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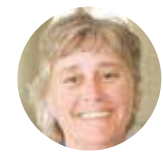
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Shutdown eases starting Friday

Restaurants can resume outdoor dining, and nail/hair salons can reopen with limited capacity. LA County will follow state's guidance.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Restaurants can begin serving customers outdoors again starting Friday as the state moved this week to ease its stay-at-home orders.

Other industries can also reopen with restrictions, including:

- nail and hair salons at 25% capacity
- indoor malls and shopping centers at 25% capacity (food courts must remain closed)
- miniature golf courses and batting cages at 50% capacity
- museums, zoos and aquariums at 50% capacity
- cardrooms at 50% capacity

Fitness centers can open with outdoor operations, and all hotels can open for tourism and individual travel.

Outdoor private gatherings are allowed for up to three households and a total of 15 people.

Non-essential businesses must remain closed from 10 pm to 5 am.

Health officials warned the public not to get too comfortable.

"While our metrics are headed in the right direction, if we aren't careful this can all quickly change," said LA County health director Barbara Ferrer.

"In order to prevent another increase in cases that leads us back to more restrictions, as sectors re-open, we strongly encourage everyone to follow the protocols that are in place and to keep doing what we know will help reduce transmissions - wear a face covering, maintain physical distance, avoid large gatherings and crowds.

"If you are at high risk for serious disease from COVID-19, we strongly recommend you continue to stay home as much as possible."

LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn said she supports allowing restaurants to resume outdoor dining service.

"Now that Governor Newsom has lifted the statewide stay-at-home order, the question is what is L.A. County going to do?," Hahn said.

"We should align ourselves with the state as much as possible which means, among other things, reopening outdoor dining with commonsense health protocols in place as soon as possible.

"The restaurant industry was devastated by this lengthy shutdown and I know this would be welcome news to them."

Downey Statistics

As of Wednesday, Covid-19 has killed 183 Downey residents and infected 15,745.

Hospital trends, however, show progress. On Wednesday, 81 people were hospitalized at PIH Health Hospital Downey with Covid-19, down from 134 on Jan. 20.

Across L.A. County, there are 6,213 people currently hospitalized with the virus, down from a peak of 8,065 hospitalizations on Jan. 6.

School board considers lowering graduation requirements



As students struggle with distance learning, the Downey school board could reduce the number of credits required to graduate.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - In response to many of the struggles that students are still facing in wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, Downey Unified School District is considering dropping the number of required credits for graduation by 30.

Currently, DUSD requires 220 units for students to earn

their diploma. The District's requirements are made up through a combination of state demands and UC / CSU system "A-G" qualifications.

Of course, the onset of the Coronavirus significantly shook-up matters for last year's class of 2020. As such, several adjustments were made including reducing the required credits to 190 and offering a pass/no pass option for grading.

At their meeting on Tuesday, the board considered a proposal that would extend the 190-credit requirement through the 2020-21 school year.

There is also a slight change to course requirements, with the district only requiring three years of English as opposed to four. The new opening would not

necessarily be earmarked for an elective, as counselors could then work with a student's individual schedule to address other needs.

Students would still be held to normal grading standards, as universities have not suggested that they would continue to consider the pass / no pass grading as they had for last year's spring and summer sessions.

"That grading variant is not part of that recommendation," said John Harris, Director of College and Career Readiness. "The university system has not adopted the same policy."

"We try to align ourselves with what higher education is doing so we don't place our students in any kind of odd positions. Some districts continued the pass / no pass, and

some students are having some difficulties because they need grades."

Under the new requirements, students would no longer meet eligibility for the UC and CSU systems, and would therefore need to attend community college to complete transfer requirements.

At Downey and Warren High Schools, the percentage of D and F grades given in the first semester have increased from 17.67% and 13.31% to 25.76% and 24.12% respectively, compared to last year.

In contrast, Columbus High School decreased from 30.62% to 18.84%, which Harris attributed to its number of students and ability for more one on one guidance, as well as "a number of unique interventions they can apply."

Should the board decide against adjusting the graduation requirements, many students may need to transfer to the continuation school.

"If [changing the unit requirement] isn't something we're interested in, we'll probably need to move a lot of kids to Columbus because they have this reduced graduation rate," said Assistant Superintendent Roger Brossmer.

"That would be very disruptive, but in the best interest of those students, that'd be something we'd have to look at and we'd have to increase staffing significantly to accommodate that."

The Board will revisit and potentially decide on this issue at their next meeting, scheduled for Feb 10.

Construction begins on Rives Mansion coffee shop

Owners of the historic property received approval to build a 1,200 sq. ft. coffee shop in the mansion's front yard.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The sight of earth-moving equipment and construction fences around Downey's historic Rives Mansion has signaled that work has begun on a controversial coffee shop approved in 2019.

Officials with the city's Planning Department confirmed that work on a 1,200 square foot coffee and juice bar structure has begun on the property.

While nothing is certain due to the unpredictability of how Covid-19 will affect project progress, Community Development Director Aldo Schindler estimated that work could be finished within 18 months.

Construction of the coffee / juice bar is by and large a catch 22 for the city, who said they wished to see the property restored to its former glory yet has clearly stated that it is not in the financial position to do so.



A coffee shop is being construction in the front yard of the Rives Mansion. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

The coffee shop - which will sit slightly offset to the mansion's iconic face - was seen as a way for owners Arturo Concha and Erika De La Teja to offset the costs of the property's purchase and subsequent restoration.

Downey planning commissioners approved plans

for the coffee shop in 2019.

The long worse-for-wear mansion was listed for sale as of last January, however managed to stay out of its now somewhat notorious spotlight for the rest of 2020.

Built in 1911, the mansion is the former home of James

Rives, a newspaper publisher and superior court judge.

His wife was Mary Lee Rives, a leading social figure who established the Friday Afternoon Club, which would become the Woman's Club of Downey.

Eric Pierce contributed to this report

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 56°

Saturday 61°

Sunday 68°

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1813: The novel "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen was first published anonymously in London.

1896: England's Walter Arnold becomes the first person cited for speeding in an automobile. He was fined 1 shilling for speeding at 8 MPH, exceeding the 2 MPH speed limit.

1909: The United States leaves Cuba with the exception of Guantanamo Bay after being there since the Spanish-American War.

1915: The Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

1916: Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

1938: Germany's Rudolf Caracciola breaks the world's land speed record, reaching 268.9 MPH in a Mercedes-Benz.

1958: Lego patents the design of its Lego bricks, still compatible with bricks produced today.

1959: Vince Lombardi was named head coach of the NFL's Green Bay Packers.

1973: A cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

1999: Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, honoring a personal request for mercy from Pope John Paul II, spared a triple murderer from execution.

2009: In a swift victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House approved a \$819 billion stimulus bill.

Birthdays

Mexican billionaire **Carlos Slim** (81), basketball coach **Gregg Popovich** (72), pastor and author **Rick Warren** (67), rapper **Rakim** (53), U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Amy Coney Barrett** (49), former Lakers forward **Mark Madsen** (45), rapper **Rick Ross** (45), NSYNC member **Joey Fatone** (44), WWE wrestler **Sheamus** (43), Backstreet Boys member **Nick Carter** (41), "Lord of the Rings" actor **Elijah Wood** (40), rapper **J Cole** (36) and "Modern Family" actress **Ariel Winter** (23).

Deaths

Space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members: Gregory Jarvis, Christa McAuliffe, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, Dick Scobee and Michael J. Smith.



Education has always been at the forefront of Jose Rodriguez

DOWNEY – Growing up just southwest of Downey, Jose Rodriguez recognized the importance of education from a very young age. His parents, both from Mexico, instilled in him and his three younger siblings the significance of attending college. With this at the forefront, Rodriguez worked hard in school and ultimately was accepted into UCLA where he began to study Civil Engineering.

