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Downey resident Denise Ramos works as a cannabis retailer and is required to wear a face-covering to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

A show of appreciation to hospital workers

Downey first-responders give a public thanks to frontline medical workers.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — In a sign of appreciation, Downey's first responders took to PIH on Monday to perform a drive-by siren salute to those who are currently on the frontlines in the fight against Covid-19.

The blaring sound of sirens filled the air shortly after noon, as members of Downey Fire Department and Downey Police department crossed through the PIH hospital and onto Patton Road in what is known as a "Heroes Saluting Heroes" drive.

"On behalf of the City of Downey and its residents, the Police and Fire Departments would like to express its gratitude to all healthcare providers, especially those who work in our local hospitals," said Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie in a statement released earlier that day.

"We are grateful and inspired by their dedication and compassion as they care for the sick during the Covid-19 pandemic."

Downey reached 100



Downey firefighters and police officers drive past PIH Health Hospital - Downey to show appreciation to medical workers. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

confirmed cases of Covid-19 over the weekend, recorded at 102 by Monday.

Still, many of the nurses and hospital personnel on hand to witness the drive-by - many of which who emerged from the Emergency department - seemed to be in high spirits.

Hospital president Richard Trogman thanked both departments for the act of solidarity.

"PIH Health is honored that the Downey Police and Fire Departments are recognizing the dedication of our staff and physicians," said Trogman in a statement.

"We are always appreciative of the great partnership that we have with the City of Downey and its emergency personnel, and we thank them for their efforts during this pandemic beyond—it's all teamwork in caring for the community."

Essential workers feel the stress of pandemic

'Essential' workers are interacting directly with the public and hoping they don't carry the virus home.

By Alyssa Vega
Contributor

DOWNEY — To slow down the spread of the coronavirus, Los Angeles County and its city officials announced plans last month to close nonessential retail businesses and to ban all public gatherings. These nonessential businesses include museums, shopping centers, retail stores, for-profit companies, and nonprofit organizations.

While some people have the option to work from home, there are others who are laid off, and some who are front-line workers who provide essential service during the coronavirus pandemic. Not everyone has the option to stay at home to work and missing shifts would be a financial hardship for many people who work in the service industry.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's order to shut down businesses excludes essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, garbage collection, convenience stores, banks, gas stations, hardware stores, and cannabis retailers.

Downey resident Sarah Coral is a shift manager at one of the fast-food restaurant chains in Downey and her work hours have decreased due to the stay-at-home order.

"I am serving hundreds of people each day putting myself at risk. There are precautions we are taking but you never feel safe in a time like this," Coral said. "The option to take time off is there, but paying the bills isn't an option."

Downey resident Denise Ramos is a cannabis retailer who has been working during the coronavirus pandemic. However, according to the state, legal cannabis dispensaries are deemed as an essential business under the stay-at-home-order.

"It's definitely scary having to get up every morning," Ramos said. "I don't want to get up and

go to work. I love my job and it's always been something I wanted to be a part of. So I'm happy I have the opportunity to be a part of it, but right now it's something I'm not enjoying."

Despite that cannabis dispensaries are still open, shops have enacted strict protocols to ensure the safety of their customers and employees. Some shops allow anyone 55 years old and older or with an autoimmune disease to skip to the front line during the first hour of opening.

Pot dispensaries in California have been limiting store crowds by only allowing one customer per budtender. Despite samples having been prohibited at cannabis stores, sales have increased since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

Although some businesses have been barely keeping up with the high demand, some essential businesses have reduced operational hours. Arlene Rodriguez, a personal banker at Wells Fargo in Downey, has been working during the coronavirus pandemic and her hours have decreased significantly.

"This pandemic has caused a lot of stress on my life personally because of the daily changes we've had to face at work," Rodriguez said. "We try to help as much as possible and inform customers that we are all going through this together and we hope everything goes back to normal as soon as possible."

Rodriguez is enrolled in her last semester at college and was expecting to graduate this spring but her graduation ceremony is postponed.

"With it being my last semester in college my dream of being able to graduate now has been postponed and all my classes are now hosted virtually through Zoom," Rodriguez said.

