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Vaccine center opens in Downey

■ The Los Angeles County Office of Education in Downey was turned into a mass vaccination site as health officials try to slow the pandemic.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY – A large-scale Covid-19 vaccination operation, capable of vaccinating up to 4,000 people daily, opened Tuesday in Downey, one of five such sites across L.A. County.

The vaccination site is located in the parking lot of L.A. County Office of Education headquarters, 12830 Columbia Way, off Imperial Highway.

County leaders are hoping to contain a surge in Covid-19 infections, which has killed thousands of local residents and pushed hospitals to their limits.

As of Wednesday, all county residents ages 65 and older are now eligible to receive a vaccination. Appointments are required by calling (833) 540-0473 or by going online to VaccinateLACounty.com.

The vaccine supply is still extremely limited and health officials asked for patience “as we work urgently with our federal and state partners to expand capacity and supply in the weeks ahead.”

In addition to Downey, vaccination sites are also located at the Pomona Fairplex, The Forum in Inglewood, Cal State Northridge, and Six Flags Magic Mountain.

“After an exhausting, year-long battle with this highly contagious and deadly virus, we now have a vaccine that is safe, effective and will save lives,” said L.A. County health director Barbara Ferrer. “The vaccines also do more than protect the person getting vaccinated; the more people in a community who are vaccinated and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for this virus to spread.”

“However, this process will take several months and so we ask for your understanding and patience.”

Skilled Nursing Facilities

Health officials reported this week that 335 of 340 (nearly 99%) of all skilled nursing facilities in LA County received and administered their first doses of Covid-19 vaccine.

Nearly 39,000 doses have been administered to staff and residents.

The remaining facilities are currently vaccinating or are scheduling vaccinations this week. Additionally, for facilities that completed their first doses, Public Health is supporting distribution and administration of their second doses of vaccine.

All skilled nursing facilities in the county conduct weekly testing of residents and staff. For the week of January 2, more than 70,000 Covid-19 tests were completed among staff and residents. A total of 2,532 people tested positive for the virus; 1,423 new cases among residents and 1,109 new cases among staff; this is a positivity rate of just under 4% and significantly lower than the positivity rate among the general public (15%).

The proportion of deaths occurring among residents at skilled nursing facilities has dropped from 50% last summer to under 7% this winter.

Mayor's Column

By Claudia M. Frometa Mayor

Hello Downey, It was a historic week for our nation as we witnessed the peaceful transition of power in our nation's Capitol. This week's events demonstrated to all of us that despite our political differences and the turmoil experienced earlier this month, we are and will continue to be one nation under God and indivisible. We continue to be a beacon to the world, one of freedom, liberty, and justice for all.

Our local municipalities must continue moving forward focused on working collaboratively in a non-partisan way, with a shared vision of hope and meeting our residents' needs.

As I mentioned in last month's column, 2021 will continue to bring challenges for us, and we will remain ready, pivoting where needed and adjusting our priorities to meet your needs. This month also marked historic numbers with the ongoing pandemic.

Earlier this week, our country reached a grim milestone with 400,000 lives lost to Covid-19. According to John Hopkins University, the running total of lives lost is nearly equal to the number of American lives lost in World War II; it is also about the population of Tampa, Florida or New Orleans.

Deaths continue at an alarming pace. More than 6,700 people have died in the last two weeks. In our city, we continue to see climbing numbers with 14,919 positive cases and 161 deaths. I want to touch on a few items in this month's column.

On Covid-19 Vaccines

We are hopeful that more people will be inoculated against the virus given the five new mass vaccination sites that opened in L.A. County over the last several days. One of them opened in our city earlier this week, at the L.A. County Office of Education (LACOE) on Imperial Hwy and Bellflower Blvd.

We are grateful to the efforts of L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Chairwoman Hilda Solis for signing an executive order this week directing county health officials to make Covid-19 vaccination appointments available to residents 65 years and older beginning Thursday, January 21.

This age group, 65 and over, accounts for 80% of the virus's deaths. We heard from many residents that the website VaccinateLACounty.com had crashed several times as appointments were released on Tuesday. County officials were working on getting the technical issues fixed. A clarification

to our residents, while we are grateful to have/offer a mass vaccination site in Downey, this site is run by L.A. County and not our city.

If you or your loved ones do not have internet access and need assistance making an appointment, please call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm.

Impacted by Covid-19? The city has a Rental Assistance Program

If your household has been financially impacted by the pandemic, emergency rental assistance grants are available on a first come, first-served basis. To qualify, households must have been adversely impacted by Covid-19 through job loss, furlough, reduction in hours or pay, and the household income must meet eligibility. You must reside in the City of Downey to qualify. For more information, please visit downeyca.org/rentalassistance or call 562-299-6706.

Food Distribution in Downey scheduled for Friday, January 22nd

We know many families are facing food insecurities these days, and to assist, it is my goal to offer a food distribution event on a quarterly basis this year. This quarter we are partnering with L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, the L.A. County Library, and L.A. Food Bank to offer a free food drive-thru giveaway this Friday, January 22nd, from 9 am-12 pm at the L.A. County Library headquarters. The line will begin at 8:30 am; facial coverings are a must. Food distribution is on a first come first-served basis.

Leaders in the Fight against Human Trafficking

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. This epidemic is today's modern-day slavery, it is crucial municipalities, law enforcement agencies, houses of worship, non-profits, and school districts work together in the battle against it.

I want to invite our residents to join us at a free online event on Saturday, January 30th, from 12 pm-1:30 pm to learn more about Human Trafficking and how it affects our communities.

For more information, please register at htleadersreg.eventbrite.com

I would like to touch on a few items that have been brought to my attention over the last several weeks by many residents.

Vehicles parked on lawns or other non-permitted areas

It appears cars are being

parked on lawns throughout our neighborhoods. I want to remind our residents of our Downey Municipal Code Section 9728 that states that parking is prohibited/not permitted in any landscaped area. Citations will be given if vehicles do not adhere to our municipal code.

A reminder about Holiday/Season Decor, Downey Municipal Code 9612

Seasonal decor may be displayed no sooner than forty-five (45) days before a national or religious holiday and must be removed within fourteen (14) days after the holiday.

Lastly, I'd like to provide you with a quick update on the items I touched last month:

Trash/Litter throughout our City: The city launched the “BIN IT” campaign to address litter in our community. We also combined it with our existing Downey “Good Neighbor” campaign, to leverage the message of a cleaner and more neighborly Downey.

We are continuing to work proactively with our businesses, the Downey Chamber of Commerce, property owners, and residents to address individual properties and continue to drive and monitor our commercial corridors, apartment complexes, and other areas of concern. We have seen less trash and complaints have decreased.

Our malls, shopping centers, and businesses have stepped up and are working with us through these trying times of the pandemic. Their business models changed dramatically. Increased traffic at drive-thrus, curbside pickups, patrons eating in their cars, and parking lot dining is the new paradigm.

Stonewood Center, The Landing, The Promenade, Chick-fil-A, The Habit, El Pollo Loco, and Boston Market all discourage litter, monitor their parking lots daily, have altered their site maintenance and security presence, and are supportive of the “BIN IT” campaign.

A total of 23 social media posts across all platforms have occurred since the program's inception last month. Facebook has reached 13,847 people, Twitter has reached 4,808 people, and Instagram has received 1,180 Likes.

Illegal dumping of bulky items and CalMet update

Since November 2020, the city has contracted with CalMet Services, Inc. to provide enhanced bulky item pick up service where a vehicle drives



Mayor Claudia M. Frometa

around “hot spot” areas and apartment complexes to pick up illegally dumped items. CalMet provides this service three days a week and four hours per day. This service is in addition to picking up bulky items from single-family residences for free as part of their contract.

Over the last two and a half months, CalMet has picked up a total of 27 tons of illegally dumped items. Public Works has assigned two full-time maintenance staff to pick up illegally dumped items Mondays through Saturdays throughout the city and has picked up almost an additional 72 tons of illegally dumped items throughout the City.

Both CalMet and Public Works staff have noticed a decrease in the number of calls, service requests, and complaints related to illegally dumped items in the city.

Also, our Code Enforcement Division patrols our community daily, with an eye out for illegal dumping of bulky items. They have distributed hundreds of door hangers to apartment units within 30 different apartment complexes, where the highest frequency of dumped items has occurred. Staff has also been in constant communication with the apartment property owners and managers, seeking partnerships to address the issue proactively.

Speed Enforcement

A reminder to all residents that our Downey Police Department will continue conducting Speed Enforcement throughout our city, please be mindful of speed limits.

Thank you Downey for allowing me to serve you. I am humbled, grateful, and here to help our community stay strong, united, and moving forward. Stay healthy, stay safe and be well.

#DowneyStrong
 #UnitingForce
 Claudia M. Frometa
 Mayor

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	62°	
Saturday	57°	
Sunday	61°	

ON THIS DAY JANUARY 21

1861: Five Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate, including Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, the future president of the Confederacy.

1905: Christian Dior, French fashion designer and creator of the “New Look” in 1947, was born.

1908: New York City passed the Sullivan Ordinance, making it illegal for women to smoke in public.

1915: The first Kiwanis Club was founded, in Detroit.

1950: A federal jury in New York City found former State Department official Alger Hiss guilty of perjury. Hiss had been accused by the FBI of spying for the Soviet Union.

1977: President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

1981: Production of the iconic DeLorean sports car began in Northern Ireland.

1994: A jury acquitted Lorena Bobbitt by reason of temporary insanity of maliciously wounding her husband, John, whom she'd accused of sexually assaulting her.

1997: Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

2003: The Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed Blacks as America's largest minority group.

2004: The recording industry sued 532 computer users it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet.

2010: A bitterly divided Supreme Court vastly increased the power of big business and labor unions to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress.

Birthdays

Golf legend **Jack Nicklaus** (81), R&B singer **Billy Ocean** (71), “A League of Their Own” actress **Geena Davis** (65), basketball hall of famer **Hakeem Olajuwon** (58), Spice Girls member **Emma Bunton** (45), and “Twilight” actor **Booboo Stewart** (27).

