have even begun to implement reforms in many states, but we have not instituted the changes nationwide.

The basics come down to this:

Easier registration, with standardized voter databases, would keep voters from being incorrectly purged from the rolls — which can disenfranchise them — or being left on them when they move — which creates mistrust and suspicions of fraud.

The easiest method is called automatic voter registration: If an eligible citizen has an interaction with a government agency, like the motor vehicle department, she's registered unless she declines, and the records are sent digitally to the registrar, which means cleaner, more up-to-date voter rolls. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia are already running such a system. This should be expanded nationwide.

We need to encourage states to exchange voter data so the records of people who move or die can easily be updated. The National Institute of Standards and Technology has been developing a common data format that would allow registrars in one state to exchange information with those in another state, greatly increasing the integrity of the rolls. A consortium of 30 states and the District of Columbia already has formed the Election Registration Information Center to make it easier for states to share data to both reach out to unregistered voters and to keep track of people who move or die so they are not wrongly kept on voter rolls.

Voting rights groups have long asserted that purges of voter rolls — often disproportionately affecting minorities or students, two groups who tend to vote Democratic — are a form of voter suppression. The Republican answer has been that they are only for maintenance, to ensure ineligible voters don't remain on the books. If that's the concern, the fastest way to fix all this would be to adopt these standards for registration and data exchange.

Republican officials across the country have also tried to make voting harder — especially in blue districts, particularly to obstruct Black voters. That strategy is not only deeply wrong, it's backfiring. Voter turnout was higher this year for both Republicans and Democrats.

Still, we should not continue to rely on the tenacity of voters to overcome these obstacles. Research consistently finds that Black and Latino voters wait much longer in line to vote than their white counterparts, and this is simply unacceptable. There should be a sufficient number of voting booths everywhere so nobody has to wait in line for too long, and this should be a funded federal mandate.

But it's not enough to have the potential to vote quickly if one doesn't actually get to vote because of problematic record-keeping at the polling place. Electronic or paper poll books are used to check if a voter is registered to vote at a particular location. Nationwide use of standardized, secured electronic poll books, with a paper backup copy, would greatly help speed up voting, lessen suspicions of fraud and instances of disenfranchisement — and even make counting faster by reducing the need for provisional ballots when a registration is disputed. Increasing numbers of states already use a version of such digital poll books, but there needs to be a national standard for their certification and security, along with national funding.

The number of people who are estimated to vote with no paper trail is down to 5 percent of the electorate — still high, but a number that's been steadily going down (it was 25 percent in 2016). Optical scanners, which use paper ballots, provide everything we need: easy-to-mark ballots that can be processed by machines for speed or for checking, and easy to audit and do recounts — people can look at them if necessary after the election.

These systems are already nearly universal, demonstrating that progress is possible. They should become the national standard as we upgrade the remaining paper-based ballot-marking devices and replace all electronic-only devices.

Even with a system that's expected to work well, we need to know that it has worked well. Like any other equipment, optical-scan counting machines can fail, and human error can add to this. That's why we should have risk-limiting audits after each election

after the counting is complete but before the result is certified.

In such audits, a small number of randomly selected ballots are examined and compared with the already reported results. Well-established statistical methods allow us to spot potential problems — be it errors with scanners, human error, manipulation. This helps us feel confident that the reported result is what we'd get if all ballots were correctly counted. Risk-limiting audits should be a standard final step before certifying elections.

Georgia's electoral laws mandate such audits, and its Republican secretary of state undertook just that (though he decided to audit all the presidential votes given the controversy drummed up by the president and the narrow margin). Colorado, Rhode Island and Virginia also have such audits on their books. Georgia's effort is a pilot program, as are those in Indiana and Nevada.

During the audit in Georgia, a discovery was made of a few thousand ballots that had not been counted because of human error in uploading results — too small to change the outcome, but showing exactly why audits are a good idea before results are certified.

In such a polarized climate it may seem difficult or impossible to pass legislation on voting, but it's in neither party's long-term interest to have this kind of suspicion hover around elections. The secretary of state in Georgia has shown that officials dedicated to election integrity can oversee a safe, fair vote, with transparency, even if the result is against their partisan interests. And some — though too few — prominent members of the Republican Party have expressed their discontent with the president's baseless claims of fraud. It's time for them to join reform efforts.

There is a notable overlap of interests. Voting machines are distrusted by people in both parties, and postelection audits help everyone. Improving voter registration makes registration easier (usually a Democratic demand) and removes suspicions of voter fraud (usually a Republican demand).

If the Biden administration made this a priority, it would take just a few Republican senators to pass legislation to fix many of our ailments with the electoral process.

There are other, broader, questions, of course, like developing national standards for handling of mail-in ballots and making Election Day a holiday. Plus, all this doesn't address other crucial problems of our electoral system — the Electoral College makes people outside swing states feel that presidential candidates do not fight for their votes, gerrymandering can cement minority rule and the Senate gives disproportionate power to tiny groups of people in small states.

Still, if we can't get even voter registration and counting right, what hope is there?

We have well-studied methods that are effective, and there is nothing more urgent than making sure our elections work — everything else a government can try to do depends on that.

Zeynep Tufekci is an associate professor at the University of North Carolina and author of "Twitter and Tear Gas: The Power and Fragility of Networked Protest."

Jailing someone because they're poor is criminal

By Steve Chapman

The book of Ecclesiastes advises that the Almighty sends rain to fall on both the just and the unjust. American incarceration policy follows the same pattern. We've always locked up people who have been convicted of crimes. But in recent decades, we've made a practice of also jailing people who have not been convicted of crimes.