“My dad always told me that I was going to college. I was a super naive kid, but luckily I did well in school, got good grades, played football and got into UCLA,” shared Rodriguez. “I was extremely fortunate.”

Nearing his graduation from UCLA in 2002 when web-based careers began to flourish, Rodriguez started to realize that Civil Engineering wasn't as lucrative of a field as he had anticipated. He quickly began an internship with Turner Construction where he built relationships and made an impression within the organization. Rodriguez has been a part of Turner Construction ever since.

Working in Construction Management, he has been fortunate enough to have overseen the creation of large-scale notable projects like the Long Beach Miller's Children's Hospital and the recently completed SoFi Stadium.

Over Rodriguez's career, he has been involved with mentoring high school students in the areas of architecture, construction and engineering. He has served on a steering committee within Turner Construction to increase the diversity and inclusion within his company.

As a proud UCLA alum, Rodriguez has also served on the Southeast UCLA Alumni Board which encourages alumni to network and give back to their respective communities. He feels it's important to give back to the next generation and provide opportunities for others who may need a helping hand.

High school sweethearts, Rodriguez married his wife Brenda during his final year at UCLA. As his career began to take off, they began to plan for the future. He and his wife have three children and when the kids were young, they decided to move to Downey.

Knowing the importance of being an

extremely involved father, Rodriguez took part in all aspects of his children's lives even, coaching them in various sports, from as young as kindergarten all the way through their middle school years.

“We moved to Downey because of the schools,” said Rodriguez. “Once we moved here, we realized how giving this community is. The Kid's Days, the annual carnivals, the summer concerts... it was such a solid community, we wanted to get more involved.”

All three of his children attended Gallatin Elementary School where his wife volunteered during their years there. She soon became a member of Gallatin's PTA and Rodriguez quickly followed as he supported his wife with various events.

“I started by barbecuing at the annual carnival. That's really how I got involved and then I got approached to be the PTA President,” Rodriguez began to laughingly explain. “Well they actually asked my wife first, but she said ‘no’. So, they then asked me, and I said yes.”

Rodriguez credits his involvement on Gallatin's PTA to “opening his eyes” to the district, where he quickly began to get a more in-depth look at how the schools and Downey Unified operate.

He began to invite more parents to join the PTA in hopes of getting more families involved and broaden the membership at Gallatin. Through his years on the PTA, his interest in the programs within the district began to grow and he soon wanted to be a voice for families with children in schools.

“That was my motivation to run for the Board, I wanted another parent on the Board that currently has children in the district,” shared Rodriguez. “I can relate and see firsthand to what the parents and kids are going through with distance learning. So, I can empathize with a majority of parents. I feel like that is extremely important.”

Rodriguez's wife is currently a fifth-grade teacher in a neighboring school district, his twin sons currently attend Downey High School and his daughter attends Doty Middle School.

Seeing not only his children but also his



wife deal with the various challenges all families are facing provides him a unique perspective, and he is looking forward to the work ahead of him as he begins his first year on the Board of Education.

As he concluded with some final thoughts, Rodriguez shared his experience during the election and truly wants to thank the community for its support.

“The experience was humbling, stressful... it was a roller coaster of emotions and I am definitely thankful for those in Downey who put their confidence in me and all those who helped me.”

“This is just another part of my life where I am again fortunate and working to do the right things for the right reasons,” Rodriguez continued. “I am hoping I can do a really good job [on the Board of Education] and make my family and the community proud.”



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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

The COVID vaccine is finally starting to roll out...but oh, ever so slowly. What does the vaccine mean for our return to a "normal" life?

There are so many moving parts to this question. The first job is to simply get enough people vaccinated. We are just getting started; as I am writing this



roughly 3.5% of the United States population has been vaccinated. There's a long way to go before we reach herd immunity.

A second major issue will be to determine just how long immunity lasts from the vaccination. The Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines could offer immunity against COVID-19 for months... or perhaps for up to two or three years. Only time and research will determine the exact duration of protection. Vaccinations will likely end up being administered annually (like the flu vaccine), and modified due to viral mutations.

The third issue is that those who are vaccinated can potentially still become infected. Full immunity from the vaccine occurs about one to two weeks following the second and final dose. Once you have been fully vaccinated, your own risk of getting symptomatic or severe COVID-19 drops dramatically. However, the studies looked at whether vaccinated people develop the symptomatic disease, and did not identify asymptomatic cases. A vaccinated person could still get infected and pass along the virus.

A fourth issue is that it appears that a significant proportion of the United States population does not currently intend to become vaccinated. This will keep the virus present and able to spread, and prevent or delay herd immunity.

Finally, this is an ever-changing/mutating virus. Our approved vaccines are absolutely effective. However, in time a new strain could conceivably spread a new COVID infection before new modi-

fied vaccines can be developed and distributed.

So, when will the masks come off? 2020 gave us all a lesson in how air-borne illnesses are spread, and masks are giving us, particularly the most vulnerable among us, some protection. Many may continue to wear them. (And, when will each of us choose to go back to handshaking, given that this is such a perfect way to spread germs?)

Those who become fully vaccinated will certainly enjoy a new level of freedom together. They will gather, carpool, enjoy a coffee together...indoors! Visiting vaccinated elderly friends and relatives will become safer.

However, these behaviors will still carry some risks. Theoretically, one fully vaccinated person could carry an asymptomatic case of COVID and spread it to others, even to those who are vaccinated. Any non-vaccinated person could then experience a serious illness. It will be wise for some time to restrict all unmasked gatherings to only those who are vaccinated, and to continue to mask and socially distance when with anyone who is not fully protected. The fully vaccinated person is unlikely to experience a serious illness, but could pass the virus on to someone who is not fully protected.

Does this mean that future gatherings should require proof of vaccination? I have certainly been reading about the possibility of concerts, commercial air flights, and sporting events requiring proof of immunity.

Looking into my own personal crystal ball, I predict that we will be moving to a new version of normal. Relatively easy, low-cost public health precautions like wearing masks, distancing, and keeping our hands clean will remain a part of our lives for some time. Stay safe...and please, please get vaccinated!

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Healthcare worker spotlight

"I have always had a passion for disaster response and learned to appreciate good training while serving in the United States Army," says Carole Snyder, director of Emergency Preparedness for PIH Health. For the past 10 years, Carole has led the PIH Health Disaster Resource Center's disaster drills and training which take place twice per year addressing a multitude of disaster scenarios, including the Dispensing Vaccination Center (DVC).

Under Carole's direction, PIH Health has had several successful COVID-19 DVC's, which have now administered more than 14,000 Pfizer vaccines to employees at all three hospital campuses and medical office buildings.

Carole has played several different roles in the world of healthcare and it is no surprise that she comes from a family of nurses. "My grandmother and mother were nurses. My mom was an

Emergency Department nurse and I followed her lead," Carole shares.

Since 2002, Carole has held several positions within PIH Health including educator and staff nurse for the Emergency Department. After nearly 20 years of working in the Emergency Department, Carole went back to school and obtained her master's degree in Emergency Management Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

Carole serves as a member of the California State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission. As a state and LA County EMS commissioner she works in an advisory capacity to ensure that patients not only have access to quality emergency medical services, but also the long term stability of these services. She is also a member of the Emergency Nurses Association.



How to choose the right healthcare plan

By Eugene Starks

Last month, HealthCare.gov's open enrollment period concluded. But consumers may still be able to sign up for coverage. People who have lost employer-sponsored insurance, moved, or experienced other significant life changes may be eligible for a special enrollment period.

Choosing the right health plan can be difficult in the best of times. The coronavirus pandemic has made shopping for health coverage even more challenging.

Health insurance agents and brokers can ease the process of finding the right health plan. Consumers should consider consulting with an agent or broker to ensure they select a plan that provides the coverage they need at the most affordable price.