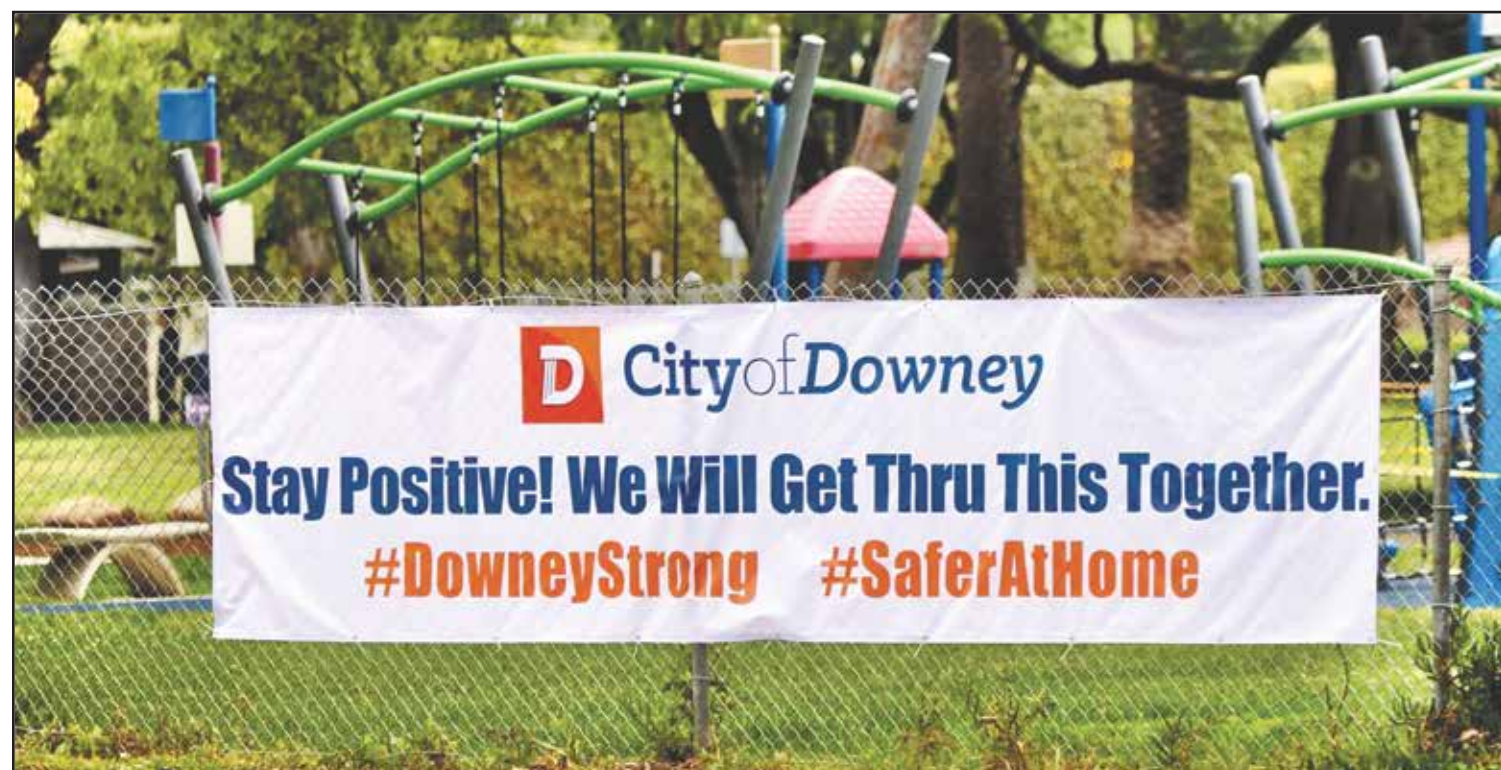
Deaths

George Orwell, the dystopian author who wrote “1984” and “Animal Farm,” died on this date in 1950 of tuberculosis. He was 46.

Popular jazz singer **Peggy Lee** died in 2002 of a heart attack. She was 81.

Jackie Wilson, the dynamic singer who helped transition R&B into soul, died in 1984 from complications of pneumonia. He was 49.

Vladimir Lenin, leader of the Russian Revolution who was viewed as a dictator by some and a tireless champion of the working class by others, died in 1924 from the effects of a third stroke. He was 53.



Things you didn't know about Downey: Indian Joe

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY – The following story was written by Joyce Lawrence and originally published in the Downey Historical Society newsletter of June 1999:

Jose, a Native American dubbed “Indian Joe” by Downey pioneers, was a unique and memorable part of our community until his death in 1895.

Until recently, secondary sources such as newspaper clippings, pioneer reminiscences, one photograph containing Indian Joe and a snapshot of his original grave marker at Downey Cemetery were the sole proof of Joe’s existence. Persistent diving into newly-acquired primary documents (court and census records), as well as other library resources, has finally paid off.

Bit by bit we have been able to add to Indian Joe’s story, though

it is far from complete and may never be.

It is appropriate to share our updated research this month as we honor the 100th anniversary of Indian Joe’s burial, respectfully conducted by his fellow townspeople at Downey Cemetery in November 1895.

Jose was of the Cahuilla band, though his grave marker spells it “Kaweah.” Cahuillas lived in the deserts, mountains and passes now part of Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Imperial counties.

Today’s Morongo Indian Reservation, near Cabazon and Banning, is home to the Malki Museum where Cahuilla culture is preserved and studied.

In the early 19th century, many Cahuillas may have come under the influence of the missions at San Bernardino, San Luis Rey or Pala. Numbers of them learned Spanish, joined the Roman Catholic Church and became skilled laborers in a variety of mission occupations such as tanning, boot making, cooking, etc.

Others lived in their own villages and supported mission economy as day laborers – only so long as it did not interfere with their native activities and ceremonials.

When the missions were secularized in the 1830s, many of the church holdings were divided into ranches and granted to settlers of Spanish and Mexican descent. Some Cahuillas who had depended upon the numerous mission tasks for their livelihood migrated into the San Gabriel/Los Nietos Valley and other parts of today’s Los Angeles County and city, where they became important workers in the local agricultural economy, particularly vineyards. Their own industriousness were later romanticized in California literature and architecture.

Indian Joe’s parents are thought to have been among the Cahuillas who located in the San Gabriel Mission area. In the 1880s, Jose told pioneer Downey farmer James Bangle that he was born in San Gabriel and that the priest would not allow him to marry because he would not join the church. (This is according to Easter Bangle Morrison’s unpublished 1930 manuscript on Downey history, which is considered to be remarkably accurate.)

Indian Joe “appeared in our settlement with the first houses,” wrote Easter Morrison, placing Jose in our midst sometime between when the first land deed from John Downey to Joseph Burke was recorded (1865), when the villages of Gallatin and College Settlement were formed (late 1860s), and when today’s downtown was first mapped (1873).

Because of the Morrison manuscript, we can be fairly certain

that federal census taker and Downey constable Benjamin W. Tarwater meant our Indian Joe when he listed one lone Indian in the Los Nietos Township, Silver Road District on June 11, 1880: “Jose, age 40, single, occupation: does nothing, unemployed 12 months a year, born California, parents born California.”

On the day Jose was officially counted, he was in the southeastern part of town near today’s Downey Cemetery. The area around the cemetery would be a weedy corner on someone’s farm, with upright wooden boards as markers and not much else.

1897 in the United States

Republican William McKinley, born in 1841 in Ohio and killed by an assassin in 1901, was inaugurated as President.

“Katzenjammer Kids,” begun this year by Rudolph Dirks, was the first American comic strip.

In Southern California, San Pedro was decided upon as the port of Los Angeles but it took two years for construction to begin because of the opposition of Collis P. Huntington and others who favored Santa Monica.

The Los Angeles County Pioneers of Southern California Society was formed in September for those who had resided in the county for at least 25 years.

Meredith P. Snyder served as mayor of Los Angeles from 1896–98, 1900–04 and 1919–21. He was active in the harbor project.

The first seven-story building in Los Angeles was built this year at 3rd and Spring by Colonel J.R. Lankershim. The Los Angeles Symphony was also established.

The Eastern Star was organized in Downey on June 10, 1897. Among those laid to rest in Downey Cemetery were Caroline Skidmore, Capt. Jonathan Reddick, John W. Buster and Charles H. Hammerton.

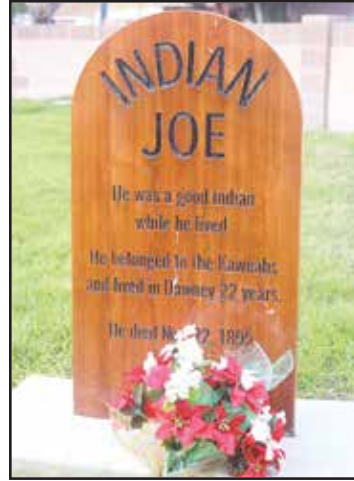
While turmoil swirled in many parts of the world, things were relatively uneventful in the United States. But coming up in 1898: the Spanish American War and the Alaskan Gold Rush.

An interesting invention, patented by Clarence M. Kemp of Baltimore in 1891, found its ideal application in Southern California. The Climax became the nation’s first commercial solar water heater. Installation spread from Pasadena to much of California and Arizona. By 1900 they topped the 1,600 mark in Southern California alone.

Frank Walker, a Los Angeles contractor and realtor, was among over a dozen inventors who filed patents for improvement on the Climax. His first design was developed in 1897 and patented in the spring of 1898.

Interest waned in the use of these innovation appliances by 1927, when cheap natural gas became readily available. Only in recent times has solar energy regained popularity.

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Indian Joe’s grave at Downey Cemetery. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

POETRY MATTERS

The Present Crisis

Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God’s new Messiah,
Offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever
‘Twixt that darkness and that light...

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet the truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong;
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own.

James Russell Lowell, 1819–1891

Lowell, an ardent abolitionist, published this poem in 1845 about the national debate over slavery. Set to music it became a popular hymn, and Martin Luther King Jr. quoted it in his “We Shall Overcome” speech in 1966. It still resonates in 2021. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Nickeledeon films at Unsworth Elementary



DeAndre Jordan

■ The hidden camera show “The Substitute” features Unsworth Elementary in its latest episode.

DOWNEY - Downey’s Unsworth Elementary was featured in an episode of Nickelodeon’s “The Substitute” last week.

“The Substitute” is a hidden camera show that features celebrities who go under cover as professionals in various fields,

surprising unsuspecting kids in schools, camps and other locations.

Transformed by a team of special effects artists, the celebrities hide their true identities as they attempt to fool unsuspecting youngsters. During the reveal of a celebrity, a \$25,000 donation is made to the organization.

Nickelodeon crew members visited the campus in November to tape the episode, which featured NBA center DeAndre Jordan going undercover as a teacher and then surprising the school with a \$25,000 donation.

About 15 students were featured in the half-hour episode.

Downey Unified officials said taping was done “with extensive safety protocols in place that included prior parental authorization, rapid COVID testing and social distancing electronic monitors all while being filmed outdoors.”

This isn’t the first time Nickelodeon has filmed in Downey. A previous episode of “The Substitute” filmed at Lewis Elementary and Stauffer Middle School, as well as the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Officials said the donation to Unsworth will be used to benefit students and campus programs.

The episode ran last week but is available for streaming on Nickelodeon’s website. Unsworth is featured in the sixth episode of the second season of “The Substitute.”

“Having our school community participate in Nickelodeon’s ‘The Substitute’ was a tremendous gift,” said Unsworth Elementary School Principal Kelley Rush-Becker. “During these difficult times, showcasing our school and our amazing students, was a much-needed lift. We are thankful to Nickelodeon for selecting us and to our District for their ongoing support.”

The Downey Police Department has promoted Michael Parino to lieutenant, effective Dec. 28, 2020.

Parino started his career with Downey Police in 1998. He has worked as a police officer, field training officer, police corporal, and gang detective.

As a sergeant for 12 years, he supervised field operations, working professional standards, supervised the narcotics and gangs investigative units, and oversaw the records bureau.

Parino is currently assigned as a watch commander in the Field Operations Division.



Michael Parino

The Downey Police Department has promoted Paul Edwards to the rank of sergeant, effective Dec. 28, 2020.

Edwards began his career with the Downey Police Department in 2005. In the years that followed, he has served Downey as a police officer, field training officer, police corporal, traffic investigator and gang detective.

Edwards is currently assigned to the Field Operations Division.



Paul Edwards

Police Report

► On Jan. 12 at approximately 11 am, officers responded to the 7300 block of Florence Ave. regarding a man down. The victim sustained massive head injuries and was transported to St. Francis Medical Center by DFD. The male adult suspect stated he was in an argument with the victim and struck him numerous times. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

► On Jan. 14 at approximately 8:45 am, officers responded to the 8300 block of Puritan Ave. regarding a suicide. Officers discovered an adult male victim with a single self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, but with signs of life. Downey Fire Department responded and transported the male to the hospital where he died. Detectives responded to assist with the investigation. A handgun was recovered at the scene.

► Detectives are investigating a homicide

that occurred on Jan. 16 at about 1 am in the 12800 block of Lakewood Blvd. The adult male suspect and adult male victim were in an argument. During the altercation, the victim sustained multiple stab wounds to the body. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the suspect was transported to the hospital for his injuries. Detectives responded to the scene to handle the investigation. The suspect was arrested and booked for murder.