On any given day last year, some 631,000 people were held in city and county jails. Of that group, 75% are awaiting trial — and, in our system, entitled to the presumption of innocence. But many defendants have learned that the presumption of innocence and \$3 will get you a Starbucks latte. They are in jail for lack of the money to make bail.

This phenomenon has contributed to mass incarceration. In 1999, notes the Prison Policy Initiative, the number of convicted criminals held in local jails has been stable — while the number of people merely awaiting trial has soared. Over the next 15 years, 99% of the growth in the jail population came from locking up people who have not been found guilty of anything. They were defendants who were denied bail or, more commonly, couldn't pay it.

Americans who run afoul of the police are generally entitled to be free until trial. The 14th Amendment says no one may be deprived of "life, liberty or property without due process of law." The 8th Amendment says, "Excessive bail shall not be required." Bail is

supposed to serve two purposes: ensuring that defendants show up in court and protecting the community from those who pose a clear danger.

But huge numbers of those detained languish behind bars for days, weeks or months simply because their bail exceeds their financial means. Meanwhile, other defendants charged with the same offenses walk free because they have the money to buy their way out.

Those unjust realities have spawned a movement to eliminate cash bail for most defendants, replacing them with "personal recognizance bonds" — a signed promise to appear in court. Among the jurisdictions that have adopted the change is Cook County, which, in 2017, began using money bonds less often, while reducing the amounts on those it imposed.

But this year, Chicago has been hit with a tidal wave of shootings and homicides, and critics — notably Police Superintendent David Brown — immediately blamed those bail reforms. If more arrestees were required to provide money for bail, the argument goes, fewer of them would be released and the community would be safer.

There's some truth to this theory. If everyone arrested were denied bail, none would commit crimes. But that's never been a realistic approach. Even before Cook County adopted these changes, the great majority of defendants were freed before trial.

The reforms, in fact, have had only a marginal effect on the number of defendants allowed out — rising from 77% of those arrested to 81%, according to a new study by criminologists Don Stemen and David Olson of Loyola University Chicago, who examined the six months before and after the reforms took effect. That represents 500 more defendants.

The difference is that 57% of those freed didn't have to come up with cash, compared with 26% before. And 80% of those released didn't miss a single court appearance, only a slight decline. There was a huge measurable benefit to defendants and their families — a savings of \$31 million in bail costs.

From the evidence, the releases didn't generate a surge in violence. Before and after the changes, about 17% of the released defendants were rearrested. The share rearrested for violent crimes also remained stable, at about 3%. The overall crime rate, Stemen and Olson found, was not affected.

What's often forgotten is that the bail reforms don't prevent judges from denying bail to any arrestee who appears to be dangerous. In fact, the number of defendants held without bond doubled — mostly those charged with violent crimes, weapons offenses and other serious felonies.

Still, freeing an additional 500 defendants equates to about 85 new charged offenses and about 15 new violent ones. But those numbers don't make the reforms a bad idea. To foil one person who would allegedly commit a violent crime, the county would have to lock up 32 people who wouldn't.

We're justified in keeping people behind bars because they are guilty. But to keep them behind bars because they are poor — well, that's a crime.

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

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Firefighter memorial

Dear Editor:

I am the mother of fallen firefighter Brian Russell Wolf.

My son was born and raised in the community of Downey. He loved this city and dedicated his life to service in the Downey Fire Department in 1989. He rose to Battalion Chief in 2012. In 2013, he died from firefighter-related cancer.

The Downey City Council, with the help of Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie, established a beautiful memorial for fallen firefighters of the Downey Fire Department. This memorial sits at the entrance of Downey City Hall. A dedication service occurred this last weekend guided by the City Council and the fire chief.

The memorial is stunning and reminds us of the devotion and dedication the men and women of the Downey Fire Department possess. I want to thank the mayor and council members, especially Sean Ashton, for their efforts in making this memorial a reality. I also want to thank Chief Gillaspie for his devotion and instrumental part in this project.

I want to thank all of the Downey Fire Department for their endless support of this community and especially to Brian's family.

I suggest every citizen of this wonderful community take time to visit this memorial, knowing you are in safe hands, protected by both the Fire Department and Police Department of this community.

Gayla Wolf Rudolph



Downey's new firefighter memorial outside City Hall. (City of Downey photo)

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call 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