In 2020, many people shopped for coverage on the exchanges for the first time. More than 20 million people lost their jobs -- and often, their employer-sponsored coverage

-- early in the pandemic.

Open enrollment was busier than expected, exceeding previous years. In the first week, nearly 820,000 Americans signed up for coverage -- over 170,000 of which were new consumers. The rate of new daily signups outpaced the previous year's by almost 15 percent.

Signups via special enrollment have skyrocketed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between the end of open enrollment in 2019 and May 2020, the number of people who utilized a special enrollment period because they lost their existing coverage increased 52 percent, compared to the same period the previous year.

A new report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services offers case studies of who some of those enrollees are.

They're people like Rahul, a 31-year-old flight attendant who lost his employer-sponsored coverage when he lost his job because of the pandemic-fueled decline in air travel. He knows he needs basic coverage until he

can find a new job with health insurance -- but may not know where to start.

Or take Ava, the 26-year-old freelance writer who is no longer able to stay on her parent's plan. Because she's never bought her own insurance, she's unsure what the difference is between a deductible and a premium.

Rahul and Ava aren't alone. According to an October 2020 survey, 72 percent of Americans find purchasing or using health insurance confusing.

Agents and brokers are specifically trained to help people make decisions about health insurance. They're licensed by the states in which they practice and required to undergo continuing education.

They also work for their clients, not insurance companies. They advocate on behalf of those clients when billing or claims disputes arise.

Agents and brokers helped about 4 million people sign up for exchange coverage that took effect last year -- about 50 percent of the total.

Further, agents and brokers are more effective at getting people covered than federally funded navigators. According to the CMS report, the average agent or broker enrolled 48 percent more people than the average navigator. And agents and brokers did so at lower cost -- about 9 percent less.

It's no wonder nearly 84 percent of marketplace enrollees who have used an agent or broker found them helpful. Indeed, as the CMS report concludes, "Health insurance agents and brokers put a local, friendly face on the often-stressful process of buying coverage, while also offering deep market and product expertise tough to find elsewhere."

The pandemic has made securing health insurance coverage more important than ever before. Agents and brokers can be crucial aides in that pursuit.

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Obituaries

Larry King, talk show host

Larry King, the well-known talk show host who was the star of CNN's "Larry King Live" for 25 years, interviewing a wide variety of prominent people, died Jan. 23 in Los Angeles at age 87.

King presided over "Larry King Live" from 1985 to 2010. He also hosted the nationally syndicated talk radio show "The Larry King Show," featuring interviews and call-in segments, from 1978 to 1994.

He wrote a column for USA Today from 1982 to 2001, and he wrote a number of nonfiction books on topics including baseball, his history in entertainment, and his experience with heart disease.

King was honored with Peabody Awards for both his radio and TV shows, won 10 CableACE Awards, and was ranked the best TV talk show host of all time by Talkers magazine.

The Larry King interview

King was known for his

soft interview style, in which he typically asked questions perceived to be easy and lightweight. He was most likely to ask simple questions, like "What do you do?" or "How does that work?"

This led some to label his interviews unsubstantial, less useful than interviews that dig in on controversial topics and don't let up. But King maintained that by skipping the harder-hitting questions — ones he called "combative" — he encouraged his subjects to open up and be candid.

The strategy gained King interviews others didn't get, as when he interviewed the famously reclusive Marlon Brando in 1994 and televangelist Tammy Faye Messner just one day before her death from lung cancer.

"When I ask a question, it's almost like I'm saying 'help me,'" King told GQ of his interview style in 2015. "I think basically that's all we're doing: 'help me understand.' Help me. Explain that to me. 'Mr. President, you bombed Syria today. Help me understand why.'"

Hank Aaron, home run king

Hank Aaron, the Hall of Fame slugger for the Braves who held the Major League Baseball career home run record for 33 years, died Jan. 22 at age 86.

Born Henry Louis Aaron on Feb. 5, 1934, Aaron grew up in poverty and as a child had to fashion homemade bats and baseballs to practice the sport.

After excelling in the Negro Leagues and minor league baseball, Aaron made it to the

majors with the 1954 Milwaukee Braves. Though he had a respectable rookie season, it was in the following year that he began to hit his stride, batting .314 with 27 home runs and 106 RBIs.

In 1957, he led the Braves to a World Series win against the New York Yankees and was voted the National League's MVP. He hit 44 home runs in '57, a total he matched again in 1963 and 1966, the year the team relocated to Atlanta, Georgia.

Home run record

Already a Hall of Fame shooin after joining the 3,000-hit club in 1970, Aaron ended the 1973 season with 713 home runs, just one behind Babe Ruth's long-standing record.

Aaron endured racist hate mail and death threats throughout the offseason, though they were balanced by an outpouring of support from fans. He tied Ruth's record with his first swing of the 1974 season, and he hit his 715th home run April 8, 1974, at the advanced baseball age of 40, to take sole possession of the record.

He retired after the 1976 season with 755 home runs, a record that stood for 33 years until Barry Bonds broke it in 2007.

During his career, Aaron also racked up 3,771 hits while maintaining a .305 batting average and appeared in 25 All-Star games.

After retirement

Aaron was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982, his first year of eligibility. In retirement, he worked as an executive for the Braves, becoming one of the first Black executives in high-level MLB management.

In 1999, Major League Baseball began awarding a yearly Hank Aaron Award for the best overall offensive player in the American and National leagues. He was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom

in 2002.

On the racism he faced as he pursued the home run record, Aaron said: "That didn't bother me as much as you hear. Jackie Robinson had set the tone, and I was not about to fold the tent. I was there to perform my duty, and I knew that I had been given the opportunity to play. And just for a few people to write a few letters and all these other things, it didn't make any difference to me."

Jimmie Rodgers, rock and roll star

Jimmie F. Rodgers, an early rock and roll star who had a No. 1 hit in 1957 with "Honeycomb," died Jan. 18 at age 87.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Rodgers appeared on the popular TV program "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts," winning a cash prize and boosting his burgeoning musical career.

The young singer and guitarist recorded a version of the 1954 pop single "Honeycomb," and his 1957 cover became a hit, soaring to No. 1 and staying there for a month.

His subsequent 1950s hits include "Kisses Sweeter than Wine," "Oh-Oh, I'm Falling in Love Again," and "Secretly." While the peak of Rodgers' career came in the '50s, he would chart a few songs in later decades, including "No One Will Ever Know" (1962), "It's Over" (1966), and "A Good Woman Likes to Drink With the Boys" (1967).

"It's Over," written by Rodgers, was later recorded by Elvis Presley for his "Aloha from Hawaii" concert.

Mira Furlan, TV actress

Mira Furlan, an actress best known for her roles on the TV shows "Babylon 5" and "Lost,"

died Jan. 20 at age 65.

Furlan began her acting career in her home of Zagreb, in the former Yugoslavia. She and her husband, director Goran Gaji, immigrated to the U.S. in 1991 amid the Croatian War of Independence.

There, she joined the Actors Studio and began getting U.S. acting jobs, landing a notable one when she was cast as Minbari Ambassador Delenn on "Babylon 5" in 1993. Furlan was among the central characters of the show's ensemble cast for its entire five-season run.

Several years later, she landed a notable recurring role on the hit series "Lost," playing shipwrecked scientist Danielle Rousseau, who was a key part of the island's weird mysteries. Furlan also appeared on an episode of "NCIS."

Later in her career, she frequently returned to Croatia to act in films and TV shows.

Randy Parton, country singer

Randy Parton, a country music singer and songwriter who was Dolly Parton's younger brother, died Jan. 21 at age 67.

Parton began his musical career in the 1970s, releasing singles including "Hold Me Like You Never Had Me," "Shot Full of Love," and "Roll on Eighteen Wheeler," which was later a hit for Alabama.

He also sang the song "Too Much Water" for the soundtrack to the 1984 movie "Rhinestone."