► Detectives are investigating an armed robbery that occurred on Jan. 17 at about 11 pm in the 11400 block of Old River School Road (Zip In Liquor). Two adult male suspects entered the store. One was armed with a handgun and demanded cash from the cashier. The suspects left with approximately \$500 cash and 3 bottles of tequila. The suspects were last seen running southbound on Old River School Road.

Compiled by the Downey Police Department

In Memory of



Yvonne ‘Voni’ Dolores Cook

April 28, 1932 - February 12, 2021

Yvonne “Voni” Dolores Cook was born to Walter and Marion (Hansen) Wachenfeld on April 28, 1932 in South Gate, California. She was the youngest of four children and was preceded in death by her brothers Jack Conway and Walter Wachenfeld Jr, and her sister Betty Lewis.

After attending kindergarten at Miles Avenue Elementary School in Huntington Park the family moved to Sacramento where she continued her education and enjoyed playing paper dolls, house, school, secretary, jacks, skating, and many other childhood activities.

During frequent visits to her maternal grandparents in Huntington Park she met “the boy next door”, Donald Jack Cook. One Christmas vacation she renewed her friendship with Don and they were married on October 20, 1951 at the Methodist Church in Huntington Park. They raised their three children - William, JoAnn, and Linda - in Huntington Park, moving to Downey in 1983.

In Sacramento she was employed as an information operator for the phone company, a babysitter, and a waitress, but her most unusual job was that of a turkey tail-tier. Voni was very involved in their children’s activities, serving in school PTAs, as a Cub Scout den mother, and a Girl Scout leader. After her children were grown she worked as an assistant to Augustus Hawkins, U.S. Congressman, and a travel agent, specializing in cruises.

Voni’s hobbies included baking, traveling, quilting, genealogy, scrapbooking, and card making. She also enjoyed serving in various positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was an active member of the Paramount Ward at the time of her passing.

A widow for over thirty-five years, Voni passed away on January 1, 2021 and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her son William (Alicia) Cook, daughters JoAnn (Jim) Hertzler and Linda (Jeff) Middleton, nine grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren, to whom she is lovingly known as Nana.

Services will be held outside in the parking lot of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10511 Paramount Blvd, Downey, on Saturday, January 23rd, at 11:00am, in accordance with current pandemic regulations. Burial will follow at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

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Goodbye, Uncle Fred

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

I've wanted to write something like this for a while, but I never really knew how to say what I've wanted to say without sounding condescending or political.

Unfortunately, today, Sunday Jan. 17, I found those words.

I'm sorry Fred.

It was about a week before Thanksgiving when Fred let his siblings know that he had tested positive for Covid-19. Just a few days later, pushed by desperate pleas from my mother, he made his way to the emergency room where he was ultimately admitted to the hospital.

Intubation followed. Several ups, multiple downs. A glimmer of cautious hope last week.

And now we're here.

I won't lie to you; my uncle Fred and I were necessarily the closest. I always thought that Fred and I had a bit of a personality clash during my years in high school and college.

It didn't help that I only saw him once or twice every year or two or so.

But over time, I feel we grew to respect and love one another from a distance. Fred supported my work with the paper, and even shared a few of my articles even if they weren't necessarily relevant to his Texas home. When I had struggles and questions about my own Christianity and spirituality, I knew he was a phone call away.

If nothing else, we shared a bond over our love of Dodger baseball.

It wasn't the Covid that took him; doctors had said that his battle with the virus was likely done, and his struggles were now with the devastation it left in its wake.

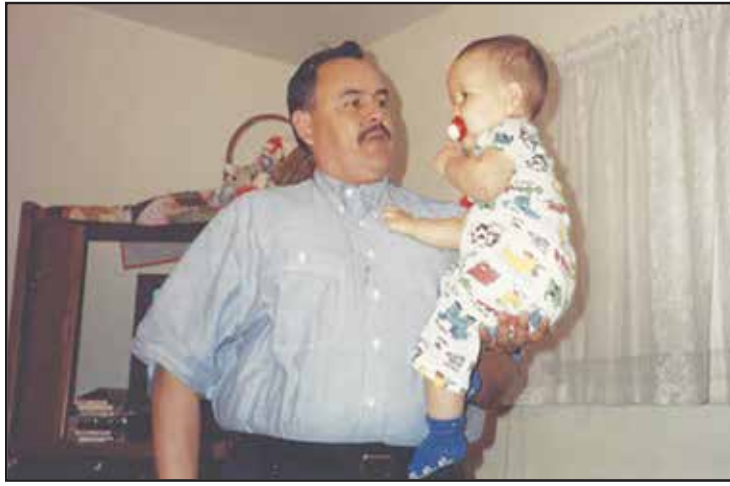
His passing - like all those others that we have endured since the beginning of the pandemic - is senseless.

I wrote not long ago that we needed to stop our debates on Covid-19; that for the sake of ourselves, our neighbors, and our humanity itself we should work together and do what needs to be done so that we could bring an end to this nightmare.

Masks. Social distancing. Avoiding gatherings. Staying home.

It should be that simple.

Yet along with bringing



The death of Fred Dominguez during a pandemic elicits strong emotions. (Courtesy photo)

devastation and loss, the coronavirus has unveiled an overt selfishness.

That selfishness presents itself in the ongoing argument between "mask and anti-masks," in the attitude that "only the old and otherwise sick will die," in our government's belief that two long-between payments of \$1,200 and \$600 would be enough to keep our families sustained while also protected, and in the reluctance of some cities to enforce the mandates that our health officials and higher government have put into place.

Am I angry? Yes. Am I

lashing out due to the loss of my family member? Yeah, probably.

But until our collective attitudes change, the hurt will continue.

There will likely be a service at some point for my uncle, however Fred's siblings will not be there to say their final goodbyes. That will have to wait for a time when it's safe to do so - and only God knows when that may be.

Until then, I'll use this article as collateral, to keep myself accountable for the promise I'm now pledging to my mom. I'll get her out there, so she can say goodbye properly.

I hurt for Nyla, Fred's widow. I hurt for my cousins David, Daniel, Sam, and their wives and children.

I hurt for everyone who has lost or will lose a loved one.

Don't wait until you're touched the way my family has been now.

Be safe, be responsible, and stay healthy.

I'm sorry Fred. I love you.

What it's like to be a funeral director in a pandemic

By Shannon Kolbjornsen

I'm the person people turn to in the darkest hours of their lives, when they have lost someone they loved deeply, often unexpectedly. They are in shock, devastated and searching for a way to say a final farewell to a loved one. My role is to guide them through the type of memorial they prefer and help them begin the healing process.

All of us have been affected by the pandemic over the last year in one way or another. But the increase in deaths related to Covid-19 has strained funeral professionals beyond anything we have ever experienced.

In California, the virus is currently raging. Along with heroic medical professionals who continue to work tirelessly to treat extremely ill patients, my colleagues and I have been on the frontlines. We enter hospitals, elder care facilities, morgues and private residences to take loved ones into our care and prepare them for their final arrangements. We've seen firsthand the toll this pandemic has taken on families.

When Covid-19 first entered our lives and started spreading through communities, our profession changed almost overnight. As we adjusted our offerings based on health guidelines, most families were understanding. However, it was gut-wrenching to have to tell a brokenhearted family that they had to limit their loved one's memorial to only a handful of people when they would have preferred to be surrounded by family and friends.

Social distancing is hard for a funeral director; huggers by nature, we could no longer offer a grieving spouse or child a comforting embrace.

I'm proud of how quickly we adapted to using new technologies and finding creative ways to serve families within the restrictions we've faced. At Rose Hills, we serve an incredibly diverse community with different customs, traditions and faiths. We have worked tirelessly to honor each of our client family's wishes while doing our part to keep our community safe.

We have gotten creative by offering tent services outside that act as our chapels, while remaining socially distant and following the current health and safety guidelines. Allowing our families to have services that include clergy, music, personal mementos, pictures and flowers has given them the chance to honor and celebrate their loved ones' lives.

Serving families, and providing them with a meaningful tribute to their loved one, means more to me than a paycheck ever could. Having the opportunity to give families "that moment" during this pandemic means more than any discomfort that comes with the temporary challenges we are faced with.

We look forward to the day when we can see the face behind the mask, hold a hand in solidarity, and offer a hug of comfort.

Shannon Kolbjornsen is manager of funeral services at Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary.

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Biden’s timid plan to fight Covid-19

By Betsy McCaughey

As Covid-19 mutates, it’s becoming more contagious than the virus that invaded the U.S. about a year ago. A trip to the grocery with a mask on, which used to be low risk, is becoming riskier.

As cases and deaths increase rapidly, people are scared and upset. They’re spending hours on websites and hotlines struggling unsuccessfully to get vaccine appointments.

President-elect Joe Biden’s vaccine distribution plan, which he announced Friday, doesn’t offer them much hope. Biden said he’ll open 100 federal vaccine sites in school gyms, community centers and stadiums the first month. That’s for the entire nation.

We’re in a war with a deadly disease. Biden’s plan is like fighting back with a peashooter.

Almost as many Americans have died from Covid-19 in the last year as were killed in all the years of World War II. It’s time to mount a D-Day scale response.

The U.S. needs to vaccinate 1.8 million people a day to achieve herd immunity by July. That’s far more than Biden’s goal of 1 million shots a day. Dodger Stadium can host 12,000 vaccinations a day. So 150 stadium-size sites are needed, vaccinating round the clock.

To accommodate the elderly, many venues should be first come, first served. Asking 70- and 80-year-olds to navigate complicated websites to make appointments is preposterously impractical.

To fight COVID-19, Biden also needs to defy the open borders flank of his party and make it clear that caravans of Central American migrants will not be allowed into the U.S. Last week, a Biden transition official said it, but Biden himself needs to say it forcefully enough to be heard below the Rio Grande. A caravan is pushing northward right now, posing a public health threat.

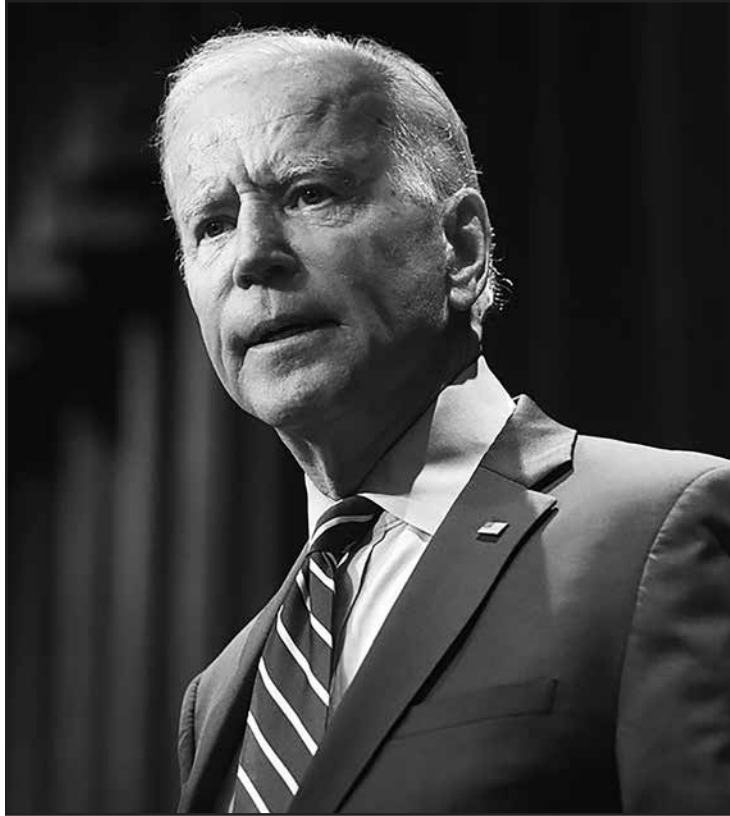
Air travelers to the U.S. have to show a negative Covid-19 test before boarding, quarantine on arrival and then get retested. Why should migrants be an exception?