WEDNESDAYS

- 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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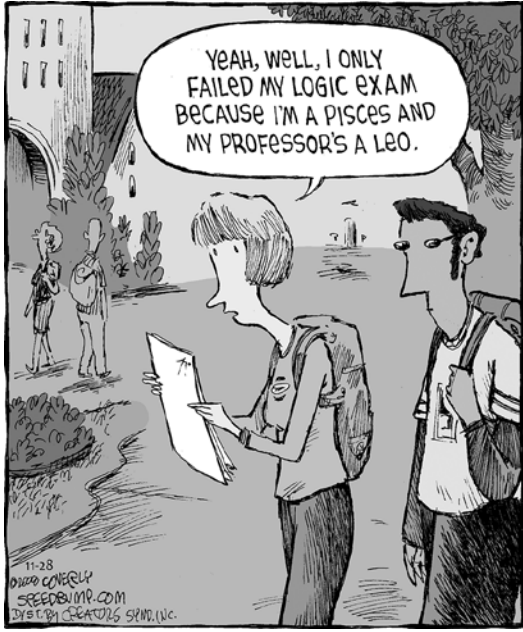
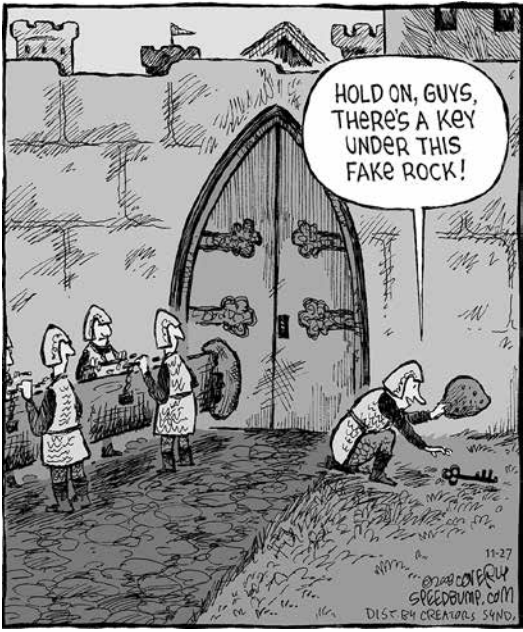
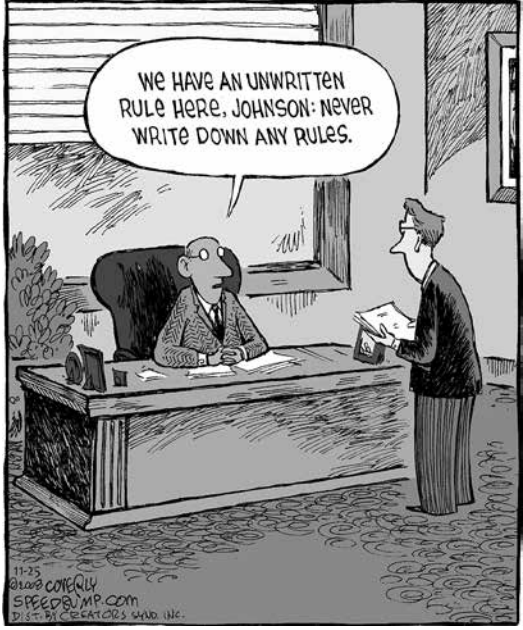
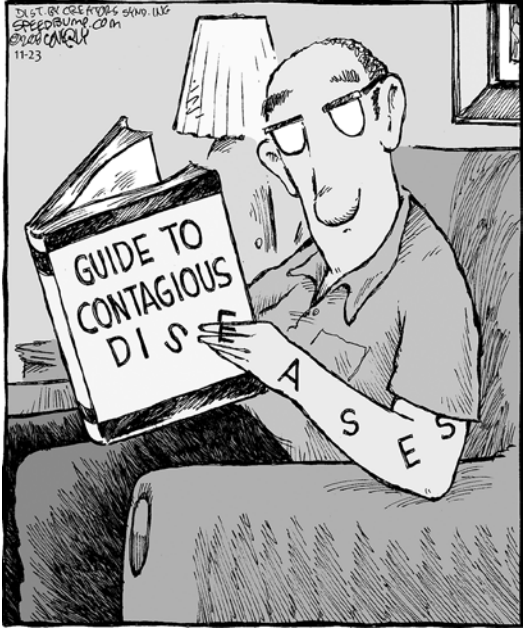
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- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs, 12 Noon.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 412-7192.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

- 9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.



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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

What will our new normal look like, once we finally get a handle on this pandemic? This highly contagious virus has altered our lives in so many ways. What might 2021 and beyond look like? I may laugh at myself when I look back on some of these predictions, but here goes:



Facemasks: Get used to them. They've been common in many parts of the world since long before this pandemic. They reduce the spread of all contagious respiratory diseases. Even after we have been vaccinated and reach herd immunity, I predict that the sight of them will not be uncommon.

Handshakes and hugs: Will our long tradition of shaking hands survive this pandemic? The handshake demonstrates trust and respect, but infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci says that we must break this custom now and forever. A handshake is one of the best ways to transmit a respiratory-borne disease. And how about a hug? Despite its physical and emotional benefits, its future is shaky as well. Let's hope that some form of human touch can be restored to our post-pandemic lives.

Schools: A return to live teaching is important for many reasons: Most students learn better in person, they benefit from socializing... and parents need to get back to work! At present, of course, COVID numbers are spiking and teachers are rightly concerned about going back to the physical classroom. The future may include staggered school schedules, hybrid virtual options, and major changes to assemblies, PE, and recess. New floor plans

will include physical distancing. Masks, temperature checks and frequent COVID tests are here to stay for some time.

The Office: Corporate America has long believed that working at home is less productive. Studies now show that this is not necessarily the case. Clearly, there are advantages to working together in one location, including collegiate interactions that often improve decision-making and cooperation. However, working from home saves time, gas, vehicle wear and tear, parking costs, traffic stress, and the enormous company expense of maintaining a large physical space. Several major corporations have made it clear that they do not want all of their employees back in the foreseeable future. This trend will surely continue.

Training: Remember the days when we traveled, in large numbers, to huge hotels, and gathered in enormous conference rooms? We (or our sponsors) put out significant sums of money for our transportation, housing, and food. This is currently being done online. Who out there expects to return solely to the old model? Virtual training can often be quite effective in smaller groups, at staggered times, at minimal cost, and without leaving our homes.

Restaurants: Indoor (and now, even outdoor) seating at restaurants is not currently allowed in our community. When restaurants (those which survive this pandemic) reopen indoors, there will be fewer tables and seats. Expect to see barriers between tables, and mask-wearing diners greeted by masked and gloved servers. Will patrons be required to have their temperature taken before entry? All of these changes may be necessary in order to make customers feel comfortable, and will likely stick around for some time. One easy prediction is that prices will rise in order to pay for all of these measures.

Concerts, amusement parks and theaters: It will take an effective and well-distributed vaccine, leading to genuine herd immunity, before we again see crowds in Dodger Stadium and Disneyland. When will you feel comfortable sitting elbow to elbow with a stranger, talking, singing, or perhaps shouting at an umpire? When

that day comes, it will likely be accompanied by limited numbers, social distancing, and masks.