Eight years younger than his sister, Dolly, recorded duets with her including "Old Flames Can't Hold a Candle to You" (1980) and "You Are My Christmas," for Dolly's 2020 Christmas album.

Parton headlined a show at the Dollywood theme park for many years, and he was the former owner of a theater in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

In Memory of

Alice Vukasovic

March 29, 1930 - November 23, 2020



Alice Vukasovic passed away on November 23, 2020 in Menifee, CA at the age of 90. She is preceded in death by her husband, Emil Vukasovic. They were married in Huntington Park and moved to Downey in 1964. She is survived by her three children, Terry (Nick) Tyler, Julie (Pat) Manzo and Emil Dean Vukasovic. She also leaves

behind nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. Her hobbies included reading, watching the Lakers and Dodgers, and spending time with her family. She especially loved watching her great-grandchildren play sports.

Alice was employed by Safeway Federal Credit Union in 1968 where she worked for 28 years. She worked in Personnel, the Loan Department, and supervised the clerical staff. She loved her job, all her coworkers, and especially her credit union members; many considered her the "First Lady" of the credit union where she retired as Vice President in 1996.

Due to Covid a small interment service will be held at a later date at Riverside Memorial Cemetery.

In Memory of

Mortimer Dorris

December 19, 1923 - January 18, 2021



Mort passed away in his sleep on January 18th, after a long battle with Parkinson's and then a brief battle with COVID. He was born to Edwin Drake and Irene Bonnett Dorris and grew up in Riverside, California. He married Maurene Fife in 1946 and they recently celebrated 74 wonderful years of marriage. They moved to Downey in 1952 and still reside in the family home.

He was a member of the Greatest Generation, serving his nation in the South Pacific as an Army Air Corps B24 bomber pilot. After the war he entered USC and graduated in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. After 19 months more of graduate studies at USC, he was hired by The Bechtel Corporation in January of 1951, where he spent his whole career. He was located both stateside and abroad. While stationed overseas in London, England, and then in Jubail, Saudi Arabia, he was eventually in charge of The Jubail Project. It was the largest civil engineering project in the world, creating a city for 370,000 people, the infrastructure for 16 primary industries, and a dual port shipping center. He retired from Bechtel in 1988.

He lived a life full of love, family and adventure. Many family trips were taken to the lake, beach camping and water skiing, as well as many weekends spent at the family beach house, swimming in the surf, building sand castles and yes, digging holes, and playing lots of cards. He was an avid golfer. He took up scuba diving when he was in his 60's, which led to trips to the Red Sea, Cozumel, Belize and the Cayman Islands with multiple family members going with him.

He is survived by his wife Maurene, his three daughters Kathleen (Lars), Jeanette (Richard), and Cynthia (Rick) and his son Mort Jr. (Julie), 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, his brother Weldon Dorris and sister Irene Webb Salyer.

In lieu of flowers please send a contribution to the American Parkinson's Disease Association in his name. <https://www.apdaparkinson.org/>

In Memory of

Yvonne 'Voni' Dolores Cook

April 28, 1932 - January 1, 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 were held on January 23rd in accordance with current pandemic regulations.

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California lawmakers must address the issue of tort reform in 2021

By **Mario A. Guerra**

It's time that California lawmakers take tort reform more seriously. Just this year, the Golden State ranked No. 3 on the American Tort Reform Foundation's Judicial Hellholes Report, which, according to the report, "focus[es] primarily on jurisdictions where courts have been radically out of balance." It's appalling to me that we've allowed our courts to get so out of hand that we've earned one of the top three spots on this list. It should appall every single one of us, particularly those of us who are employers or small business owners.

You see, when a state is plagued by the level of lawsuit abuse that California is, the business community suffers immensely. And, given the damage that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has done to California's businesses in the past year, many local businesses do not have the capacity for the additional suffering that comes with operating a business in such a litigious state.

In evaluating the laws that are contributing to California's lawsuit abuse problem, several stick out to me. One of which is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a law intended to do good, only to be abused by greedy trial lawyers for years.

To put it into context, by mid-2020, California was host to more federal ADA accessibility lawsuits than any other state, with a whopping 2,702 federal claims filed by July. New York came in at a distant second, with nearly 2,000 fewer claims. While the law by its nature is very good, abusing this law hurts the very people it was

intended to help.

Part of the problem stems from California's Unruh Civil Rights Act, which enforces a fine of \$4,000 per ADA violation, on top of the attorneys' fees. This fine does not exist in any other state, making California an outlier. What's worse, it doesn't matter how frivolous the lawsuit is, the fine remains in place.

With that incentive in mind, trial attorneys continue to abuse the system by seeking out any minor, technical ADA violation they can find in order to make easy money at the expense of whatever unlucky small business they decide to target. These lawsuits range in ridiculousness, but common examples include lawsuits over a mirror being slightly too high on the wall or a recycling bin being an inch too close to the door.

Another problematic law is California's "Sue Your Boss" law, otherwise known as the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). To put it simply, PAGA allows any "aggrieved" employee to sue their employers on behalf of themselves, other employees, as well as the state of California.

Just as some ADA claims, PAGA lawsuits can be as trivial as they come. Common PAGA claims include typos in employees' pay stubs or suing an employer because they failed to print their address on the paystub even though it was printed on the paychecks themselves.

As you can see, PAGA is another example of a law intended for good - as it was originally meant to protect California workers - only

to be taken advantage of by trial lawyers looking to turn a quick buck.

These are just two examples of the many laws that must be addressed by our lawmakers in order to begin improving California's litigious reputation and make it the business-friendly state it once was.

It's also worth noting that it is not just employers and small business owners that are impacted by lawsuit abuse. It's everyone. In fact, The Perryman Group found that excessive tort costs have led to an estimated \$15.1 billion lost in direct costs to Californians each year, as well as 242,761 jobs and a \$594.74 "tort tax" per Californian.

Given the state of our economy, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the destruction it brought with it, our lawmakers must take the issue of tort reform seriously, as it's draining precious resources, dollars and jobs that we simply can't afford to lose right now.

By meaningfully addressing tort reform, California can once again welcome new businesses, which will in turn create more jobs, allowing our great state to pick up the pieces that COVID-19 left behind a little faster.

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U.S. should vaccinate its own first



Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, receives the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

By **Betsy McCaughey**

On Thursday, Anthony Fauci informed the World Health Organization that the Biden administration will participate in WHO's vaccine-sharing project. That reverses President Donald Trump's "America First" approach. Fauci says the goal is to ensure "equitable access" to vaccines for all countries in the world, rich and poor alike.

Americans scrambling to get vaccinated have a right to know how sharing doses with poor countries will affect their own ability to get vaccinated.

Biden is coming under pressure from the public health community to share the vaccine supply the U.S. has prepurchased before all Americans who want shots receive them.

The vaccine sharing project, with the acronym COVAX, raises money to buy vaccines for poor countries and asks the wealthier countries to donate actual doses. The COVAX dose-sharing principles, released Dec. 18, are causing controversy in France, England, Canada and other countries struggling to get their own populations vaccinated. COVAX wants countries to share their doses as they receive them, rather than waiting to see what's leftover. So far, Norway has agreed.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus says it's unfair for younger, healthy adults in countries like the U.S. to get injections before the frail and elderly in poor countries. He calls it a "catastrophic moral failure."

Similarly, Kate Elder of Doctors Without Borders objects "if a

healthy 20-year-old in New Jersey is getting vaccinated before a front line health care worker in South Sudan."

Bruce Aylward, a WHO adviser, claims it's unacceptable for a country to vaccinate its entire population before offering doses to the highest risk inhabitants of poorer countries.

Duke University public health experts also argue that high-risk groups in poor countries should get the vaccine before the U.S. public. A report from the Duke Global Health Innovation Center complains that wealthy countries are monopolizing the initial supply.