Biden made fighting Covid-19 the centerpiece of his campaign, yet even as he takes office, he’s short on details. The virus isn’t waiting.

“Ominous” is how Dr. Anthony Fauci describes the emerging strains. A newly identified variant in Brazil can reinfect people who have already had Covid. The U.K. is so fearful that it blocked all flights from South America last week.

Meanwhile, a British strain that spreads fast because it causes more virus in the nose has invaded the U.S. Eighteen cases have been detected in New York. It’s 50 to 70% more contagious than the original virus, and it will become the dominant strain by March, predicts the CDC. A highly infectious, homegrown U.S. strain is also causing cases to surge, reports Southern Illinois University researchers. The enemy is growing fiercer.

The good news is the U.S. has adequate vaccines in the pipeline. The federal government purchased 400 million doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, enough to vaccinate 200 million people.



Both vaccines require two shots. Johnson & Johnson will seek FDA authorization for its vaccine by March. And a vaccine by AstraZeneca isn’t far behind. Fauci has indicated there will be enough.

The problem is political bungling. CDC figures show about 60% of doses already sent to the states are still unused, including in New York. Yet Gov. Andrew Cuomo claims he’s “moved heaven and earth” and is “getting shots in arms as quickly and efficiently as possible.” Who is he kidding?

New York is opening a handful of mass vaccination sites now, after weeks of inaction, but seniors are still frantically trying to score appointments.

Meanwhile, Cuomo wants a “New York Arts Revival” this spring with 100 performances in venues such as the Park Avenue Armory. Sorry, Governor, but saving lives comes first. Turn the Armory into a vaccine megasite. Then when New Yorkers are safe, they can resume celebrating the arts.

Cuomo’s lopsided priorities are an example of why the buck now stops with Biden. The new president needs to see the urgency, think big and act quickly.

Betsy McCaughey is former lieutenant governor of New York and author of “The Next Pandemic,” available at Amazon.

How to vaccinate 100M Americans in 100 days

By Thomas J. Bollyky

Faced with a slow, chaotic vaccine rollout and ever-rising Covid-19 cases, President-elect Joe Biden has an ambitious plan: to administer 100 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine in his first 100 days in office. Since the vaccines became publicly available in mid-December, 12.3 million shots have made their way into the arms of Americans, an average of 384,000 doses per day. Mr. Biden’s goal of tripling this rate can be achieved if the United States implements a vaccination campaign that treats Covid-19 more like an act of bioterrorism and less like the seasonal flu.

While the United States does not currently have enough vaccine to inoculate all 331 million Americans, supply is far from the only obstacle to ending the pandemic. Only 39 percent of the 31.2 million doses distributed to states so far have been administered. The challenge has been managing the complex logistics of mass vaccination in tandem with addressing the concerns of people who are reluctant to be vaccinated.

Fortunately, we don’t have to develop a strategy from scratch. The federal government has already thought through what it would take to vaccinate large numbers of Americans in a short period of time.

In the months after the Sept. 11 attacks, the federal government amassed a cache of medicines and vaccines that could be used to protect civilians from a bioterrorist attack involving anthrax or smallpox. Researchers working for the government estimated how many clinics and workers would be required to rapidly dispense and administer stockpiled vaccines and medicines. The Biden administration can learn from these efforts to inoculate Americans

against Covid-19.

Building on the strategies developed for smallpox vaccination, we estimate that vaccinating an average of one million people daily for 100 days would require at least 400 vaccination sites across the country, staffed by somewhere between 100,000 and 184,000 people. About 17,000 of those workers would need to be qualified to administer vaccines. Our model assumes that each clinic would operate 12 hours per day and have 10 vaccination stations (like checkout lines in a grocery store) that all together could vaccinate 200 people per hour. This plan would require between 120 and 220 workers at each clinic per shift and could immunize 2,400 people per clinic per day.

Of course, the coronavirus is not completely analogous to smallpox. Our numbers are based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and vaccination exercises that were conducted in San Francisco and New Jersey more than a decade ago. Some of our assumptions may not be appropriate for all states or settings, particularly rural areas that lack infrastructure and trained workers. But this approximation gives us a window into the scale of effort required to achieve the Biden administration’s immunization goals.

Vaccinating a million people a day for 100 days will require substantial federal investment; state and local public health departments simply do not have enough people qualified to conduct vaccinations at this scale. You must be a doctor or nurse to administer vaccines in many states, although some allow trained pharmacists, medical assistants and physicians assistants to do so. To ensure adequate staffing, states will need to train and authorize other health workers, such as dentists, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, to give vaccines.

There is also the problem of demand. Mass vaccination plans for bioterrorism generally assume the population is willing to be vaccinated. Reports of health care workers refusing coronavirus vaccinations are deeply worrisome. State and local governments need to bolster their engagement with community groups to address concerns about the vaccines.

Increasing the volume of vaccinations need not come at the expense of getting doses to the people most at risk from Covid-19. Because it’s important to ensure that people getting vaccinated meet current eligibility criteria, mass vaccination clinics can focus on people over 65, whose age can be easily verified. Mobile clinics can vaccinate essential workers and people who get their medical care at federally qualified health centers, a population that disproportionately includes lower-income individuals and members of minority groups.

Health departments need more resources to dispense vaccines to every American who wants one. Mr. Biden’s \$1.9 trillion spending proposal includes \$20 billion to establish community vaccination programs and requests funding to hire 100,000 health workers. Those programs should include people qualified to administer vaccines and enough workers to manage large vaccination clinics. It is money well spent in a pandemic, and Congress should authorize it.

Reaching 100 million people in 100 days would be the most ambitious vaccination campaign in U.S. history. It needs support that will be equal to the task.

Thomas J. Bollyky is director of the global health program at the Council on Foreign Relations and the author of “Plagues and the Paradox of Progress: Why the World is Getting Healthier in Worrisome Ways.”

Fresh leadership

Dear Editor:

President Biden’s inauguration Wednesday was awesome, emotional and inspiring. It showed the world that we are a great country and an example for people everywhere of political stability (in spite of the attack on Congress by an ugly mob) and economic opportunity.

Like Christ, more than 2,000 years ago, President Biden spoke of love to replace hate in a divided country. His actions will win over the populace that followed the former President in his claims of election fraud, which he did without showing any proof of it.

As an immigrant, I probably value this country more than those who were born here and that have no idea of how fortunate they are for having won the womb lottery.

President Biden’s good intentions must be followed up with practical actions. I join the millions of Americans who are willing to give him the benefit of the doubt and support his actions for the betterment of the country. Let’s wish him well in his administration.

After the previous four-year circus in Washington, I think that we all welcome a return to normalcy and civilized behavior.

Jorge Montero Downey

Dear Editor:

Thank goodness the election results are in and we will now have new leadership in the White House who will dismantle President Trump’s wicked actions of:

Bringing home our military and ending the endless wars in the Middle East; cutting taxes and regulations for small businesses; brokering peace accords between Israel and Muslim countries; building a wall to secure our southern border; removing the United States from the Paris Climate Accord which punished American industry over that of China’s and other countries; negotiating trade agreements between Mexico, Canada, and China

In Biden’s presidency, all these unfair practices will be eliminated because we are a country of compassion and fairness, and, therefore, we should allow our borders to be wide open to allow all individuals to enter. Additionally, we need to welcome anyone regardless if they hate us, to gain residency in our country.

And, of course, we all know that the federal government knows best when taxing the rich “big time”, dividing the wealth among all, except for that of our hard-working, dedicated, deserving leaders, mandating nationalized health care for all, except, of course, not for our hard-working, caring federal leaders, and taking control over all aspects of our lives, with, of course, our best interests in mind.

How blessed are we Americans to finally get Biden, Harris, Pelosi, Schumer, and others who are so caring and so wanting to enrich our lives with their undiminished wisdom and love for country, lead us in making a “New Better America” just like Venezuela’s.

Such great leadership and love for country brings tears to my eyes.

Martha Morrissy Downey

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank my congressional representative, Lucille Roybal-Allard, for voting in a responsible and conscientious manner to impeach Donald J. Trump.

Speaking truth to power is not always easy, but not doing so would have been an acceptance of the domestic terrorist attack on our Capitol.

For anyone who wants to better understand the gravity of these insurrections, all they need to do is look up the definition of the word coup. It describes an illegal attempt to take power through force or the threat of force, usually involving at least one faction of the military or formal security forces. While many of the rioters were armed and dangerous, they lacked the knowledge and skills to overthrow the government.

Nevertheless, we cannot dispute this event will go down in U.S. history as the closest thing to a coup, sponsored, directed and encouraged by Donald J Trump.

M. Padilla Downey

Adopt-a-family thank you

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Women’s Guild, my committee and I want to thank all of you who so generously supported our Christmas Adopt a Family project.

You are shining lights in a world that can feel very scary and lonely sometimes. As bearers of light, you are the hands of Christ, helping people you don’t even know.

Because of your compassion, 14 families and 28 children were offered the gift of a sweet Christmas and a generous sprinkling of hope. Each family received a \$100 grocery gift card, and a \$25 pizza gift card. Each child received a \$50 gift card. The remaining donations were divided up equally and very generous checks were written to cover costs like rent assistance, utilities, prescriptions, transportation costs, etc.

These families have expressed such gratitude, sometimes accompanied with tears. There are so many stories that we can never know. I know how blessed all of us who were involved in this project feel. We would like to share that feeling of warmth and a smile with all of you. Deepak Chopra reminds us that if you want to feel happy, make someone else happy. It works! It’s contagious.

Every donor’s name was tossed into the hat and the winner of the \$50 Target gift card was Joe Commodore! Congratulations.

Wishing you a safe, healthy and blessed 2021.

Paula Mayfield, Dianna Hampton, Lucy Solares, Armida Lugo

Napolitano’s double speak

Dear Editor:

Judge Andrew Napolitano is at it again. (“The Presumption of Liberty,” 1/14/21)

His devotion to Libertarianism has clouded his thinking. And his worship at the altar of Libertarianism has allowed his pen to flow with errors and double speak.

He first writes that every person should be permitted to do anything they want. He even believes the Constitution gives him that right. He has been blinded by his Libertarian beliefs.

Before we had a Constitution in the United States, we had the Articles of Confederation. This document contained many of the Judge’s Libertarian beliefs. Guess what, Judge. It didn’t work! The Constitution was written specifically to address the Laissez-faire attitudes of those who thought like Judge Napolitano.

The Judge begins his double speak when he writes that any person should be able to do whatever they want, then adds, except when it interferes with another person’s rights. Judge! That is the whole point!

A united people must have rules. Rules that encourage actions that enhance the greater good, and rules that discourage actions that are harmful to the greater good. Even school children have an understanding of this.

Do you, Judge Napolitano? You are smarter than a fifth grader ... aren’t you?