Airports: Who could have predicted the enormous changes to travel brought about, two decades ago, by 9/11? Currently, this pandemic has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number of passengers as well as in the number and variety of flights offered. Businesses hold virtual meetings in place of enormously costly business travel, and pleasure travel has plummeted. Airports and airplanes require masks. Beverage and snack service has changed, in order to minimize movement around the cabin. Airlines are not anticipating a return to previous levels of travel anytime soon, although limits to the number of passengers, and to those empty middle seats, are now ending.

Shopping: We've all heard about the wealth of Jeff Bezos. Amazon, among a few other fortunate companies, was uniquely positioned to benefit from a worldwide pandemic, and sadly, brick and mortar retailers were not. My money is on Internet shopping and not physical shopping malls. This trend is here to stay.

There has been considerable debate about the future use of "immunity passports" - evidence or documentation of individual COVID immunity. Consider that it has long been routine to demand that schoolchildren and incoming college freshmen provide proof of immunity to various infectious diseases. Perhaps we will be required to show a certificate or use a smartphone app to provide evidence of COVID antibodies.

Or, perhaps we will be seeing the proliferation of the use of rapid-testing. I just received notification that the Los Angeles Marathon will be requiring rapid-testing on the day of the race. Will this become inexpensive and accurate enough to be required at the entrance of restaurants, airports, or large events?

Here's an easy prediction to conclude with: We've got considerable technological, financial, and ethical hurdles to overcome.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

The dos and don'ts of diabetic foot care

Diabetes management and foot care go hand in hand.

"Diabetes can cause nerve damage and poor circulation that puts people at risk for a wide range of foot problems," says Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, FACFAS, foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). "For people with diabetes, small foot problems like minor cuts, corns, calluses and ingrown toenails can turn into serious complications if not addressed quickly."

To help you prevent diabetes complications, ACFAS is offering the following dos and don'ts of diabetes foot care.

Do

- Inspect your feet daily -- including the bottoms -- for cuts, blisters, redness, swelling or nail problems. You may need a mirror or the assistance of a loved one in order to examine your feet from every angle.
- Regularly moisturize your feet to avoid itching or cracking.
- See a foot and ankle surgeon for regular foot exams to prevent complications. Ongoing preventive care can reduce the risk of toe or foot amputation by 45-85 percent.
- Keep the blood flowing to your feet. Wiggle your toes and move your ankles for five minutes, two or three times a day.

- Shake out your shoes and feel for objects inside your shoes before wearing them. You may not feel a small foreign object when your shoe is on your foot, particularly if you suffer from diabetic peripheral neuropathy also known as nerve damage.

- Maintain healthy blood sugar levels. High blood sugar levels can lead to diabetic peripheral neuropathy and Charcot foot, a condition in which the bones of the foot are weakened enough to fracture.

Don't

- Don't use heating pads, hot water bottles or electric blankets. You can easily burn your feet without noticing.
 - Don't put your feet in hot water before testing it with your hand first.
 - Don't try to remove corns or calluses at home. Visit your foot and ankle surgeon for appropriate treatment.
 - Don't wear tight, elastic or thick, bulky socks.
 - Don't let your feet get wet in snow or rain. Wear warm socks and waterproof shoes in the winter.
 - Don't walk barefoot, even at home! You can easily get a scratch or cut.
- For more foot care information or to find a foot and ankle surgeon in your area, visit FootHealthFacts.org.

"Taking proper care of feet is extremely important for those suffering from diabetes," says Dr. Rosenblum. "Following these dos and don'ts and scheduling regular preventive care visits with a foot and ankle surgeon can help keep feet healthy and avoid serious complications." (StatePoint)

Downey man launches 3rd Eye Visions, a counter-culture clothing brand

■ William Odis Martin used quarantine to launch his own clothing brand, 3rd Eye Visions.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – It was a scenario that could take the wind out of the strongest sails; with coronavirus pummeling every aspect of life, William Odis Martin found himself out of not one, but two dream jobs.

However, instead of falling to his knees, his survival instinct kicked in; it was the

beginning of the road to the creation of the 3rd Eye Visions clothing brand.

Martin, 34, previously had studied and worked in the field of Journalism. His future brand namesake was first his photography pseudonym.

“It’s basically what I’ve been doing, covering Southern California through my lens for the last 10 years,” said Martin. “I’ve always wanted to start a clothing company; I’ve always been into fashion and just clothes in general. I used to work for other clothing companies while I was in college getting my degree in journalism.”

At that time, Martin says

that he was using his marketing tools for other brands, “telling other people’s story.”

But the tragedy of COVID-19 opened the opportunity for him to tell a new story: his own.

“It’s kind of been the only thing that’s gotten me here this far in life in general,” said Martin. “There’s been a lot of deep tragedies. Losing a lot of close people to tragedy honestly kind of always taught me how to pick up my pieces and stay going.”

“I feel like a lot of people during this pandemic, it was their first experience, their first brush with death and their existential reality. I think I’ve

been in touch with that for a long time. So, when other people were reeling, I just kind of went to my survival stage, which was doing what I can control, and not worrying about what I can’t.”

So far, Martin has invested about \$50,000 in equipment, and \$70,000 total.

“I invested in a direct-to-garment printer and I started producing my own clothes,” says Martin. “I source all my clothes, I dye my clothes, and I print my clothes...I pretty much had to do everything in-house, just myself.”

He describes the brand’s aesthetic as alternative,

“catering to anybody who’s an independent soul, free-thinker, [or] creative.”

“Basically, it has a little bit of surfer aesthetics, some skater,” said Martin. “Just Southern California counter-culture.”