Thursday's White House statement on vaccine sharing says the U.S. will comply once there is "sufficient" supply here. What does "sufficient" mean? When just those at highest risk are vaccinated, as globalists propose, or when shots have been offered to all Americans?

Uniting the country

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Martha Morrissy who believes that we are making a "new better America" just like Venezuela's. (Letters to the Editor, 1/21/21)

I don't believe that is what most American people would want for this country. People are actually fleeing Venezuela to other South American countries trying to find a better life because Venezuela's economy is a disaster right now. Mrs. Morrissy's statement that we need to welcome everyone into the country, regardless if they hate us, to gain residency in our country is a real eye opener. Why would we want to bring in people who will likely harm us. I believe we must first get our economy up to par just like it was before covid and take care of the American people who are not working right now.

I'm an independent and do not favor either Mr. Biden or Mr. Trump but I can't see that all these things that she says Mr. Trump did are bad things. I'm actually very grateful that Mr. Trump was able to speed up the process of obtaining the vaccine to fight covid; from what I understand it was supposed to have taken a few years to develop the vaccine. That is the main problem, we need to concentrate on neutralizing covid. Once we do that, we can open schools again, open businesses, get people back to work and eventually go back to normal where we can see each other's smiles and shake hands or give someone a hug.

I believe in law and order and as much as I am all for being compassionate for those who need our help, there is a time and place for everything. Allowing all the migrant caravans to come into our country right now is a big mistake. The United States will be known as covid central.

I trust that the Biden Administration will focus on eliminating covid and that should be their first priority. Mrs. Morrissy says that we are blessed to have Biden, Harris, Pelosi, Schumer and others who are so caring. However, I find it vengeful and evil that they really want to go after Mr. Trump and impeach him. He is a private citizen and is no longer a threat to anyone.

Biden/Harris are for uniting the country; that's a blessing and that's what they need to focus on, not some long, expensive impeachment trial.

Julio Rivera
Downey

The public needs a clear answer to that question.

There are powerful reasons to oppose COVAX's vaccine-sharing principles.

First, U.S. taxpayers poured billions into Operation Warp Speed to develop the vaccines with the understanding they'd get a large share of initial production. When Trump refused to join COVAX, The New York Times slammed the decision as "vaccine nationalism," but Americans desperate to get vaccinated are unlikely to be worried about political correctness.

Second, the U.S. is striving to reach herd immunity by summer, which scientists predict will require about 70% of the population to be vaccinated. Diverting some of the vaccine supply to COVAX would endanger that goal.

On Monday, the International Chamber of Commerce joined the call for equitable distribution of vaccines, arguing that helping poor nations will benefit the economies of wealthy ones. True in the long run, but vaccinating a quarter of the population of every country, as COVAX proposes, would necessitate the US and other developed countries giving up a return to normal this year.

Third, as new virus variants emerge, vaccination becomes even more a race against the clock. Otherwise a variant could appear that is not susceptible to the vaccine. Moderna announced Monday that its vaccine is somewhat less effective against the recently identified South African variant. People may need yearly boosters against emerging strains.

In the last two weeks, both the European Union and the U.S. have been hit with unexpected news about manufacturing setbacks. Monday the European Union actually threatened to ban Astra-Zeneca from exporting any doses until it meets its contractual obligations. The EU is putting its own people first.

That's a lesson for America. Decisions about vaccine sharing should not be left to public health "experts" whose globalist views are now ascendant in Washington, D.C. Helping the world is important, but America needs to take care of its own first.

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

Roybal-Allard's hypocrisy

Dear Editor:

Lucille Roybal-Allard's statement about the new administration was hilarious.

Calling and placing blame for the "four turbulent years" and divisiveness belongs at her feet. She is as culpable as anyone and more so than most. She congratulated the previous administration by calling for impeachment before the inauguration and boycotting the inauguration. Not a sign of "encouraging Americans to come together in unity and piece."

Most Americans that voted against Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden were not Trumpers, they were capitalists opposed to communists. Whereas Royal-Allard would be more comfortable with Bernie Sanders in Cuba.

Randy Evans
Downey

Eating out

Dear Editor:

Judge Napolitano's op-ed in the Patriot (1/14/21) is fraught with legalese but one of the points he seems to be making is that a governor should have to produce hard evidence before shutting down a restaurant through an executive command.

In our own state, Gov. Newsom has taken much criticism for being heavy handed in issuing just such executive orders, which have meant tough consequences for restaurants. The restaurant industry has repeatedly pointed out there is no scientific evidence showing that Covid-19 is spread extensively during outdoor dining.

In defense of Gov. Newsom, he has to err on the side of caution. This virus has come upon our country so swiftly that there hasn't been time for our universities to do any studies to learn the vicissitudes of it.

There is, however, one salient fact which our scientists have elucidated about this virus. It is spread by tiny aerosoled droplets as we breathe through our nose and mouth. Since we don't wear masks while eating, and there is much laughter and talking going on between bites, it is highly probable that the virus could be spread, especially if there is a bit of a breeze blowing. A South Korean study showed that the tiny particles can travel as much as 20 feet.

My wife and I enjoy eating out with our grandson, and we truly miss it, but we feel that Gov. Newsom has made the correct choice to shut things down.

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The Ink and I

By Gloria Hannigan

My first day of school, I was fascinated by the hole in my desk. I could put my hand in it and wiggle it around. My teacher explained that it was an ink well and that we would not be using it until third grade.

When I reached third grade, new things appeared in my school supplies. There was a fountain pen, bottle of ink, an ink blotter, and an ink tablet for learning penmanship.

The definition for penmanship was: Pen – a utensil for writing; Man – the person using the pen; and Ship – a vessel gliding across the paper as a ship glides across the ocean. Don't you believe it!

Penmanship was the last class of the week on Friday afternoon. I was eager to try out my new pen. The first thing I learned was that the ink bottle did not fit in the ink well – it fell right through. I guess they changed the size of the ink bottles in the years after the desks were made.

We were shown how to pull up on the small lever on the side of the pen while the pen point was in the ink. When we put the lever down, the pen would inhale the ink and be ready to use.

I filled my pen and prepared to copy the written capital "A" from the blackboard in front of me. When I put the pen to the paper, it decided to burp. There was a big blob of ink on my paper.

Ah, but I had a blotter. I laid my pen down and attempted to blot the blob. Somehow I managed to set my pen too close to my paper and the paper began to drink the ink.

Now I had another blot and a much bigger one. I tried to cover up this blot with my arm and soon had a black cuff on my sweater. I glanced at my friend Bobby across the aisle to see if he had noticed my blunder. He was making this neat row of A's with such ease that even though I loved him since grade one, I suddenly hated him.

Now the boy behind me discovered how to shake his pen to make black polka dots on the back of my white sweater. I wadded up my paper, looked around to see if the teacher was looking, and stuffed it in the ink well hole in my desk. Finally, I found a use for that hole.

I started with a fresh sheet of paper only to find that my pen was now out of ink. My luck finally kicked in and the bell rang dismissing us from school for the day.

When I arrived home, my mother said, "I see you began penmanship class today. You had better go wash up." How could she tell?

I looked in the mirror, and could see a black smear across my forehead. Now I learned the definition of indelible. Indelible

means you will have a black shadow on your forehead and fingers for the rest of your life, no matter how much you scrub.

I struggled with this mess for the next five years. If I had known how valuable ink blots would become to psychiatrists, I would have saved some of my more memorable ones. I feel that I must have discarded so many inkblotted papers that I single-handedly cleared a forest somewhere.

Finally, my hero, Mr. Marcel Bich, started marketing the 29c Bic ballpoint pen. The TV ads showed it strapped to ice skates and jackhammers and fired through rifles. And it would still "write the first time all the time."