Richard Daggett Downey

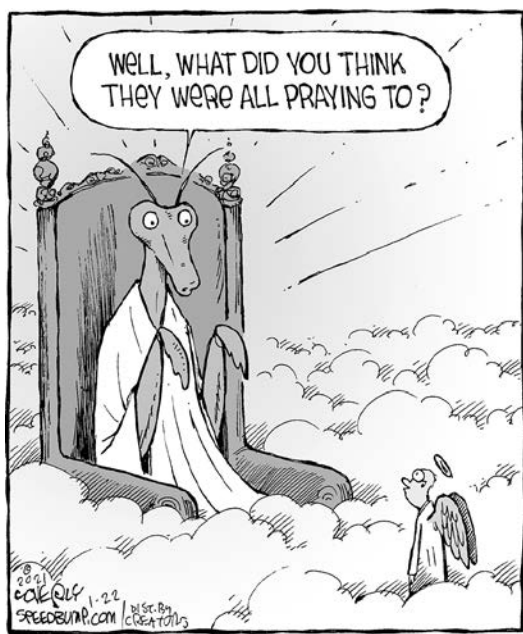
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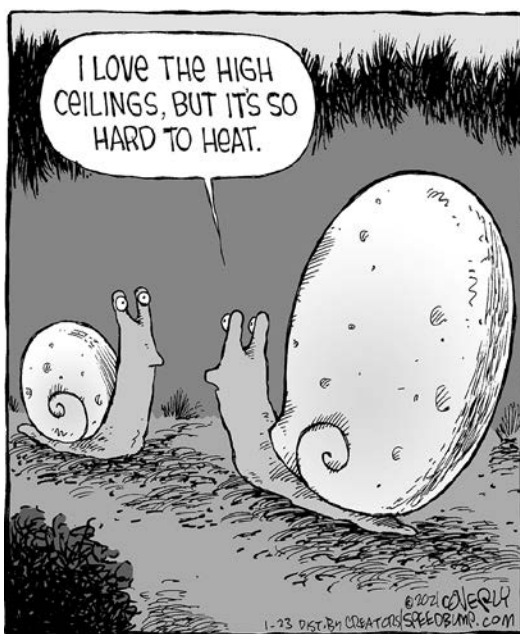
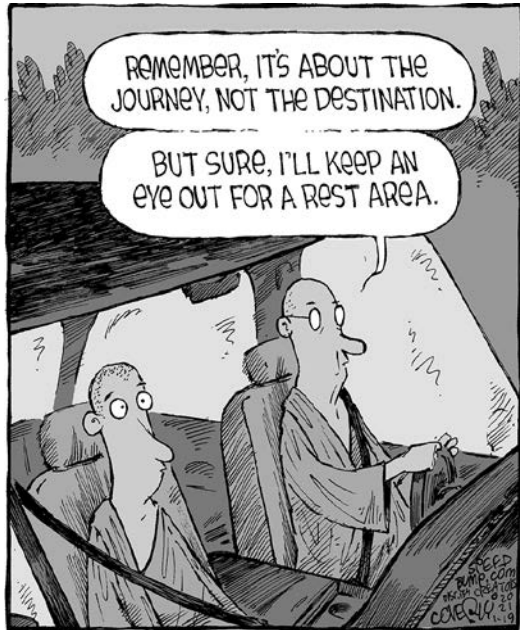
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call 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.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPW Women's Guild, at OLPW School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, will resume meeting online in January, call 562-500-5093.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
 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.

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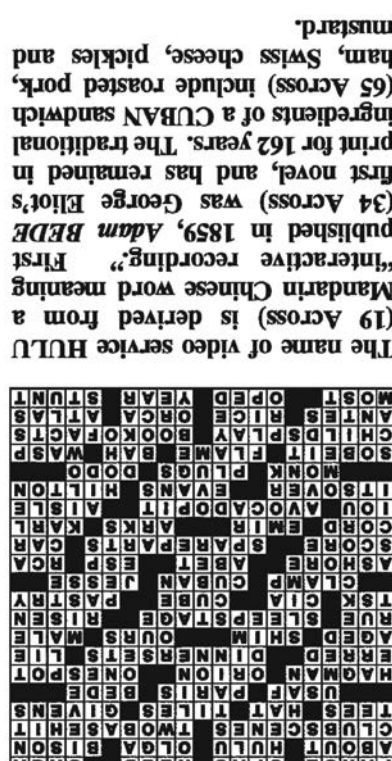
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Vic's Coat

By Yolanda Adele

Vic's coat was black and made of a heavy cotton blend. It smelled of Old Spice Cologne. He wore that coat the day before he had to leave for Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Boot Camp, where he was to train before shipping out to an undisclosed location. It was an ordinary spring day in 1962. Vic was just nineteen years old. The war with Vietnam was escalating and so were my fears of ever seeing him alive again.

Vic walked the twelve miles from his parents' house to my house in Huntington Park to say goodbye to my family and me. My mother hugged him and gave him a blessing. She was holding back tears. Perhaps, she was remembering when my father said goodbye to her before he left for the Army Air Corps (as it was called then) to go overseas during World War II.

My father shook Vic's hand and wished him good luck. Then dad asked Vic if he'd like to borrow his car to take me for a drive. Though there were ominous clouds in the sky, Vic opted to go for a walk instead, and declined his thoughtful offer.

As we walked in silence down Pacific Boulevard for several blocks, I buried my head in the folds of his coat sleeve. So many emotions stirred up in me that it was difficult to sort them out. Though I had just turned seventeen, I knew that I loved Vic and

wanted to spend the rest of my life with him. Sure we didn't have money, a home, a car, or even the right to vote yet, but none of that mattered as long as we could be together.

Suddenly there was a violent clap of thunder; the skies opened up and sheets of water poured over us. We ran in and out of store doorways for shelter, huddling close, giggling, and stealing kisses.

I never felt the cold in spite of the fact I wore a thin, cotton dress and sandals. Vic put his woolen black coat around my shoulders insisting that he was not cold. We were carefree and laughing loudly. The hard rain washed over us like a benediction.

Eventually the time drew near for him to leave for the base. I began to cry, tasting the salt of my tears mixed with that of the rain. Tearfully Vic stood in front of me and held up my chin.

"We'll get married on my first leave from boot camp, O.K.?" I nodded enthusiastically.

"Promise me that you'll come back," I begged. We kissed hard even as the rain soaked us. We held on to each other tightly in defiance of all the storms we would have to weather.

As we walked back to my parents' house in the relentless rain, it became difficult for me to keep up with Vic's gait. His pace became almost a sprint to get us to shelter. I lagged a little behind, all the while gripping his sopping wet coat sleeve.

At the house Vic took off his coat, and my mother hung it on a hanger and placed it in the shower to drip dry. My dad drove him to his parents' home.

Days later when Vic's coat finally dried, I noticed that one of the sleeves was at least four to six inches longer than the other - a

reminder of how tightly I tried to hold on to him on the day he left. His coat retained the faint fragrance of Old Spice.

I wore that coat many times in the fifteen months he was overseas as I worried, wondered, and waited for him to return. That coat brought me comfort when I wrapped its uneven sleeves around my shoulders while writing to him and reading his letters. During that uncertain time, we continued pledging our love for each other. No other article of clothing has warmed my heart more than Vic's coat.

Over four decades later I was reminded of that day in the rain. Vic and I were celebrating our May birthdays in the Napa Valley, and we had just finished dining at Misto's, a posh Italian restaurant not far from our hotel. We decided to take a walk down the main boulevard to look in the storefront windows.

It started to rain, and soon we were caught in a heavy downpour. We found ourselves in a store doorway seeking temporary shelter from the drenching rain. As we turned to look at each other, we burst out laughing loudly and unabashedly, knowing that we were each experiencing *deja vu* at the same time.

Vic put his coat around my shoulders before stealing a kiss. We then ran out into the rain, hand in hand, soaking up the magic of an ordinary day like the two teenagers we once were.

Footnote: On July 2, 2012 we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

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

Miracle on a Winter Night

By Vickie Williams

The mercury had dropped below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. It was a deep freeze night. The moon was full. It was the scariest night of my life. Death came threatening, knocking at our door, at least I thought. Uncertainty filled our lives.

My father, returning home from visiting a friend, developed a nosebleed. It was a cumbersome task to drive, but he made it home. That night was a bane and a blessing. Looking back, a miracle occurred at 814 Camp Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

I was about ten years old. Our tears flooded heavily with panic and pandemonium. Questions danced in my head. My mother Lucille, two sisters Peggy and Jo, and I were sitting around the open face heater in the dining room, as we bore witness to the unexpected. Our hearts pounded with fright.

My father walked through the front door bleeding from his nose. His white handkerchief was stained blood red. His movements were slow as a boxer surprisingly stung by an uppercut. He entered the house with measured steps, carefully holding a bloody handkerchief close to his nose, so the blood would not drip on the floor.

We were sitting, chatting, trying not to think of how cold it was outside, and hovering close near the flickering blue, yellow, and red flames. As daddy approached us, we stood up. His

bleeding commanded our attention. We rushed to his side, blood dripping on his army green-colored jacket and hands.

My sisters and I in haste lifted his arms to remove his jacket, after he had sat in a chair adjacent to the dining table. Mother rushed to his side. "Oh my God Dorsey, be still," Mother instructed. "Get me a brown paper bag. Hurry," she exclaimed.

I don't remember who rushed to the kitchen one room over, a few steps away, to get the bag. All I remember is one of us did. Mother tore the bag, rolled a larger piece of brown paper and placed it underneath his top lip to no avail.

As time ticked forward, the flow of blood gushed with quickening momentum. It only got worse. The blood jetted like a spigot turned on at full speed. Even big clots came gushing out of his mouth.

My sisters and I gathered towels, newspapers, and even a dishpan to catch the blood. It looked like a crime scene out of a dark movie. My stomach revolted full of butterflies, as I gagged.

Mr. Harvey Gibson, an angel always watching over our shoulders and a dear friend to the family, just happened to drop by and arrived just in time. He rushed Daddy to the hospital. As my father leaned on him to get in his truck, we were all dazed, wondering if he would return home. Mother stayed home to

comfort us, encouraged by Daddy to do so.

My father's face was like a motherless child stumbling in a dark abyss. His eyes were sunken, his face gripped with fear. He had a look of defeat. Our minds were in a state of disarray. We silently wondered if he would return home.

Mother's hands so stained with blood were shaking. She struggled holding back her tears. "Lawd have mercy," she cried out loudly. We slowly gathered the wet newspaper. My sisters and I, sobbing, somehow managed to collect the soiled bloody towels and placed them in a tin tub of cold water.

To mop the floor, one of us fetched a bucket with bleach, soap, and warm water. I don't remember who did so. As night gathered further into darkness, mother paced the floor and we all stayed up anticipating a phone call. Sleep was impossible.

The bleeding stopped and Daddy stayed in the hospital overnight. A balloon was placed in his nose inflated with enough air pressure to stop his nosebleed and I recall it was the best news in the world I had ever received when Mr. Harvey called. That night I balled up in a knot, said a simple prayer, "Thank you Jesus," and fell asleep wanting to be a Christian in my heart. What a miracle that happened at 814 Camp Street!

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

Cerritos restaurant awarded \$5,000 for relief program

CERRITOS - Roots Café in Cerritos has received \$5,000 as part of a program launched by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to support restaurants and help families during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The money was presented to the restaurant in exchange for gift cards, which will be distributed by Community Family Guidance Center in Cerritos to help local families in need.

"The City of Cerritos is grateful to Supervisor Hahn and to the Community Family Guidance Center in Cerritos for selecting one of our local restaurants as a recipient of this program," remarked City of Cerritos Mayor Naresh Solanki. "This has been a challenging time for many businesses and families in our community, and we hope these funds will help get them back on their feet."

The program, which is being funded through discretionary funding allocated to Supervisor Hahn's office, provides \$300,000 to 10 non-profit organizations across the Fourth Supervisorial District to be used to purchase restaurant gift cards, and \$30,000 to the non-profits for their work identifying families in need and distributing the gift cards.

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Obituaries

Don Sutton, Dodgers hall of fame pitcher

Hall of Famer and Los Angeles Dodgers pitching great Don Sutton passed away Monday at his home after battling cancer. He was 75.