"Hopefully everyone abides by the stay at home order and this pandemic ends soon and I know for sure that I will not take things for granted anymore."

Covid-19 not slowing down as Downey reaches 111 cases

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — Coronavirus showed no signs of slowing down this week as Downey reached an unfortunate milestone: its 100th confirmed Covid-19 case.

As of Thursday morning, there were 111 confirmed coronavirus cases in Downey, far more than other local cities, including Whittier (56), Norwalk (88), and Pico Rivera (67).

L.A. County health officials on Wednesday announced 42 new deaths related to Covid-19, the largest increase in deaths

since the start of the pandemic.

To date, Public Health has identified 10,496 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 402 deaths. Eighty-four percent of people who died had underlying health conditions.

"One of the tragic realities of this pandemic is the daily report of lives lost to Covid-19. The frequency of these reports does not diminish our sympathy or our resolve to restore wellness to our community," said Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health.

"Taking steps to slow the

spread of Covid-19 has asked everyone to do their part. The sacrifices made cannot be counted: some have lost loved ones, some have been ill, some have lost jobs, some have had to temporarily close businesses, some are guiding children through remote learning, and everyone has had to live our day-to-day life very differently than we are used to.

"Thank you for continuing to do what you're doing - staying home, practicing physical distancing, wearing cloth face coverings, and self-isolating and self-quarantining when

necessary. Engaging in these practices is making a difference, and we will get to the other side of this together."

Downey residents - and all of L.A. County - are under order to shelter at home until at least May 15.

The public is required to wear a face covering to enter essential businesses as well. Beaches, trails and trailheads and non-essential businesses remain closed, and all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside the home remain prohibited.

Garcetti embraces Twitter

With borders blurred, residents turn to L.A. mayor's Twitter feed for updates.

By Sabrina Picou
Contributor

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has been faced with a challenge, serving L.A. during a global pandemic. Similar to Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, Garcetti has turned to social media to inform the public regularly.

The mayor has been using Twitter to post the latest updates for the city of L.A. regarding Covid-19 and other news related to the coronavirus pandemic.

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HOMETOWN HEROES



TFCF Inc., a Santa Fe Springs-based clothing manufacturer, has pivoted to creating masks during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

The locally-owned company has donated to more than 30 different local governments, including the Downey Police Department. They've also donated to churches, schools, and community service organizations.

Governor sets guidelines for re-opening

There is no timetable for when the economy could re-open but plans are being put in place.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — California Gov. Gavin Newsom this week outlined six indicators that he said will lead to the reopening of society and the economy for the golden state.

The indicators are part of what Newsom described as “the next phase,” in which the transition from surge to suppression – ultimately on the way to herd immunity and vaccine – would take place.

“This phase is one where science, where public health – not politics – must be the guide,”

said Newsom.

The indicators include:

The ability to monitor and protect communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed;

The ability to prevent infection in people who are at risk for more severe COVID-19;

The ability of the hospital and health systems to handle surges;

The ability to develop therapeutics to meet the demand;

The ability for businesses, schools, and childcare facilities to support physical distancing; and

The ability to determine when to reinstitute certain measures, such as the stay-at-home orders,

if necessary.

Though he acknowledged that many are eager to be released from their homes, Newsom did not offer a specific timetable of when an order release might happen.

“That decision making is predicated again on our ability to answer all of those questions in the appropriate manner,” said Newsom.

“At the end of the day – I’ve said this before – localism is determinative. We have a state vision, but it will be realized at the local level.”

“Local governments, local counties, local health directors will have a profound and outsized influence on our capacity to deliver on this next iteration in terms of our planning.”

He added that there “is no light switch here,” describing it as “an imperfect science” with “no playbook.”

“Look we got to this point where we did not – at least at the moment – the worst case as it relates to the surge because you all did it together,” said Newsom. “We moved not just quickly, but we moved thoughtfully as a state.”

“As we begin to transition out of this, it’s incumbent that we take that same spirit of collaboration, cooperation, that guiding spirit of unity and commonwealth, as we process into this next phase.”