I still managed to get ink on my fingers and sometimes even on my lips, but my clothes were no longer used as a blotter. The only problem with Bic pens is that they disappear. No matter how many I buy, I can never find a pen when I need it.

Somewhere out there, where the single sock that doesn't come out of the dryer lives, there must be just as many Bic pens.

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Robert Todd

By Cynthia Vanasse

Abraham Lincoln had a son with the same name as my son – Robert Todd. Of course, the last names were not the same and neither is the degree of fame and place in history. But for my Robert Todd, his place in my heart and in my family's history is high on a pedestal.

My son Todd was a very unusual child. He started talking when he was seven months old. We were out with his cousins for Halloween, the moon was full and bright. We pointed to the moon and repeated the word several times.

Todd picked up the word "moon" and started saying it over and over. We were all very surprised. Usually a child's first words are "Mom" and "Dad." From his first word, Todd began picking up everything he heard – forming sentences at one year

old.

Things continued to be "different" with our son. He totally toilet-trained himself around fourteen months. This was my mother's favorite accomplishment. But other surprising situations were to follow.

After telling Todd to do a task a couple of times, at 18 months he told me in a very commanding voice, "Don't tell me something twice, Mother. I understand you the first time." As this was my first child, I did not know that this was very unusual.

When Todd entered Kindergarten, the principal contacted me for an appointment. I could not imagine what the problem might be, as the teacher gave Todd all good marks on his report card.

With some apprehension, I

went to the principal's office. It turns out that I had nothing to be upset about. The meeting was to show me my son's very high scores on intelligence tests and to let me know that based on his performance, Todd was capable of doing whatever he chose in this world. This conference helped to explain some of Todd's rather unusual behavior.

When he was in the sixth grade, I had another conference – this time with his teacher. I was again wondering what the reason would be for our "talk." Turns out, the teacher wanted me to know that Todd had an auditory retentive memory. I didn't know for sure what that was.

It turns out that a person with this ability remembers everything he hears. No wonder Todd did very little homework. Not only in school, but in many professions this is a very useful ability. Remember Johnny Cochran who was O.J.'s attorney? He had this gift.

Todd continued to achieve

high marks in all that he tried. He taught himself to play the guitar. He was a star athlete. He was an all-A student. He was a gifted writer, and he had many other accomplishments. His school performance gained him entrance to the University of California at San Diego.

I learned about the end of Todd's career at UCSD from a phone call that no parent ever wants to receive. Todd committed suicide by jumping off his dorm. We now know he inherited bipolar tendencies from me, his mother. We did not have any idea of this beforehand.

Todd wasn't famous to the world; he was the world to us!

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Elk Island

By Elaine Held

Thirty years ago Bill and I made our first motor home journey into Canada. Bill had a Rotary International Convention there so we decided to make the trip. The convention was beyond our wildest expectations.

After the convention we planned to head east and drop down into Minnesota for one of my high school reunions. First, we had heard of a place called Elk Island and we decided to visit. We headed north to Edmonton and then east twenty miles.

Many miles have been fenced to keep wild animals in and let tourists drive through to see them in their natural environment.

We arrived late in the afternoon and drove slowly to the information center. We saw many animals and my camera

whirred. When we were through in the building that explained the purpose of the place we went for a walk around the lake.

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Crime Report

On 1/20/2021 at approximately 2:50 am, the victim responded to the station to report a domestic violence incident in the 11700 block of Gurley Ave.

The suspect and victim live together and began arguing because the suspect believed their youngest child does not belong to him. During the argument, the suspect became angry and hit the victim in the face with the back of his hand several times, causing visible injuries. The suspect pointed a handgun at the victim and threatened to kill her. The suspect fled the scene in his vehicle and officers were unable to locate him. Detectives are investigating the incident.

Detectives are investigating a grand theft that occurred on 1/21/2021 at about 7 pm at the Kay Jewelers at Stonewood Mall. The suspect entered the jewelry store and asked to see three rings from a glass display. The employee handed the suspect the rings and he fled the store on foot and exited the mall. The suspect continued running northbound through the parking lot

towards the residential neighborhood near Cecilia Street out of sight. Detectives responded to assist with the investigation. The loss is valued to be approximately \$30,000.

On 1/24/2021 at approximately 3 am, officers responded to the 9900 block of Tecum Ave regarding an arson. The adult male victim was awakened to the sound of his kitchen window shattering. The victim went to the kitchen and observed the female suspect standing outside the broken window with a small improvised Molotov cocktail that had been placed in the window sill.

The victim put out the fire and observed the suspect walk to the backyard. Officers were called and located the suspect in the backyard. She was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm and fully loaded magazine. The suspect was arrested for the arson and for possession of a loaded firearm.

Former Baldwin Park councilman arrested on corruption charges

BALDWIN PARK - A former Baldwin Park city councilmember has pleaded guilty to accepting tens of thousands of dollars in bribes - including \$20,000 in cash - from a Baldwin Park Police officer working at the FBI's direction, in exchange for the councilmember's political support of the Baldwin Park Police Association's contract with the city, the Justice Department announced Wednesday.

Ricardo Pacheco, 58, of Baldwin Park, who was elected to the City Council in 1997 and served as mayor pro tempore in 2018, pleaded guilty on June 15 to a federal bribery charge.

On Tuesday, federal prosecutors unsealed a criminal information against Pacheco, as well as portions of a plea agreement in which Pacheco agreed to fully cooperate in ongoing public corruption investigations. The unsealed plea agreement contains a redacted statement of facts to protect the integrity of ongoing aspects of those investigations.

In the documents unsealed this week, Pacheco admitted to soliciting and receiving a total of \$37,900 in bribes from a Baldwin Park police officer from January through October 2018 to support and vote for the Police Association's contract, which was worth at least \$4.4 million over three years. The police officer who made the payments did so at the direction of the FBI after another officer and he approached the FBI and agreed to assist in its ongoing corruption investigation. In exchange for the payments, Pacheco voted in favor of the Police Association contract in March 2018.

The payments to Pacheco included a \$20,000 cash bribe in October 2018, which the police officer provided to him in an envelope in a Baldwin Park coffee shop. Pacheco also solicited and received \$17,900 in checks that he directed to be made out to his church and sham political action committees he had set up using other individuals' names but which he controlled.

As part of his plea agreement, Pacheco agreed to resign from his City Council seat, which he did in June. Pacheco also agreed to forfeit \$83,145 in cash proceeds seized by the FBI, which included \$62,900 that Pacheco said he had buried in his backyard in two locations.

Pacheco pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Otis D. Wright II. Pacheco is scheduled to be sentenced on August 2, at which time he will face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

Bank manager accused of stealing from customer with dementia

NEWPORT BEACH - A former Comerica bank branch manager was sentenced Monday to 41 months in federal prison for stealing more than \$1 million from an elderly customer with dementia, and then using it for her own personal expenses, including gambling and buying luxury items.

Marie Fulle, 38, of Newport Beach, was sentenced via videoconference by United States District Judge Virginia A. Phillips, who also ordered her to pay \$1,091,230 in restitution. Fulle pleaded guilty in September 2019 to an information charging her with two counts of bank fraud.

Fulle formerly was a branch manager of a Comerica bank in Tustin. From February 2013 to April 2014, she targeted a vulnerable customer - an elderly man with dementia - and cultivated an exclusive banking relationship with him. Fulle then opened various bank accounts with the victim and used them to create a confusing web in which she could hide unauthorized transfers, and forged withdrawals with cashier's checks.

Between February 2013 and May 2013, Fulle embezzled approximately \$43,400 over the course of six transactions. After Fulle lost an anticipated promotion at work in May 2013, she began embezzling larger amounts of the victim's money, unilaterally changing the address for one of the victim's accounts, which prevented the statements from being delivered to the victim and his bookkeeper.