Sutton, who hailed from Clio, AL, was a pitching workhorse in the Major Leagues in a career that spanned 23 years, 16 of which with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Sutton was enshrined into Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Dodgers retired his number "20" in a ceremony on Aug. 14, 1998.

Following his illustrious pitching career, Sutton started his broadcasting career in 1987 working the League Championship Series for NBC before splitting his time in 1989 between the Dodgers Z Channel and the Atlanta Braves. He then spent 18 years with the Braves calling the action on TBS.

Sutton spent two years with the Washington Nationals in 2007-08 and returned to the Braves in 2009, where he had been ever since. Sutton was

elected to the Braves Hall of Fame in 2015 for his broadcast work.

Sutton made it to the big leagues in Los Angeles on April 14, 1966 at the age of 21, and this was the start of a great and long career for the right-handed hurler. He signed with the Dodgers in 1965 and pitched one year in the Texas League, where he was named Texas League Player of the Year.

In 1966, he joined a rotation of Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and Claude Osteen. He struck out 209 batters in his rookie season, the most by a National League Rookie since Grover Cleveland Alexander's 227 in 1911.

Sutton's career with the Dodgers spanned 1966-80 and he returned in 1988. During this time, he ranks as the franchise's all-time leader in wins (233), innings pitched (3,816.1) strikeouts (2,696) and shutouts (52).

Sutton was a four-time All-Star, who pitched in three World Series (1974, 1977 and 1978). He led the league in shutouts (9) in 1972, was the NL ERA leader (2.21) in 1980 and a 21-game

winner in 1976.

His 23-year career that also saw him pitch for the Houston Astros, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland A's and Angels, saw him finish with a 324-256 win-loss total, a 3.26 ERA in 774 games with 178 complete games, 58 shutouts and five saves. He struck out 3,574 batters in 5,282.1 career innings.

Sutton was 4-1 with a 2.02 ERA in seven League Championship Games and was 2-3 in eight World Series games. In the 1974 post-season, he was 3-0 with a 1.50 ERA and 25 strikeouts in four games.

Sutton is survived by his wife, Mary, son Daron and his daughters Staci and Jacquie.

Dorothy Cole, oldest living Marine

Dorothy "Dot" Cole, a U.S. Marines veteran of World War II who was the oldest living Marine, died Jan. 7 of a heart attack. She was 107.

Cole was determined to enlist in the military after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, when the U.S. entered World War II. She first tried the U.S. Navy, but she was not eligible because, at four feet 11 inches, she was too short.

So she set her sights on the Marines - but before she tried to

enlist, she learned to fly, hoping she could be a military pilot. Cole earned her private pilot's license and, in 1943, she became one of the first women to enlist in the newly created Women's Reserve Marine Corps.

But her dreams of flying for her country didn't come true; like many women then, she was assigned secretarial duties.

"I thought that it would impress the Marine Corps, but it didn't. I just landed on my old typewriter," Cole said in a 2020 interview. "The girls now, they have an open field with what they can do, so it's gotten better."

Cole served in the Marines in Quantico, Virginia for two years.

After the war, Cole worked as a secretary at the Ames Research Center - which later became a part of NASA - in Mountain View, California.

Siegfried Fischbacher, half of Siegfried & Roy magic duo

Siegfried Fischbacher, a German-American entertainer who was one half of Siegfried & Roy, the famed Las Vegas stage magic duo who incorporated white tigers and lions into their act, died Jan. 13 of pancreatic cancer. He was 81.

Fischbacher met Roy Horn while the two were teenagers working aboard a cruise ship. An aspiring magician since childhood, Fischbacher was performing for the ship's

passengers when he asked Horn - a big cat aficionado - to assist.

Their two talents came together to form the big-cats-and-magic spectacle that would become the most popular show in Las Vegas for more than 10 years. Beginning to perform in Vegas in 1967, they worked their way up to great renown despite an early perception that they'd fail.

Magic wasn't popular in Vegas in those days, but the duo dazzled audiences with their flamboyant costumes and rare white cats. They paved the way for a new style of entertainment in the city, and they became not just its biggest stars, but symbols of its glitz and showmanship.

Siegfried & Roy headlined at the Mirage Resort and Casino in a theater built for them from 1990 to 2003. Their act was cut short when a tiger mauled Horn - though both performers insisted that the tiger had simply pulled Horn to safety after he experienced a stroke.

The incident marked the end of the duo's residency at the Mirage, but they occasionally reunited for public appearances.

Sheldon Anderson, billionaire casino magnate

Sheldon Adelson, the billionaire who owned casinos in Las Vegas and Asia, and a prominent donor to Republican causes, died Jan. 11 of complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 87.

Adelson grew up poor, born at the height of the Great Depression. But he hustled from a young age, selling newspapers and buying vending machines to place in factories and gas stations.

Adelson worked his way to wealth through a series of

business ventures, including windshield de-icer and a charter tours business. Adelson's fame began to grow when he and partners developed the COMDEX computer trade shows in the 1970s, and in 1988, he purchased the Sands Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas, beginning his career as a casino magnate.

He would later expand, building the Venetian in the place of the Sands and building casinos in Pennsylvania, Macau, and Singapore. In 2015, Adelson bought the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper.

Though Adelson grew up in a family of Democrats, he became a Republican as an adult, and he donated much of his fortune to right-wing campaigns and causes.

He supported candidates including George W. Bush, Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, and Donald Trump - Adelson was the largest donor to Trump's 2016 campaign, contributing \$25 million.

He also donated to the GOP as a whole and to combat cannabis legalization efforts.

Narinder Kapany, considered the father of fiber optics

Narinder Kapany, a physicist known as the "father of fiber optics" who was one of the inventors of fiber optics technology, died Dec. 3 in Redwood City, Calif., at age 94.

Kapany, a native of India, was determined from a young age to learn how to bend light. His quest took him to graduate school in London, where he began working with Professor Harold Hopkins on his project attempting to transmit light through flexible glass fibers.

They became a powerful team: Hopkins provided the theory and Kapany determined how to put that theory in practice, and together they were among the first to create fiber optics.

Kapany gave the new technology its name in a 1960 article he wrote for Scientific American. He also became an enthusiastic promoter of their creation, writing academic papers as well as showing business and governmental interests how they could use the now-indispensable tech.

Today, fiber optic technology is crucial in computers and telecommunications, as well as in medical imaging.

In later years, Kapany settled in the U.S. and started a number of businesses as well as teaching at colleges including the Illinois Institute of Technology and the University of California, Santa Cruz and Berkeley.

"I was just a precocious kid taking a college physics course when one day the professor told us that light 'always travels in a straight line,'" Kapany said in a 2009 interview. "But that can't be true, I thought - it must be bent sometimes."

Michael Cusack, groundbreaking Special Olympics athlete

Michael Cusack, an athlete with Down syndrome who won a gold medal in freestyle swimming at the first Special Olympics in 1968, died Dec. 17 of complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 64.

While growing up in Chicago, Cusack began participating in a sports program for children with intellectual disabilities. He was the first student to join the program, impressing his coaches with his athletic abilities and inspiring others to join.

The program grew into the first Special Olympics, a citywide competition held at Soldier Field and supported by a grant from the Kennedy Foundation. Cusack was 12 years old when he won his first Special Olympics medal.

His coach insisted the competition never would have happened - and never would have grown into today's Special Olympics - if not for his pioneering participation.

Cusack would go on to medal many times over the years, specializing in swimming but also excelling in track and field, bowling, basketball, golf, and other sports.

In Memory of



Fred Dominguez

November 30, 1950 - January 17, 2021

Fred Dominguez (Jose Alfred Dominguez Jr), 70, of Abilene TX, passed away on January 17th, 2021 in Abilene Texas.

Visitation will be from 5-7pm, Thursday, January 21st, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

Funeral Services will be held at 12 Noon, Friday, January 22nd, at Oldham Lane Church of Christ, Abilene TX. Burial will follow at 2pm at the Texas State Veteran's Cemetery at Abilene.

Fred was born in Corona, CA, to Jose and Georgia Dominguez on November 30, 1950. He made the decision to be immersed into Christ on July 27, 1960 at the Suva St. Church of Christ in Bell Gardens, CA, beginning his lifelong devotion to the Lord. Fred graduated from Bell Gardens High School in 1968 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Bible from Pepperdine University, graduating in 1972.

Fred married Nyla Jean Forrister on August 20, 1971 at the Suva St. Church of Christ, in Bell Gardens, CA. They have three sons, David, Daniel and Samuel.

After college Fred chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in April of 1975. He achieved the rank of Sgt and served in E Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was Honorably Discharged on August 31, 1979 in order to serve in ministry full time.

Fred graduated from the Southern California School of Evangelism in 1981 and went on to teach at SCSE from 1981-88. From 1984-86 he served as Associate Director and from 1986-88 as Director of the school. Educating those with a desire to preach God's Word was a lifelong passion for Fred, and was one of the many ways he served in every congregation that was his home.

Fred left his roots in Southern California, moving to Oregon for three years and then Texas, taking classes and working at Abilene Christian University while his sons attended college. He served as a Deacon for nine years at the Baker Heights Church of Christ, helping to plant the Oldham Lane congregation which he would later call home. Though he had left California, Fred remained a life-long fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the USC Trojans.

From the age of 14 when Fred preached his first sermon at Huntington Park Church of Christ, until the time of his passing, Fred was either a full-time or part-time Preacher and Bible class teacher. He served as a Preacher for congregations in California at Lindsay, Bell Gardens, North Long Beach and Buena Park, in Tigard, OR, and in Texas at Abilene and Pecos. Fred served as Elder and Preacher at the 4th and Bois D'Arc Church of Christ in Pecos Texas for 17 years before retiring back to Abilene.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents Jose and Georgia Dominguez.

Fred is survived by his wife Nyla Dominguez, son David Dominguez and wife Kristi and children Benjamin and Jonathan of Harker Heights, TX; son Daniel Dominguez and wife Syndi and children Ema, Eli, Elena and Everet of Hobbs, NM; son Samuel Dominguez and wife Arly and children Nathan and Ethne of Abilene, TX; sister Ramona Dominguez of Downey, CA and son Alex; sister Charlotte Widdis and husband Larry of Glendale, CA and daughter Laura Widdis; and brother Charles Dominguez and wife Anna of Harbor City, CA.

To read articles and hear radio messages from Fred's ministry please visit his website www.letgodbefoundtrue.net For memorials a selection of ministries Fred and Nyla support will be found there.

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Roybal-Allard statement on new administration



DOWNEY - Downey's Congressional representative, Democrat Lucille Roybal-Allard, released the following statement Wednesday after the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris:

"I congratulate President Biden and Vice President Harris, who made history when they were sworn into office today. Like many Americans, I was very moved and inspired to witness them take their solemn oath to defend our Constitution and by their commitment to lead our country with integrity, truth and respect for all Americans.

"As we look back at four turbulent years under a divisive administration, I thank President Biden and Vice President Harris for encouraging Americans to come together in unity and peace.

"Our nation faces challenges unlike any we have experienced before. It will take hard work and perseverance from all of us to make lasting positive change.

"As we continue to mourn

those we have lost to the COVID-19 pandemic and remember the families left behind, I have high hopes that President Biden's experience, empathy, faith, and leadership will help us defeat the virus and find common ground to enact policies to protect and enhance the health and well-being of the American people.

"From addressing the virus, helping struggling Americans get back to work, and fixing our immigration system to reducing gun violence and protecting and preserving our planet for generations to come, President Biden's plans for our country demonstrate his devotion to protecting and improving American lives and giving hope to all Americans for a better future and quality of life.

"From day one, I look forward to working with the Biden Administration to bring positive, life-saving changes for my constituents and all Americans. As we look to the future and work to defeat the challenges we face, I encourage my constituents and every American to practice

tolerance, kindness, patience, and understanding. In unity, we will achieve victory and prosperity for all."