Mayor Comments

Later that day during Downey’s regularly scheduled council meeting, Mayor Blanca Pacheco commended those in her city who have remained diligent in staying home as much as possible, while also pleading with those who were not as compliant to follow the required



Gov. Gavin Newsom

protocol.

“It is because of your efforts that we are expected to peak this week, meaning that after we peak we will see a downward trend as to the numbers of infected individuals,” said Pacheco.

“We need to continue what we’re doing. For those that are not abiding by the orders, I ask that you abide by the

orders...we all need to practice social distancing. We all need to continue practicing good hygiene.”

“I know this has been tough for many of us...but I want everybody to know that what we are doing today is making a difference, it is making an impact, and by staying home we are saving lives.”

Drive-thru testing site opens in Bellflower

BELLFLOWER — A drive-up Covid-19 testing site opened in Bellflower on Wednesday, making it the closest testing site to Downey.

Any resident of Los Angeles County who is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 is eligible for testing, which is done by appointment only.

“This new drive-up site in Bellflower will improve access to testing for residents in southeast LA County and give us a better understanding of the spread of this virus in these communities,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn.

“I want to thank Mayor Juan Garza for his leadership as well

as the southeast city leaders who have been advocating for a local testing site and helped us get it done.

“If you have symptoms of Covid-19, you can make an appointment online for this new site in Bellflower or at any of the 27 testing sites established across LA County.”

The testing site will be located at the parking structure of the Bellflower Civic Center located at 16600 Civic Center Drive. The site was developed through a joint effort between the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, and the City of Bellflower.

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia said the Bellflower testing site is critical for southeast Los Angeles County.

“The Southeast has some of the worst air quality and many environmental hazards like lead in the country. We know this is exacerbating the health problems associated with Covid-19,” said Garcia.

“I’m happy that, together, we will be able to ensure that people in the Southeast have access to drive-through testing and that more facilities and resources will continue to be extending in this region.”



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Crime Report

•On April 6 at approximately 7 p.m., a juvenile female victim was at the Columbia Sports Center Park when she was approached by an unknown juvenile male suspect, who asked to use her phone. The victim gave the suspect her phone and the suspect ran away.

The victim went home and told her mother and they went out looking for the suspect and located him at Brookshire Park with two other male subjects. They confronted the suspect and he removed a firearm from his front waistband and waved it in the air. The victim and her mother called police and when officers arrived, the suspect and his male companion fled.

Officers set up a containment and the suspects were caught as they were running through backyards of residences. One suspect broke his leg after jumping from a fence and was taken to the hospital where he needed surgery. The other male was apprehended as he ran into the Brookshire apartments and tackled to the ground by officers. He was booked for robbery and a replica firearm was recovered from a backyard.

•On April 7 at approximately 6:15 p.m., a group of approximately 100 gathered to the front of Calvary Chapel for their court ordered AA, Domestic Violence, and Anger Management courses that were postponed due to the Covid-19 epidemic. The agitated individuals were denied entry into the church and asked by staff to leave the premises. They refused and Police were requested. Officers ordered the group to leave the property, per the staff's request, and they complied without incident.

•On April 8 at approximately 8:15 a.m., officers responded to the 12000 block of Bellflower Blvd. regarding a Death Investigation. An adult male Downey resident was found unresponsive and bleeding from the nose by a family member as they woke. Downey Fire attempted to revive the male but ultimately pronounced him

dead. There were no signs of a crime or foul play. Detectives and a forensic technician responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The Coroner's Office responded and took possession of the deceased male.

•On April 9 at approximately 9 a.m., City staff discovered that unknown suspect(s) removed a lock box from a storage container at the Barbara J. Riley Center, where cases of toilet paper for the city are stored. The suspect(s) stole 4 cases of toilet paper from the container valued at \$220. There were no signs of forced entry. This is the second theft from that facility in the past two weeks. Detectives are investigating.

•On April 9 at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers responded to the 8200 block of Firestone Blvd. regarding a found child, a 7-year-old female. Officers were unable to locate her parents and transported her to the station. The juvenile had multiple injuries

that appeared to be from abuse and was brought to Downey PIH for medical treatment. Detectives were notified and handled the investigation. The mother, a Downey resident, later called to report the juvenile missing. The mother and her live-in girlfriend were arrested for felony child abuse. Department of Children and Family Services responded to assist.