In addition to his own brand, Martin would like to eventually open his printing services to others, helping them with their forms of self-expression.

“It was something I always wanted to have access to as a creative, and never had the means to have access to,” said Martin. “Now, I want to provide it to other creative kids who

don’t have access to things like that in the community.”

In the future, Martin hopes to hire staff and move into a brick-and-mortar location within Downey. Of course, he says that will have to wait until the pandemic “chills out.”

“That’s the goal for the brand, it wants to be something that is telling the story of overcoming the odds and telling stories your own way,” said Martin.

3rd Eye Visions can be found on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook, as well as at 3rdeyevisions.shop.

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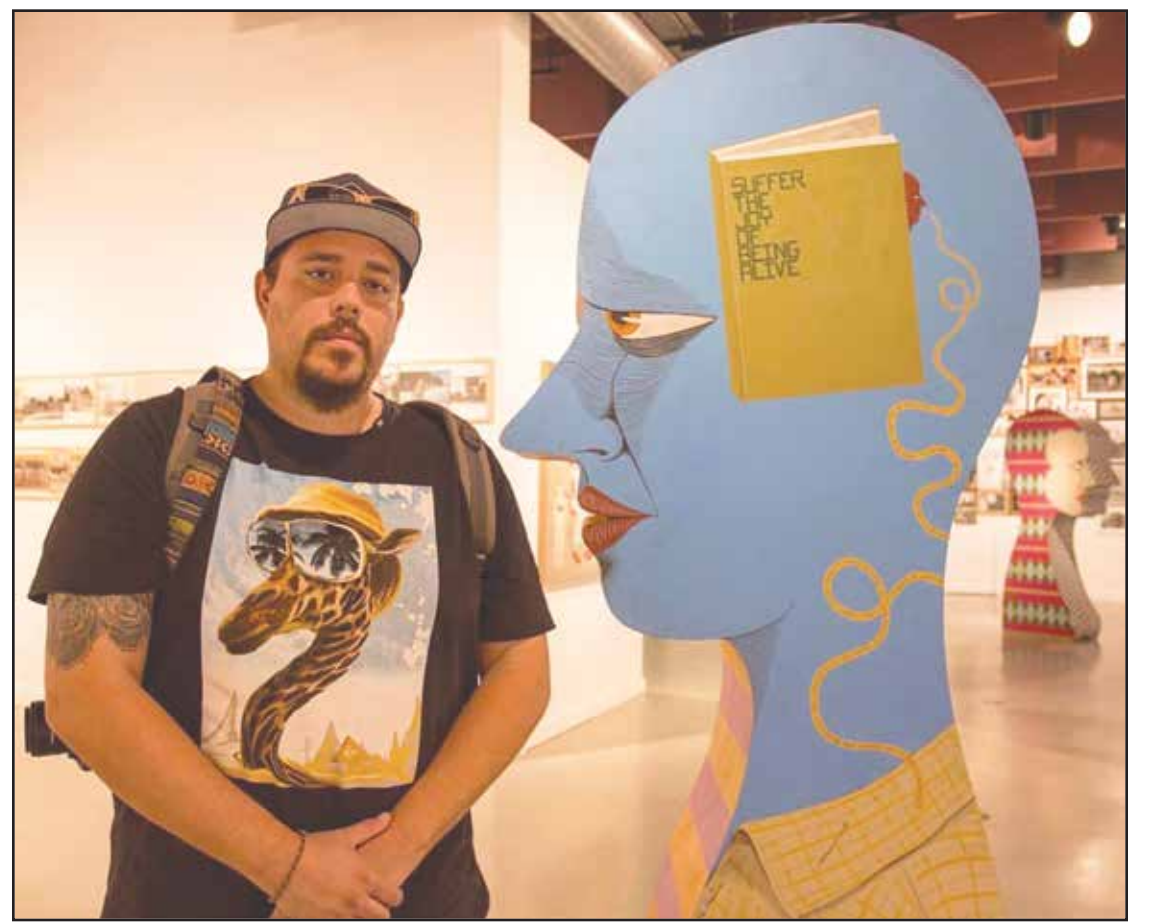
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William Odis Martin, creator of 3rd Eye Visions (courtesy photo)

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13-year-old boy uses ice cream to show appreciation to teachers

■ AJ Ocampo has brought an ice cream truck to 17 schools, treating teachers to free ice cream, his way of saying thank you.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Even during a time as unprecedented as now, one thing has not changed: we all scream for ice cream. And no one has proved that more than AJ Ocampo and Soft Serve Smiles.

Since about August, the 13-year-old Bellflower resident has gone far and beyond to make local teachers feel loved and appreciated.

“It’s my way to say thank you to the teachers,” said Ocampo. “I thought, ‘What’s a way to do it safely?’ I thought about an ice cream truck; I thought who doesn’t like ice cream?”

His first school – with some help from his parents – was St. Dominic Savio where he attends. Since then, he has visited 17 schools and one voting center on election day. Most of his endeavors have taken place in Downey, but by no means does he want to stop there.

“I’ve been trying to make rounds to the other districts; I don’t want to keep it to one,” said Ocampo. “I’ve been trying to say thank you to all the teachers.”

Of course, this comes at

a time where educators are faced with the harsh reality of teaching during a pandemic.

“I can’t imagine how hard it is to be a teacher. You have to set apart a lot of your personal time to make lesson plans, and other stuff like that,” said Ocampo. “Then, to have to transition to online learning – which is something most teachers haven’t had experience with – it’s just really hard.”

“If I as a student am having a lot of trouble, I can’t imagine them having to reshape their whole way of teaching.”

Currently in the eighth grade, Ocampo often serves ice cream during the lunch break hours and after school, all while still navigating online classes and homework himself.