Bob Archuleta

Downey's state senator, Bob Archuleta, also provided a comment:

"It's a new day in America, as we support the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to bring our citizens together; to combat the deadly pandemic; restore our faith in one another; revive our economy; care for our environment; and strive for social justice and equality for all.

"I echo President Joe Biden's

words in his inaugural address 'This is America's day. This is democracy's day. A day of history and hope, of renewal and resolve.'

"Congratulations to President Joe Biden, a dedicated public servant for five decades and a man of deep faith.

"Congratulations to Vice

President Kamala Harris, a proud daughter of California, and the first woman elected to the second-highest office in the nation.

"May God bless President Biden and Vice President Harris as they lead the way to healing our country."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020223074

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DOWNEY ELECTRONICS (2) DOWNEY AUDIO ELECTRONICS (3) DOWNEY ELECTRONICS RESTORATION, 7420 BUELL ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO PELAYO JR., 7420 BUELL ST, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2020
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/FRANCISCO PELAYO JR., OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 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
1/23/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020216571

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FISH WINDOW CLEANING 3236, 9047 FLORENCE AVE SUITE G, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 202021710293 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PARTIDA OHANA ENTERPRISES LLC, 9047 FLORENCE AVE SUITE G, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/PARTIDA OHANA ENTERPRISES LLC, MANAGER, ARMANDO PARTIDA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2020
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and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/23/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021007090

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LEON & WALSH PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 3503 GREENSWARD ROAD, LOS ANGELES CA 90039, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GLORIA MICHEL LEON, 1856 SAN ANSELME AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90815 (2) SARAH WALSH, 3503 GREENSWARD ROAD, LOS ANGELES CA 90039
State of Incorporation: 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: 12/2020
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/GLORIA MICHEL LEON, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 11, 2021
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021010124

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FIERC FEDORA, 10240 ROSECRANS AVE NUM 204, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAEISHA QIANATARIE FOSTER, 15130 WOODRUFF AVE APT 51, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
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: 12/2020
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/RAEISHA QIANATARIE FOSTER, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 13, 2021
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

1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020214357

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WHITTIER LIONS (2) WHITTIER HOST LIONS, 7604 GREENLEAF AVE, WHITTIER CA 90602, LA COUNTY, P.O. BOX 245, WHITTIER CA 90608**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 1958101 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION, 15309 JUPITER STREET, WHITTIER CA 90603
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/WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION, PRESIDENT, RUBEN ARMENTA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 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
1/23/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2020225237

FILE NO: 2018195254 DATE FILED: AUGUST 6, 2018

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): INTERO COMMERCIAL-DOWNEY, INTEGRITY ONE NATURAL HAZARD DISCLOSURES STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9529 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90240 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LMM REAL ESTATE, INC., 9529 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90240

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Business was conducted by: a Corporation
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime).
S/LMM REAL ESTATE, INC., SECRETARY, OSCAR MENDOZA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 28, 2020

The Downey Patriot
1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020223055

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GRIZZLY WOODCRAFTS, 9341 PARROT AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIAN ROSITAS, 9341 PARROT AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ADRIAN ROSITAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 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.

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The Downey Patriot
1/23/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021007174

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RBC GROUP, 9556 FLOWER ST # 806, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY, 10139 ALONDRA BLVD APT#9, BELLFLOWER CA 90706**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YANET VAZQUEZ, 9556 FLOWER ST #806, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
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/BRUCE WEXLER, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2020
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021010577

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **UNIQUE MOBILE DETAILING, 8146 SAN JUAN AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JIMMY ALEXANDER ESPADA, 8146 SAN JUAN AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
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: 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/JIMMY ALEXANDER ESPADA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 13, 2021

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

The Downey Patriot
1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020214445

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **VERSATECH ENTERPRISES, 4956 CASTANA AVE, #27, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRUCE WEXLER, 4956 CASTANA AVE, #27, LAKEWOOD CA 90712
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/BRUCE WEXLER, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2020
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/23/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021004027

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FIVE-STAR TRUCK BODY AND EQUIPMENT, 7815 GAINFORD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE QUINONEZ, 7815 GAINFORD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/JOSE QUINONEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 07, 2021
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.

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

The Downey Patriot
1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020221022

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PAN BAKERY, 12038 HORLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEJANDRA RUELAS JIMENEZ, 12038 HORLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242
State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ALEJANDRA RUELAS JIMENEZ,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 18, 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
1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021011412

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **AMV TRUCKING, 1063 GOLDEN RAIN ST, UPLAND CA 91786, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDY VIDRIOS, 1063 GOLDEN RAIN ST, UPLAND CA 91786
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/ANDY VIDRIOS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 13, 2021
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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
1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020209955
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEYOND INFINITII, 9556 FLOWER ST STE 307, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY, 5928 GREENTOP ST, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4533231 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BEYOND INFINITII, 9556 FLOWER ST STE 307, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
Treasurer, ROBERTO ERIC BARRERA GARAY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 08, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021001615
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SHB VENDING SERVICE, 9615 HORLEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAI MADI CORPORATION, 9506 LONG BEACH BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) BIPINKUMAR PATEL, 8626 WILEY BURKE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: (1) CA (2) N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2020
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/JAI MADI CORPORATION, PARTNER, SANJAY PATEL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 5, 2021

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
1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020225780
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BOSS BEAUTY COSMETICS, 219 STONEWOOD ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NATHALIE ESSENCE OF BEAUTY, 219 STONEWOOD ST, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2020
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/NATHALIE ESSENCE OF BEAUTY, PRESIDENT, NATALY MERCADO PEREZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2020

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant

to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021009747
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RESILIENCE SOCIAL WORK, 6731 LOOMIS STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARILYN MEJIA-PENA, 6731 LOOMIS STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713
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/MARILYN MEJIA-PENA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 12, 2021
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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1/21/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020202724
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CASA GAZCON MEXICAN GRILL, 11413 TELEGRAPH RD, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EL TAPATIO MEXICAN GRILL, INC., 11413 TELEGRAPH RD, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2015
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/EL TAPATIO MEXICAN GRILL, INC., PRESIDENT, RUBEN GAZCON
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 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).

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1/23/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020224624
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ESCALA FINANCIAL (2) INVERSA FINANCIAL (3) ESCALA REALTY, 8255 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE 301, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ESCALA REALTY GROUP, 8255 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE 301, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2009
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/ESCALA REALTY GROUP, PRESIDENT, MOISES CARLOS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 23, 2020
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920,

where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-19-00192

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 3rd day of February, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

Conditional Use Permit (PLN-19-00192)
A request to allow a 2,284 square foot expansion to an existing 945 square foot restaurant, exterior facade remodel, outdoor seating area, and live entertainment, on property located at 8100 - 8104 Firestone Boulevard, zoned Downtown Downey Specific Plan (DDSP).

Public Participation and Accessibility for the February 3, 2021, Downey Regular Planning Commission Meeting
Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20 executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Officer Order Revised December 4, 2020 - Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Response, and the State of California Regional Stay at Home Order Triggered by ICU Capacity, this Regular Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. will allow members of the public to participate and address the Planning Commission during the public comment portion of the meetings via teleconference.

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, 15332 (Class 32, in-fill developments).

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

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Principal Planner Guillermo Arreola at 562-904-7154 or at garrreola@downeyca.org.

The Downey Patriot
1/21/21

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED VARIANCE PLN-20-00102

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 3rd day of February, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

VARIANCE (PLN-20-00102): A request for a Variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet, to allow for a 491 square foot addition to the rear of the residence, on property located at 11720 Norlan Avenue, zoned R-1, 5,000 (Single Family Residential).

Public Participation and Accessibility for the February 3, 2021, Downey Regular Planning Commission Meeting
Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20 executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Officer Order Revised December 6, 2020 - Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Response, and the State of California Regional Stay at Home Order Triggered by ICU Capacity, this Regular Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. will allow members of the public to participate and address the Planning Commission during the public comment portion of the meetings via teleconference.

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As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, 15305 (Class 5, Minor Alterations in land use limitations).

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If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Assistant Planner Madelyn Welch at 562-904-7154 or at mwelch@downeyca.org.

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWC00326
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CHARLOTTE KAYSHANNA MARIE OLIVER ON BEHALF OF SAVANNAH GRACE SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SAVANNAH GRACE SMITH to Proposed name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE GRACE SMITH
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: MARCH 03, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, 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 DECEMBER 31, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Charlotte Kayshanna Marie Oliver
942 Harvard St #1
Bellflower, CA 90706
(323) 867-8486

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1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21

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

CASE NUMBER: 20NWC00332
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ARGELIA LOERA G filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ARGELIA LOERA G to Proposed name (1) ARGELIA LOERA GUDINO
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: FEBRUARY 26, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, 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 DECEMBER 29, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ARGELIA LOERA G
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1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWC00007
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) VICTOR MANUEL

CARRILLO CASTILLO to Proposed name (1) VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO
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: MARCH 8, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, 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 JANUARY 6, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
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1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWC00002
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JASMINE AMELIA WICAB filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JASMINE AMELIA WICAB to Proposed name (1) JASMINE AMELIA TORRES
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: MARCH 8, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, 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 JANUARY 6, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWC00326
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CHARLOTTE KAYSHANNA MARIE OLIVER ON BEHALF OF SAVANNAH GRACE SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SAVANNAH GRACE SMITH to Proposed name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE GRACE SMITH
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
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JANE EDITH HARTSFIELD aka JANE E. HARTSFIELD aka JANE HARTSFIELD Case No. 20STPB08041

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JANE EDITH HARTSFIELD aka JANE E. HARTSFIELD aka JANE HARTSFIELD
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Robert L. Cohen in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robert L. Cohen 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. 17, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 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

What happens to equity during foreclosure?

Home equity stays with the homeowner even in the event of a mortgage default and foreclosure on the home. But the foreclosure process can eat away at the equity. The following five points explain what home equity is, what happens to it during foreclosure and options to protect.

What Is Equity?

Equity is the difference between the current market value of your home and the amount you owe on it. It is the portion of your home's value that you actually own. For example, if you purchased a \$200,000 home with a 20 percent down payment of \$40,000 and a mortgage loan of \$160,000, the equity in your home is \$40,000.

In Foreclosure, Equity Remains Yours

Foreclosure is a legal proceeding that follows your being in default on your home loan. What constitutes default varies with each loan and with the laws of each state. But in every case, if you have not made a determined number of payments, the lender places your loan in default and can begin foreclosure.

If you cannot get new financing or sell the home, the lender can

sell the home at auction for whatever price they choose. If the home does not sell at auction, the lender can sell the home through a real estate agent.

Remember that equity is what you own of your home's value. In any of the above cases, if the house is sold and there is money left over after the loan and all fees and penalties are paid, that is equity and that is yours.

Fees Cut Into It

Your equity is being reduced before foreclosure starts. For most home mortgages, there are late-payment penalties. So, if you are late on your loan and it goes into default, for example, after four months of missed payments, the late-payment penalties for those months are added to the total loan amount and will be subtracted from the proceeds of any sale. That reduces your equity.

Additionally, the lender can charge fees related to processing the late payments, the declaration of default, the foreclosure proceedings and expenses of the sale against your equity. This can amount to tens of thousands of dollars, which will be subtracted from anything owed you after a foreclosure sale.

Low Home Appraisals Reduce It

If your home goes into foreclosure, the lender will have the home appraised for an auction sale. Typically, a lender will accept an offer of 90 percent of the home's appraised value. Lenders do not want to own your home, particularly if it is a time of declining home values. It is typical for the lenders to accept low home appraisal values so that the home will sell at auction and not have to be listed with an agent. That reduced appraisal value means a lower sales price that yields a lower amount of money left over after the loan and fees are paid.