•On April 10 at approximately 6 p.m., officers located a felony vehicle that was wanted out of Long Beach. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted at Firestone and Brookshire. Three occupants were detained and Long Beach Police responded to handle the investigation.

•On April 12 at approximately 6:55 p.m., the male adult victim was riding his bicycle in the area of Downey and Florence. The suspect approached the victim and shoved him off the bicycle. The suspect took the victim's bicycle and road away. The suspect was located by officers at Brookshire and Florence and the bicycle was recovered. The male suspect was arrested for robbery.



Did you see him?

Residents Kandy, David, and John Grzebyk decorated their van and helped the Easter Bunny cruise around the city last weekend. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

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Residents turn to Twitter where Eric Garcetti provides daily pandemic updates

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He has increased his social media presence and many people are turning to his tweets to get the absolute latest news.

Garcetti is tweeting daily on information surrounding the virus. His tweets include information on new city wide orders, business closures, testing information and live briefings. His followers are responding to his tweets and they are not getting direct responses.

On March 31 at 6:40 p.m. Garcetti tweeted, "We are expanding testing across L.A. County and opening new sites so that everyone can access COVID-19 tests. Our registration portal is now available in collaboration with the @CountyofLA. If you are eligible, please make an appointment at <http://Coronavirus.LACity.org/Testing>."

If someone has symptoms of Covid-19 or has been prevented

from working due to contact with someone with Covid-19 then they are eligible for testing according to the mayor's tweet. There are now 22 testing locations provided by L.A. County and they have since tested 37,000 people.

L.A. County's population is over 10 million people as of the 2018 U.S. Census Bureau report. According to the same report, 70.8% of people in L.A. County identify as White and 48.6% of people identify as Hispanic or Latino.

Currently, the county is on a Safer at Home order issued by as of March 19. Angelenos have been ordered to stay at home when possible and to only leave their homes for essentials such as grocery or pharmacy pick-ups.

Restaurants in L.A. County are now pick-up and/or delivery only as dine-in eating is not allowed at this time. On April 10, Garcetti tweeted that the city of L.A. has extended its Safer at Home order to May 15.

Prior to using his @MayorOfLA Twitter account for primarily updating people on the latest news surrounding COVID-19, Garcetti used his mayor Twitter account for other topics such as discussing projects for the L.A. river and the city's progress on the issue of homelessness. After March 7 the mayor's Twitter account has remained focused on reporting on COVID-19.

Garcetti also has a personal Twitter account (@ericgarcetti) in which his bio reads, "Angeleno. Public Servant. Mayor. Not paid for, sponsored by, or hosted by city of L.A. Ads paid for by the DVF. Tweets from Mayor Garcetti signed EG." Within the last month, there were no tweets signed EG.

Garcetti has been highly active on his @MayorOfLATwitter account. In the last week of March alone (from March 25-31) he tweeted, not including retweets, a total of 64 times. His first tweet on April 3 was at 12:08 p.m. later that day, 10 tweets later his last tweet was at 7:39 p.m.

On a particularly more active day such as April 1 when he tweeted 15 times that day his first tweet was posted was at 10:35 a.m. and at 8:20 p.m. he tweeted his last tweet for the day. However, none of these tweets were signed EG and it is unclear

who is actually tweeting these.

L.A. is currently at 10,075 confirmed cases and 366 deaths as of this writing, Garcetti has been tweeting daily to the people of L.A. and his followers on Twitter around the world. Many who were not used to seeing the mayor's posts are now used to seeing his posts daily. Like Gov. Cuomo, the mayor of L.A. has begun to receive more popularity on social media since his increased activity during the global pandemic.

"I have noticed his presence more on social media since the pandemic. I see him popping up on my feed a lot more because Angelenos need to see what actions he's taking during the crisis and we need updates more often from him because things are constantly changing every hour. A lot more people even outside L.A. are definitely paying more attention to him because he's made major moves that calls for everyone's attention," Sasha Padilla, a Downey, CA resident said.