It definitely does not go unappreciated.

“I actually really enjoy all the positive responses that I get,” said Ocampo. “It seems like the teachers are really happy that someone is appreciating them. I think they feel like they go unnoticed, and I think they deserve all the appreciation because we would really be nowhere without teachers.”

His charitable campaign is funded solely on donations. He uses those donations to contract a truck from Villanueva’s Ice Cream.

He says he wants to get to as many teachers as he can while funds are available.

“Currently, most of the funds come in via Venmo,” said

Ocampo.

One day, he hopes that Soft Serve Smiles could become a non-profit organization, and potentially expand those he serves to essential workers and first responders.

“My dad has been helping me try to get that opportunity open,” said Ocampo. “I know for sure that we have our name out there in reserve. One of the big steps is making it a non-profit.”

For more information, Ocampo and Soft Serve Smiles can be found on Instagram.

Donations are also accepted through Venmo at @SoftServeSmiles.



AJ Ocampo with teachers and staff at Maude Price Elementary.

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Things you didn't know about Downey: Dismukes House

By Bobbie Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY – On July 7, 1994, we received a letter from Gregory and Karen Phillips. They wanted to share with the History Center about the time they lived in the Dismukes House when it was located on Firestone Boulevard, just off Paramount Boulevard.

The letter starts:

“For years my husband and I thought that the house had been demolished. Just recently we found out from a sales clerk at the Broadway department store at Stonewood Shopping Center that the house had been moved to Apollo Park and preserved. We drove to Apollo Park and viewed the house. It looks very

nice.

My husband and I rented the house for about a year, 1970-71, for \$50 a month. Our daughter, Colette, our first child together, was born to us while living in that house.

We were young and just starting out in life together. We did not have much money but we had some wonderful memories in that house. I have pictures of my little boy, Chris, in his wading pool behind the house. There wasn't much of a yard there.

My husband later found steady work and we found another house to rent on 5th Street between Brookshire and Downey Avenue.

We did live in that farmhouse, however, during the 1971 Sylmar quake. It was interesting to say the least. The floors looked like waves on the ocean and the walls swayed to and fro. But the house held up with no problems -- better than some built today.

Viewing the house brought back good memories of being young and in love.

I also would like to tell you that we always felt there was a kind and loving “presence” about the house and to tell you of an incident that happened that confirms this idea.

One day I was drawing some bath water in that wonderful large old tub with the feet. I had left the bathroom and returned

to the living room to talk to my husband while the water was filling the tub. Suddenly, I remembered I had been drawing the bath water and quickly returned to the bathroom.

As I approached the kitchen

door -- the bathroom was to the north of the kitchen -- I could hear the water still running. However, by the time I entered the bathroom, the water was not running. The water was turned in the off position.

The tub was full to the rim and on the verge of overflowing. I don't know how the water was shut off but I know “someone” was watching out, taking care of the house. It's always been a mystery to me.

Thank you for preserving the old farm house.”

The Dismukes House is currently being investigated by a paranormal team but the Phillips family wrote about their encounter back in 1994.

Bobbie Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.



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To grandfather's house away!
We would not stop
For doll or top,
For 't is Thanksgiving day.

Over the river, and through the wood,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes,
And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go...
Over the river, and through the wood —
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurra for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurra for the pumpkin pie!...

We seem to go
Extremely slow,
It is so hard to wait...
We will kiss them all,
And play snow-ball,
And stay as long as we can.

Lydia Maria Child

The family tradition of gathering for the pumpkin pie and giving thanks together will be sorely missed this year. Now known only for this poem, Child was born on February 11, 1802 in Medford, Massachusetts. She spent her adolescent years living in the interior of Maine where she befriended a small community of impoverished Abenaki and Penobscots. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2020 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/URSULA ANDREA MONTERROSO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 5, 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 2020184256

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EB LOGISTICS, 1047 FARMER AV, SOUTH EL MONTE CA 91733, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRYAN MORAN, 1047 FARMER AV, SOUTH EL MONTE CA 91733 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business 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/BRYAN MORAN, OWNER, BRYAN MORAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 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
11/26/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20

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: 1143019 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALUMAFAB, 14335 ISELI ROAD, SANTA

FE SPRINGS CA 90670 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/ALUMAFAB, PRESIDENT, KENNETH A. LOCKWOOD
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 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 2020181299

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) POWER CSR (2) MOON MUSIC GROUP (3) GALAXY WHS (4) MOON MEDIA GROUP, 8134 QUOIT ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ISRAEL A LOMELI YANEZ, 10729 DROXFORD STREET 2, CERRITOS CA 90703 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2020 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/ISRAEL A LOMELI YANEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 05, 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
11/26/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020180573

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOMINGUEZ HILLS ESTATES, 19009 LAUREL PARK ROAD, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ CA 90220, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) L & G INVESTMENTS, LLC, 3424 W. CARSON STREET SUITE 550, TORRANCE CA 90503 (2) LEE NOBUO OUYE, 3424 W. CARSON STREET SUITE 550, TORRANCE CA 90503 State of Incorporation: (1) CA (2) N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2020 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/L & G INVESTMENTS, LLC, GENERAL PARTNER, LEE OUYE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020186257

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MOONLIGHT MUSIC, 1776 N SYCAMORE AVE #119, LOS ANGELES CA 90028, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDUARDO CORSO BARBOZA, 1776 N SYCAMORE AVE #119, LOS ANGELES CA 90028 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/EDUARDO CORSO BARBOZA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 13, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
11/26/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-01

FY 2020/21 ANNUAL MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE REPAIRS (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2) AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS (CITYWIDE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2020 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire

Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 21-01 - FY 2020/21 Annual Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs (Council District 2) and ADA Improvements (Citywide)**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of construction and repair of miscellaneous concrete improvements at various locations. This includes removal and reconstruction of PCC curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and ADA curb ramps; removal and reconstruction of AC pavements and driveway transitions; clearing, grading, excavation, and tree root removals; backfilling, re-grading, restoration of parkways and areas disturbed by the construction; reseeding and/or planting sod turf, and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 21-01**.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$30.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-01. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C-08, "Concrete Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage

in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 17725.5.