Fulle manipulated this account for her embezzlement and, after she changed the address, significant amounts of the victim's money began flowing through it. Fulle also conducted much of the victim's banking activities one-on-one in private, away from the view of other bank personnel or security cameras.

During the scheme, Fulle used the money she stole from the victim to pay for Tiffany jewelry, at least one Louis Vuitton bag, spa days for herself and her then-boyfriend, and trips to Las Vegas, where she gambled.

Comerica fired Fulle in April 2014 for embezzling money from her cash drawer. When Comerica subsequently discovered the fraud Fulle committed against the victim, it reimbursed the victim nearly \$1.3 million for disputed transactions that Fulle processed, lost interest and attorneys' fees.

The total loss that Fulle caused to the victim was \$1,057,230. The restitution amount includes the victim's attorneys' fees.

Downey extends moratorium on commercial evictions

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey's moratorium on coronavirus commercial tenant evictions was extended once again on Tuesday, now spanning through the end of March.

The ordinance has been in place since June and has been extended three times since.

Under it, commercial tenants are protected from eviction for inability to pay rent due to the impacts of Covid-19. It also establishes a rent payment period which allows two months per every month that a tenant is in arrears to their landlord.

It will now expire March 31.

This legislation is usually seen side-by-side with another similar moratorium for residential tenants.

However, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an Assembly Bill 3088 back in September, which gives some protections to residential tenants from evictions for COVID-19-related financial hardships, subject to certain requirements.

That moratorium was set to expire this Sunday, but was extended through June earlier this week.

Downey approves deal for 5G antenna on public poles

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey City Council approved an agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC on Tuesday, allowing for the installation of wireless communications facilities in the public right of way.

The 10-year (with potentially four five-year renewals) agreement comes at a time where the need for wireless broadband continues to grow.

Street poles and other like structures found in public right of way spaces offer an ideal opportunity for 5G antenna placement, according to city officials.

Using already existing poles is seen as generally more aesthetically pleasing than to build more.

The deal requires New Cingular to provide a performance bond of \$25,000, as well as an annual rent payment for the use of city property.

Sanchez introduces legislation targeting Trump

NORWALK - Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (CA-38) introduced legislation to prevent federal projects, buildings, statues, or lands from being named after former president Donald Trump.

HR 484, titled The No Glory for Hate Act, would prohibit the use of federal funds for any project commemorating a president twice impeached by the House of Representatives and would further restrict the benefits afforded them after leaving office.

"For years, Donald Trump poured gasoline on lies, encouraging racism and hatred, then lit the match on January 6th. A president who has been impeached twice does not deserve the honors bestowed on a former president," said Sánchez, who represents Norwalk in Congress.

"We should never glorify the hatred Donald Trump personified as President. This bill ensures that there is no glory for hate - not a building, statue, or even a park bench."

The No Glory for Hate Act prohibits the use of federal funds for any:

- symbol,
- monument,
- structure,
- building, or
- public land...

...commemorating a former President twice impeached by the House of Representatives, or who has been convicted of a State or Federal crime relating to actions taken in an official capacity.

The bill also restricts the benefits given to former presidents who have been twice impeached by the House of Representatives, such as:

- pension,
- staff,
- office
- travel expenses, and
- burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Congresswoman Sánchez started this bill the day of Jan. 6 when she was barricaded inside a locked office, armed with only the baseball bats she plays the Congressional baseball game with.

"I remember getting the horrifying news that no one was coming to help us - that the National Guard had not gotten approval - while police officers were being beaten and overrun. I thought, no one who stirs up this seditious act should ever be held to the same high standards we hold for our former presidents who served with grace," said Sánchez.

Sánchez added: "Even though Trump is no longer in office, he should still be held accountable for his actions and the taxpayers should not foot the bill for his future actions. I can't imagine sending students in Southern California - or anywhere in America - to a school named in honor of a traitorous president."

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Elk Island

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By this time it was late and the setting sun's explosion of color was extraordinary, reflecting on the lake. I snapped many gorgeous pictures and I turned to start back when it hit me. I was now dummy number one. Bill looked at me and I realized he was dummy number two.

"Bill," I said, "We need to get out of here. It is close to being dark." He turned and looked at the sky.

"Wow! We should have started back a long time ago." Walking quickly, thinking of being safe, we heard a huge crash in front of us. The largest animal I have ever been close to came thrusting out of the thick brush.

It was a humongous buffalo. My heart was pounding so hard it hurt. No! No! The beast was settling down into his wallow.

He plopped down and I yelled, "Bill. I didn't see what we were stepping over. That is his wallow. What on earth are we going to do?"

For those of you who are not up on buffalo etiquette, he sleeps in the same spot every night. It is called his wallow and he uses it so much the earth is curved and there is no grass. He does not like being bothered once he settles down for the night.

There was no way of getting around him unless we went into the lake and swam. The brush had been cleared from the lake to about twenty yards to the brush. There was a sidewalk to be able to go around the lake easily, except now there was a huge head lying on the sidewalk.

"Bill, we have two choices!"

"Seriously! I can see that but we cannot spend the night here. It is too cold at night now and we have on just our t-shirts. That means we have got to bother him enough to get him up and moving. You realize when we do this he is liable to move toward us

rather quickly!"

I said, "I am going to go into the lake when that happens." Bill said he would be right behind me.

Bill started to walk very slowly up to his rear end. Yes, the buffalo had turned his butt to the world. I was behind Bill with my hand clutching his back pocket. I don't know why that made me feel safer but it did.

When we were three steps away the animal raised his mammoth head and slowly turned it toward us. One huge brown round eye glared at us. We froze. I moved up beside Bill for a more united front.

The creature didn't like that and raised the front part of his body. I got ready to swim. He swished his tail and I felt it on my hand and arm. Suddenly he was up. I crouched. He started to move. Our lives depended on which way he moved.

Slowly he started down the sidewalk away from us, his one eye watching us over his rump. If buffalo could roll their eyes that is what he would have done, he was so disgusted with us. But he kept moving. We stayed right on his backside.

When he got to the parking lot I made up my mind that whichever way he went, I was going in the opposite direction, even if it was away from the RV. He went left and we escaped right to the motor home.

Bill's hands were shaking so badly he couldn't hold the key to get it in the lock. I took it and opened the door. We jumped in and locked the door. Oh, Motor Home, I love you! I jerked up again.

"Bill, what if they locked the gate and we can't get out?" It was completely dark now. If you have ever been out in the wild it is so dark you cannot see your hand before your face. I told Bill to drive up to the building and I would take the flash light and see if it said what time they closed.

When I got back in I explained to Bill the sign on the window said the gate was automatic and would open for us and close behind us. But we needed to think that through. It was very dark, we had never been on this two lane road before.



I told Bill I thought we should spend the night. He agreed so we began to settle down. I burst out laughing. Bill was irritated and told me to knock it off. There wasn't anything funny about it.

"Oh yes there is," I said. "What did we plan for dinner tonight?"

Bill roared with laughter. Buffalo burgers!

Elaine Held 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. This story originally published in 2017.