Options to Consider

Before facing foreclosure, refinance your loan to an affordable payment if you can or take advantage of a loan modification program. If this is not possible, sell the home as soon as you can. By selling the home, you are reducing the fees and penalties you owe, setting the price yourself at which you want to sell and avoiding the legal costs of foreclosure. All of this can add to the equity you take out of your home.

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Should you co-sign on a mortgage?

Nobody's perfect, and sometimes we need a little help accomplishing our financial or lifestyle goals. For those with higher debt levels, sometimes it's easier to get approved for a mortgage with a co-signer.

If you're being asked to co-sign on a mortgage for someone who's looking to buy a home or refinance their current one, it's helpful to understand some of the reasons they might ask you to do so.

Income is a big deal: The main reason to co-sign on a mortgage has to do with including your income on the loan. The business of lending is all about risk mitigation. The more income someone has access to, the more likely they'll be to be able to make payments on the loan. This translates to better terms.

It may help with credit: Although you'll still have to meet minimum credit standards for a loan, there may be circumstances in which having someone with a higher credit score on your application may help you secure better financing terms.

Employment is key: In some instances, you may be perfectly capable of making payments on a loan, but your income can't be used to qualify. This might

happen if you recently made a career change to a different field or have an insufficient history to use self-employment income.

Who Can Co-Sign For A Mortgage?

In theory, as long as you can qualify financially, there aren't any restrictions on who can co-sign with or for someone. However, for some types of loans, including some mortgages, lenders want to know that there's a close relationship between the signers so that the person doing the co-signing has a stake in helping you get the property.

Co-signing can really help someone out, but it's also a big responsibility. When you co-sign for someone, you're putting your own name and credit on the line as security for the loan.

Because co-signing a loan has the potential to affect both your credit and finances, it's extremely important to make sure you're comfortable with the person you're co-signing for and trust

them to hold up their end of the bargain.

If you enter into a co-signing agreement with someone it's important to think about ways you can protect yourself. If they miss payments, it comes back on you. However, there is the option for a co-signer to ask for a release from obligations under the loan.

Normally, the person occupying the property has to sign off on this, but there may be a way around this. Consider drafting an agreement with the occupant of the home that says that in exchange for you co-signing, you have the right to request removal from the loan if they stop making payments.

Still, the lender then has to sign off on your removal from the loan, which they aren't likely to do if the occupant is already missing payments. In other words, you're between a rock and a hard place, and there's not a lot you can do. This makes trust going in that much more

important.

The one thing you can do to at least have awareness of what's going on with the loan as a co-signer is to make sure you sign up for all notices related to the loan so that you're included.

The Risks Of Co-Signing

If the person you co-sign for

misses a payment, the lender or other creditor can come to you to get the money. The late payment also shows up on your credit report. It's an even worse credit hit if the person goes into foreclosure.

On the co-signer side, there's definite risk because you're putting your name and good

credit rating on the line in order to help this person qualify. If they default and don't make payments, you're also hurt.

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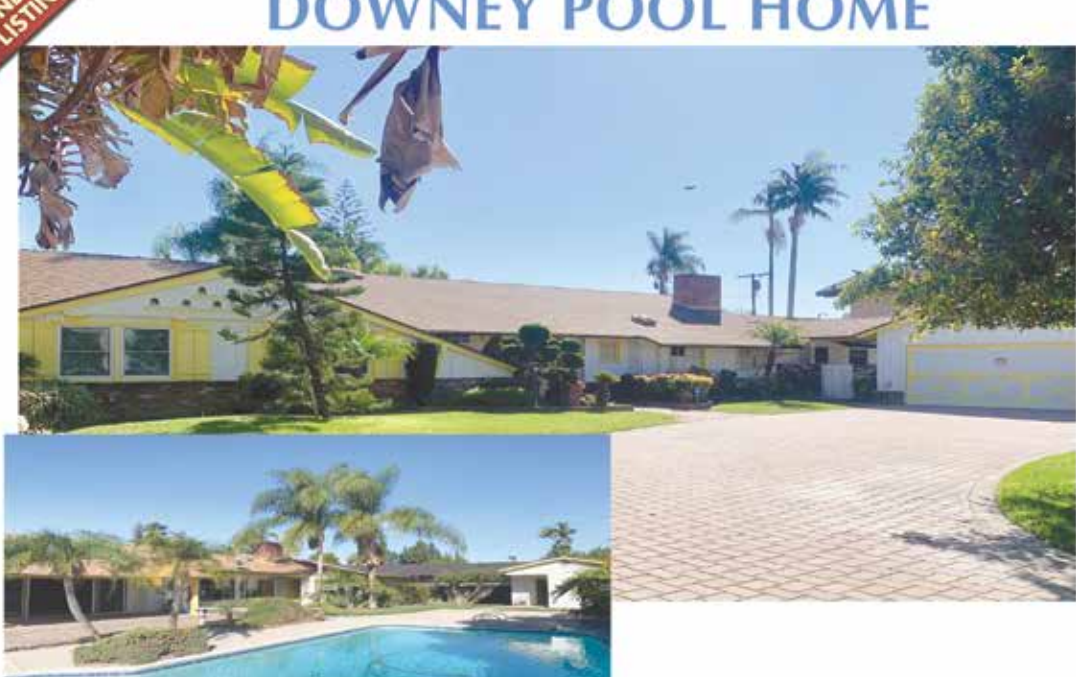
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CENTURY 21 Peak would like to Welcome in 2021 by having a "New Year Special". Sign up for our Real Estate School in the month of January and bring in a copy of this ad and you will receive the "New Career Resolution" discount in the form of \$50 Off the regular price.

FEATURED PROPERTY



Opportunity Knocks!!!
Great cottage style separate units (four - 1 bed, 1 bath) and a rear 3 bed, 1 bath home with a garage. Units are separately metered for power and gas and have their own water heaters. Located close to shopping and public transportation. **CALL TODAY!!!**

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Will go fast!!!
Beautiful 3 level condo, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths with 1,277 sq. ft. It has an open floor plan and been remodeled with newer laminated flooring, newer interior paint, and newer carpet. This unit has interior laundry area on the first level with plenty of storage for convenience. The kitchen, dining area, and living room on the second level is decorated with crown molding and baseboards, all bedrooms on the third floor with walk in closets. **CALL TODAY!!!**

PRICE REDUCTION

Rare Find!
Over 1 acre (21,621 sq. ft.) with a home nestled in the middle of your estate or opportunity for developer to build 3 homes on the property. The 2,965 sqft home has 3 beds, 3 baths, open kitchen and a pool. There is so much potential in updating. It is zoned "Farm Animal Allowance" and (2) horses allowed for each 10,000 sqft with proper setbacks. Seller has preliminary approval from city for lot to be split into 3 parcels. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Great opportunity!!
Beautiful single-story home that features 5 bedrooms and 2 baths on a 23,947 sq. ft. lot. The kitchen has plenty of storage and appliances are included, also open to the family room. There is a fireplace in the family room with granite around. There master bedroom with newer flooring, a walk-in closet, and a beautiful bathroom with double sink and custom-made marble flooring. The other rooms have newer laminate flooring. This home in each home has an inside laundry area, 1 car garage attached, and up to 10 car parking spaces. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Mobile Home!!
Mobile home in the City of Santa Ana. House features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, master bedroom with walk in closet, kitchen with center island, spacious living room. Park features swimming pool, party salon, and much more. Close to schools and shopping. House interior and exterior is in excellent condition. **CALL TODAY!!!**

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Investment Opportunity!!!
Great investment opportunity. Zoned R2. Nice area of Boyle heights. Close to Downtown LA. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Condo!!
Property features 2 bedrooms with mirrored closet doors, nice full bath with granite counter and all newer double pane windows. Sliding door, less than 2 years old, connects to beautiful, covered balcony. There is a cozy kitchen with granite countertops and back splash, granite breakfast bar and eating area. Open concept kitchen and comfortable living room. 983 sqft pool and laundry facilities. This is a unique and well 2 parking spaces and gated parking area. Property will be "AS IS" present condition. **CALL TODAY!!!**

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Downey Investment!

- 2 homes on a lot
- Front: 2 bedrooms | 1 bath
- Back: 2 bedrooms | 1 bath
- Light fixer

PRICED AT: \$675,000

BIG LOT!



Downey Home!

- 4 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Remodeled kitchen and bath!
- Extra parking for multiple vehicles

PRICED AT: \$799,999

SOLD!




Closed in 30 days!

- 3,700 sq. ft. home in Downey
- 5 bedrooms
- 5 bathrooms

PRICED AT: \$1,199,999

CALL TO GET A FIRST LOOK!



North Downey!

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Approximately 1,500 sq. ft.
- Large lot
- Close to Rio San Gabriel Elementary and Doty Middle School
- Great location!

PRICED AT: \$795,000

THINKING OF BUYING OR SELLING?

Vicki can help!

WHETHER YOU NEED A HOME EVALUATION OR JUST A FEW QUESTIONS ANSWERED, IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE TO HELP!

CONTACT VICKI SPEARMAN 562.367.9520

IN ESCROW!



7649 Arnett Street, Downey

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Over 1,700 sq. ft.
- Original hardwood floors

SOLD IN LESS THAN 5 DAYS!

IN ESCROW!



3640, 3642 & 3642 1/2 E 52nd, Maywood

- 3 separate units
- 1 unit: 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- 2 units: 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- 2,810sq. ft.

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FOR RENT



11705 Coldbrook, Downey

- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs
- Apartment and 2 carport
- \$1,800 a month
- Available Now
- Call 562.382.1252



6723 Arbutus, Huntington Park

- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath home with living room, dining room, big backyard and 1 car garage
- \$2,500 month
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IN ESCROW!



Close to the Beach!

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 + 3/4 bathrooms
- Large updated kitchen
- Living room w/ fireplace
- Spacious family room

PRICED AT: \$759,000

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DOWNEY'S #1 AGENT FROM 2002 TO TODAY

Feature of the Week!



Orange Estate Home for Sale

- 3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathroom
- 1,501 sq. ft. | 5,750 sq. ft. lot
- Living room with fireplace
- Sunny kitchen with dining area
- Backyard with covered patio

Call for an appointment to see this new listing this weekend.

LIST PRICE: \$725,000







Out of This World

- 3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms
- 1,466 sq. ft. | 2,085 sq. ft. lot
- Large living room with fireplace
- Sunny kitchen
- Living room with covered patio

LIST PRICE: \$699,950



2 Homes On A Large Lot

- FRONT HOME: 5 BD, 2 BA, 3,112 sq. ft.
- BACK HOME: 2 BD, 2 BA, 1,152 sq. ft.
- 12,012 sq. ft. lot
- Property built in 1988
- Each unit has a 2 car garage

CALL FOR MORE INFO



A Grand Estate In N. Downey

- 6 Bedrooms | 5 Bathrooms
- 4,480 sq. ft. | 8,617 sq. ft. lot
- Newer remodeled kitchen
- Dual staircases
- Oversized master bedroom & bathroom

LIST PRICE: \$1,495,000



Townhome Near Downey Landing

- 3 bedrooms | 2.5 bathrooms
- 1,506 sq. ft. living room
- New carpet
- Laminate hardwood floors
- Laundry room

LIST PRICE: \$525,000



First Time Buyer Special

- 2 bedrooms | 1 bathroom
- Remodeled kitchen
- New copper plumbing
- Newer water heater (2018)
- 5,171 sq. ft. lot

LIST PRICE: \$525,000



So Much For So Little

- 4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms
- 2,315 sq. ft. living space
- 6,036 sq. ft. lot
- Remodeled kitchen
- 2 car attached garage

LIST PRICE: \$725,000

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