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

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

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

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

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierrez@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

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

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED

On November 24, 2020, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced the following Ordinances:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey approving the Fourth Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Downey and Holdings Downey, LLC and IRG Downey, LLC, thereby changing the scope of the property subject to the lease and the related amount of base rent, establishing a revised termination date and making other clarifying amendments.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey amending in its entirety Downey Municipal Code Article II, Chapter 9 setting forth the City's updated purchasing procedures. Copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.

M. Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk
November 26, 2020

The Downey Patriot
11/26/20

CITY OF DOWNEY

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 20-06

3RD STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2020 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 20-06 - 3rd Street Pavement Rehabilitation**

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Classified Section
Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 am
(562) 904-3668

The **DOWNEY GRAFFITI HOTLINE NUMBER** Report graffiti to this number. **923-4484**

Project.

Fax: (562) 904-7296

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation of 3rd Street between Old River School Road and Rives Avenue in the City of Downey. This project includes reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete (AC) base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes repair of uplifted, damaged or substandard concrete curb, gutter, cross gutter spandrels, sidewalk, driveway, and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings and signings; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 20-06**.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined, and copies obtained at a cost of \$30.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDE IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 20-06. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierrez@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

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

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 -1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com on December 16, 2020 starting at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
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Inez C. Chavez	2975
Allan Jun Cobar	2037
Aaron Fowler	1404
Andrea Hollingsworth	2983
Eneyarda Iribe	1357
Mikhail Metelisa	2987
Jimmie C. Pinedo III	2634
Karina Pulido	1127
Katherine Roberson	1236
Julie P. Sierra	2624

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 26th day of November 2020 and 3rd day of December 2020,
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL1254152

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

NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00284
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CRYSTAL AILEEN INIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) CRYSTAL AILEEN INIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) CRYSTAL AILEEN INIGUEZ
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 25, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 904
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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** NOVEMBER 23, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
CRYSTAL AILEEN INIGUEZ
8903 Calmosa Ave
Whittier, CA, 90605
(909) 336-8718
Crystalalinee1@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
11/26/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20

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 VALLESTROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MARIA VALLESTROS to Proposed name (1) MARIA BELIA BALLESTROS
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
CARLOS MARTINEZ-COHOH
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LAW OFFICES OF CARLOS MARTINEZ-COHOH
12311 GARFIELD AVE
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
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The Downey Patriot
11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20, 11/26/20

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

CASE NUMBER: 20CMCP00122
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. Leiter
Judge Of The Superior Court
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MAXINE DELORES DAY

Case No. 20STPB04086
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAXINE DELORES DAY
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Johanna Woolfolk in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that the Petitioner 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.

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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 Kitky in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that the Petitioner 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 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.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO. 2020-DR-43-00120

AMENDED SUMMONS
Alexandra A. Arrosptide, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel E. Johns, Defendant.
TO: Daniel E. Johns, the Defendant above named:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Amended Complaint on the subscribers at their offices at One Lafayette Court, Lafayette Avenue, Camden, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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10 tips for buying rental property

If you've been watching reruns of HGTV's "Income Property" and wondering if it's time to buy a rental property and become a landlord, you're not alone.

Between our slow-growth economy, historically low interest rates, and the mood of millennials to rent instead of own, income property has been on an uptick since the Great Recession.

In fact, real estate is now Americans' favorite long-term investment, according to a recent Bankrate study. The popularity of real estate is at its highest point since Bankrate started the survey seven years ago.

Should you take the plunge on a rental property? Experts offer a qualified yes, provided you do your homework first. Here are 10 things to consider before diving into income property.

1. It's not as easy as it looks

Forget the TV sitcom stereotypes of clueless landlords. To make the most of income property requires an accountant's eye for detail, a lawyer's grasp of landlord-tenant laws, a fortune teller's foresight and, should you choose to manage your rental property yourself, a landlord's firm-but-friendly disposition.

"Where people who want to become landlords fall short is, they don't realize how much work goes into it," says Diana George, founder of Vault Realty Group, now part of Century 21.

So before you leap in, you'll want to consider whether you have the time and skill to put into managing a rental. While rental property is considered a passive investment, that doesn't mean you're fully passive in managing it.

2. Success requires a long-term outlook

Jeremy Kisner, a senior wealth adviser at Surevest Wealth Management in Phoenix, owns two Las Vegas rentals. The unit he's held for 13 years has had two tenants and low maintenance, while the other has had three tenants in four years — the last one a costly eviction.

He's taking the same advice he gives his clients.

"The way that people get in trouble with almost all investments is, they just don't hold onto things long enough," he says. "With rentals, if you break even on a cash-flow basis, that's actually not too bad because you're paying down the principal and building equity that way. Then, you hopefully also see some appreciation."

So if you're looking to make money in real estate, you'll want to think long term. As you pay down or eliminate principal over the years, you should be able to grow your cash flow.

3. It's easy (and costly) to break the law

State landlord-tenant laws can act like an open manhole cover for rental owners who ignore them, according to Kathy Hertzog, owner of Erie, Pennsylvania-based Landlord Association.

Case in point is tenant security deposits. It's not as simple as collecting and holding the money.