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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

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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 2021004586

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUPERVISION AND VISITATION EXPERTS (2) CALIFORNIA ORIGINALS (3) COCAL JANITORIAL SERVICES, 1000 E. SAN ANTONIO DRIVE #D, LONG BEACH CA 90807, LA COUNTY, P.O. BOX 50141, LONG BEACH CA 90815

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAINELL WOODBEY, 1000 E. SAN ANTONIO DRIVE #D, LONG BEACH CA 90807 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/DAINELL WOODBEY, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 7, 2021

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The Downey Patriot

1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21, 2/18/21

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

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

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 ANSELMO 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 Downey Patriot

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2020225237

FILE NO: 2018195254 DATE FILED: AUGUST 6, 2018

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): INTERO REAL ESTATE SERVICES-DOWNEY, INTERO-DOWNEY

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 2021013947

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LAST LOOK BOUTIQUE, 8627 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VANESSA SOTELO, 8627 PARAMOUNT

BOULEVARD, 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/VANESSA SOTELO, OWNER

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

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BOULEVARD, 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

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S/VANESSA SOTELO, OWNER, VANESSA SOTELO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 15, 2021

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The Downey Patriot

1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21, 2/18/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020221022

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MI 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: 09/2020

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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 Downey Patriot

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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 MADH CORPORATION, 9506 LONG BEACH BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) BIPINKUMAR PATEL, 9826 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

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S/JAI MADH CORPORATION, PARTNER, SANJAY PATEL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 5, 2021

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The Downey Patriot

1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020201412

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

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S/ANDY VIDRIOS, OWNER

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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

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S/JIMMY ALEXANDER ESPADA, OWNER

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

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punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)
SYANET VAZQUEZ, OWNER
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updated Purchasing Procedures.
AYES: Council Members: Alvarez, Ashton, Trujillo, Pacheco, Mayor Frometa
NOES: Council Member: None.
EXCUSED: Council Member: None.
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.
Copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.
M. Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk
January 28, 2021
The Downey Patriot
1/28/21

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

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00002
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
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Date: MARCH 8, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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JANUARY 19, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ANNIE LI VALDIVIESO
ANNIE LI VALDIVIESO
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ARTESIA, CA 90701
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DECEMBER 29, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner EMELY MYRANDA BUSTAMANTE
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21321 NORWALK BLVD, APT 148
HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716
(714) 495-0708
EMELY503@GMAIL.COM

Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Charolette Kayshanna Marie Oliver
9421 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: 20NWCP00322
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 GUIDINO
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 26, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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DECEMBER 29, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ARGELIA LOERA G
8103 COLE STREET
DOWNEY, CA 90242
(323) 797-5920
ARGELIA.LOERAG@GMAIL.COM
The Downey Patriot
1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/21/21, 1/28/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021010124
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FIERCE FEDORA, 10240 ROSECRANS AVE NUM 204, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAEISHA QIANA TARIE 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 QIANA TARIE FOSTER, OWNER
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS
LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lynwood Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "District", will receive prior to 10:00 a.m. on the 26th day of February 2021 sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following:
BID NO. 010821; DISTRICT WIDE AREA NETWORK
Scope of Work Overview
Lynwood Unified School District desires to provide a high speed state of the art digital data network system between its various sites. This connectivity is designed to accommodate both the present and future digital application needs. The intent is to achieve an industry standard based infrastructure which will enhance educational and administrative activities at all sites with the flexibility and support of future needs and activities
To receive BID package go to the USAC website, and/or Lynwood USD website to download documents.
Bids will be available January 28, 2021
For questions regarding the BID documents contact:
Shaunda McClucas, SENIOR UYER; smclucas@mylbusd.org and CC; pmora@mylbusd.org

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00007
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VICTOR MANUEL CARRILLO 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.
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Date: MARCH 8, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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JANUARY 6, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner VICTOR MANUEL CARRILLO CASTILLO
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DOWNEY, CA 90240
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1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21, 2/18/21
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00326
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CHAROLETTE 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
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Date: MARCH 03, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, 90650
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DECEMBER 31, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED
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AYES: Council Members: Alvarez, Ashton, Pacheco, Mayor Frometa
NOES: Council Member: None.
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LIEN SALES
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600-1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.
The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com on February 17th, 2021 ending at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 6160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
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Joseph Henry	1043
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Dated this 28th day of January 2021 and 4th day of February 2021.

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Biden plans to extend national eviction moratorium through September

■ The President's stimulus proposal would halt evictions and foreclosures through the fall.

President Joe Biden is calling on lawmakers to extend the national eviction moratorium for another eight months — one of the many housing-related proposals he is making as part of his \$1.9 trillion stimulus plan.

Biden proposes extending the national moratorium on evictions and foreclosures until Sept. 30, while also setting aside funds to provide legal assistance to households facing foreclosure or eviction.

He further called for housing agencies to continue allowing applications for forbearance on federally-backed mortgages until that date.

Foreclosures were paused last spring early in the pandemic. The CARES Act included an eviction moratorium through late July 2020 that only applied to certain, federally-funded rental units. But last September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a nationwide moratorium on evictions that covered the vast majority of renters nationwide.

The latter moratorium was set to expire at the end of December, but the stimulus package passed by Congress last month extended it until Jan. 31 of this year. Extending the national eviction moratorium even further was a priority for housing advocates, who have warned that the assistance provided by previous stimulus packages would not be enough to prevent a full-fledged housing crisis.

"There's been a threat of mass evictions (to the tune of 10 to 20 million or more taking place within just weeks) facing us since summer of 2020," Eric Dunn, director of litigation at the National Housing Law Project, said in an email. "The successive rounds of moratoriums and protections have largely staved that off, though unfortunately we still have seen lots of evictions. But we could really see that big crisis unfold if the major national evictions protections are allowed to expire."

Not only would this massive wave of evictions be financially devastating to potentially millions of Americans, but it could also jeopardize public health. Prior to the implementation of the national eviction moratorium, states that allowed their own moratoria to expire saw a higher rate of COVID-19 cases and deaths than the states that maintained the bans, one study showed.

If lawmakers do end up pushing the end-date on the moratorium back until Sept. 30,

it will also give renters more room to make well-considered decisions about managing their finances.

While the short-term extension that was just issued in December did provide a lifeline to Americans, "it's difficult to make good decisions and preparations when you don't know whether you'll need to move out of your home in a week or two, or whether you'll be able to stay longer," Dunn said.

Beyond extending the eviction and foreclosure moratorium, the incoming Biden administration is also calling on lawmakers to come up with an additional \$30 billion in funding for emergency rental, energy and water assistance for hard-hit households, plus \$5 billion in emergency assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

"While the \$25 billion allocated by Congress was an important down payment on the back rent accrued during this crisis, it is insufficient to meet the scale of the need," the Biden team noted in a fact sheet regarding the broader stimulus package.

The percentage of Americans experiencing housing insecurity has grown in recent weeks — it now stands around 9.5%, up from 7.2% two months ago.

Additional funding should help households struggling to afford the cost of housing amid the pandemic to get on top of their finances, but it won't necessarily be able to last them much longer.

Last year, housing advocates and landlords called on lawmakers to approve \$100 billion in rent assistance, which experts said was meant "to be a floor, a minimum that would be

needed."

Diane Yentel, president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, said on Twitter that the \$55 billion in emergency rental assistance from Biden's proposal and the December package, plus the \$2,000 in stimulus checks and expanded unemployment insurance, "may be enough to cover back rent/utilities and some forward rent," but would not be sufficient to carry struggling renters through the pandemic.

Housing advocates have also argued that the incoming Biden administration could impose more aggressive policies designed to protect renters. For instance, the national moratorium has gaps that leave people vulnerable if they have non-traditional rental arrangements.

And the moratorium lacks enforcement mechanisms — leaving it up to state and local authorities to implement. Consequently, many people are still being evicted who should be protected by the national ban.

Looking to the future, advocates have also proposed protections for tenants when they seek new housing after experiencing insecurity. While the moratorium may prevent evictions from happening, landlords can still bring renters to court, and those records could make it harder to find housing in the future.

"Even when a tenant wins a case, eviction is a legal record that prevents families from safe and decent housing, employment, home ownership and public housing, among other harms," Emily Benfer, a housing and public health lawyer and visiting professor at Wake Forest University, noted on Twitter.

Whether the incoming Biden



administration can achieve these lofty goals remains to be seen. Biden reportedly hopes to have the stimulus package passed on a bipartisan basis, but he may face pressure to use the budget-

reconciliation process instead, given the small majorities Democrats have in the House and Senate.

However, Yentel noted that some of Biden's stimulus-

related housing agenda could be achieved through executive order, including the moratorium extension.

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