"There is definitely bookkeeping involved. You need to

have that account for each tenant and keep that money in that account and save it," Hertzog says. "Security deposit laws govern how much time you have to return a security deposit when tenancy ends, less any expenses for cleaning and repair, all of which have to be itemized."

"In some states, if you don't turn that in, the tenant can go after the landlord for double their security deposit for failing to return it within the specified time period," she says.

Of course, this is only one aspect of the laws surrounding rental property, and there are many others that landlords must know in order to avoid running afoul of them. You'll want to be familiar with rules around eviction, fair housing and other regulatory requirements.

4. Make sure you're landlord material

If you purchase a rental property, should you be your own landlord or fork over 6-10 percent of your rental income to a management service? While there's no right answer for everyone, George and Kisner prefer to subcontract the work.

"They do the background check on your tenant, make sure they sign the lease and pay their rent on time," George says. "That frees you up to manage your money, not your property and tenants."

Hertzog says that there's a potentially steep downside to being your own landlord.

"If you get too close to your tenants and the tenants have financial problems, you can find yourself stuck because you don't want to evict them," she says. "You have to be very professional about it, because if somebody doesn't pay their rent, they're stealing from you."

5. Analyze whether buying or financing is better

While some financial pundits insist you should never buy a rental unless you can pay cash for it, Surevest Wealth's Kisner begs to differ.

"Leverage (that is, a mortgage) typically magnifies returns, on

both the upside and downside," he says.

For example, imagine a rental property purchased for \$100,000 in cash. The house yields a rent of \$12,000 annually and is taxed at \$1,000. With a depreciation schedule of 27.5 years and an income tax rate of 20 percent, an investor would earn just over \$9,500 in cash annually. So the investor's annual cash return is about 9.5 percent. Not bad.

Here's how the investor using leverage performed, assuming the same house. This investor has a mortgage for 80 percent of the house, which compounds at 4 percent. After subtracting the operating expenses as well as additional interest expenses, this investor earns almost \$5,580 in cash annually. With \$20,000 invested, the investor's annual cash return is about 27.9 percent.

In fact, the situation for the leveraged owner is actually a little bit better than these numbers suggest. That's because part of the rent goes to pay down the mortgage's principal. So while the investor couldn't pocket the cash flow because it was used to pay the loan, the investor still profited (and paid tax) on that money.

6. Budget for the unexpected

Failure to plan for the myriad expenses of owning a rental can become a fast track to disaster.

"As a landlord, you want to save about 20 percent to 30 percent of your rental income for upkeep, maintenance and emergencies," says Hertzog of the Landlord Association.

"You want to make sure you're not just living off that," she says, "because then when something big happens, you won't have any money to fix it, and now you're stuck because you're a landlord with a property that needs to be repaired quickly, and you don't have that money."

Kisner couldn't agree more: "It's been my experience that you always underestimate all the different expenses that have a way of coming up and always overestimate just how positive the cash flow is going to be," he says.

7. Remember to renew your leases

If mom-and-pop landlords have one glaring blind spot, it's the failure to renew tenant leases in a timely manner, according to George.

"You'd be surprised how many landlords don't renew their leases every year, so they're letting their tenants go on month-to-month leases," she says. "What's wrong with that? What's wrong is, their whole thinking is that now, if I want to get my tenant out, I can't because now they're not strapped to a lease."

"Also, they can't raise rent," says George. "The only way you can change rent is if you have them sign a form changing the lease every year. That's how you keep your tenants in check. When you let it slide like that, it can be really difficult to get your tenants back on track," George says.

Depending on the state, landlords can give notice of eviction for a specified period. In California, where George is based, the state allows landlords to give 60-days' notice for tenants who have lived in the property for more than a year (or 30 days for less than a year), though the situation may be different in rent-controlled cities. The landlord also might offer a new lease contract at the same time.

8. It's all about location, location, location – sort of

That old realtor mantra about

the importance of location takes an interesting turn when applied to income property.

"The best locations with the most appreciation are where you'll potentially have the worst cash flow with a rental," Kisner says.

Why? Investors can earn a return in two ways: cash flow and appreciation. In some areas investors may want higher cash flow in order to compensate them for slower appreciation. But if investors expect an area to appreciate substantially, they may be willing to forgo some of the cash flow in order to enjoy that appreciation. The result: house appreciation outstrips the growth in rents, and houses appreciate while yielding relatively low cash flow.

"As a result, the property has to appreciate more in order to compete as an investment with properties in less desirable areas," Kisner says.

His solution: Err on the side of appreciation. That's what he's doing with his two rentals, which, in a good month, barely break even. "But if I hold them until I turn [age] 60 when they're paid off, even after property taxes and insurance, I'll double my Social Security income," he says.

9. Want long-term tenants? Consider Section 8

Sudden tenant vacancy is the bane of every rental owner.

"Each month that a rental stands vacant, you're having to pay mortgage, utilities and maintenance out of your pocket, so turnaround is one of the things you need to address really quickly," Hertzog says.

One popular solution? Give

Section 8 renters a try.

Section 8, aka the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Housing Choice Voucher Program, typically caps the rent for low-income Americans who qualify at 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income. While some landlords are skeptical of the paperwork and potential upkeep problems presented by some Section 8 renters, Hertzog views Section 8 tenants favorably.

"Older populations and persons with disabilities are usually excellent tenants. They take excellent care of the property because this is their home. This is where they want to be. Plus, if they don't pay their rent or ruin your home, they risk losing their Section 8 voucher," she says.

10. Don't forget rental property at tax time

There's a singular ray of sunshine that beams down upon income property owners each spring as they hunker down with their accountant to prepare their federal income tax return.

"When you have your own home, you can write off the interest and that's about it," George says.

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