His tweets have received many replies and people asking Garcetti questions with their concerns during the pandemic.

Tweets like: "All 'essential' employees should also be receiving hazard pay, instead of being told they can just quit if they aren't happy. Please protect ALL Los Angeles citizens, especially the most vulnerable," from @LaurenAshbury.

And tweets like: "Mr. Mayor, if you are expanding so that 'everyone' can have access to tests, then why is there an eligibility requirement?" from @s3v3Rouss3au.

Garcetti is not responding to his constituent's inquiries, at least not on Twitter. The mayor is, however, continuing



Eric Garcetti

to inform his followers on steps people should be taking to ensure their safety as well as informing Angelenos on new policies being put in place during the pandemic. He is using Twitter to ask his followers to join him for live briefings in which he discusses the latest information surrounding COVID-19.

On March 30, Garcetti tweeted, "We have seen images of dangerously crowded farmers markets -- so I'm announcing the temporary suspension of farmers markets pending City review of physical distancing plans needed to keep communities safe. We will review plans immediately so markets can stay open this week." The mayor responded to no one.

Twitter is a fast and accessible platform for the Mayor's Office to utilize during this time especially when many people don't know where to turn to for information surrounding COVID-19.

On April 2 Garcetti tweeted that he is now urging the people of L.A. to wear face covering in efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. In an Instagram post from April 1 urging the use of face masks Garcetti's caption stated, "Early data suggests many who

are infected with COVID-19 are not symptomatic, which is why we are recommending you use cloth face coverings plus physical distancing for essential activities. Do not use surgical and N95 masks, which are reserved for first responders and medical workers." Since face masks have become increasingly difficult to find many have begun making their own out of cloth materials or are using bandanas.

Since then the mayor has been seen wearing a cloth face mask in photos in his tweets and also changed his Twitter profile photo to a photo of himself wearing a black cloth face mask to reinforce the official city guidance that was issued.

The people of L.A. are responding to the tweets sent out by Garcetti's mayor account but they are not being responded to. In a time of crisis, his constituents and followers are asking for answers to their inquiries.

As every day regarding the coronavirus is a minute-by-minute scenario his next tweet about Covid-19 remains a mystery.

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The struggle between government power and personal liberty

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

During the past month, as Americans have been terrified of the coronavirus, another demon has been lurking ready to pounce. It is a demon of our own creation. It is the now amply manifested inability of elected officials to resist the temptation of totalitarianism. And it is slowly bringing about the death of personal liberty in our once free society.

It is one thing for public officials to use a bully pulpit to educate and even intimidate the populace into a prudent awareness of basic sanitary behaviors — even those which go against our nature — to impede the spread of the virus. It is quite another to contend that their suggestions and intimidations and guidelines somehow have the force of the law behind them.

They don't.

The government in America — at both the federal and state levels — is divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. This separation of powers was crafted at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 after heated debate. The essence of the debate was this: how to establish a government strong enough to protect individual liberty but not so strong as to enable the government to destroy it. James Madison and his colleagues devised the separation of powers to keep power from accumulating in one branch.

The legislative branch writes the laws, and the executive enforces them, and the judiciary interprets them and articulates what they mean. The president cannot write laws. The courts cannot enforce them. And Congress cannot interpret them. When Congress has gotten lazy or presidents have gotten ambitious and we've seen presidential lawmaking, the courts have struck it down. Stated differently, the separation of powers is core to our freedoms and the courts have consistently ruled that core functions assigned by the Constitution to each branch cannot be ceded away to another branch.

The same is the case for the states, as each state's constitution mimics the U.S. Constitution and mandates separation. The separation is not mandated to protect the prerogatives of each branch. It is mandated to protect individual liberty by preventing any branch from accumulating power assigned to the others.

This has been Madison's genius. It has become Madison's sorrow.

These "orders" — stay at home, close your business, don't run in the park, don't go to Mass, practice social distancing — are not laws that can carry a criminal penalty for violation. They are guidelines, without the force of law. A governor or mayor can no more craft a law and assign a punishment for its noncompliance than the courts could command the military or police.

Even if legislative bodies did order churches and businesses closed, and governors and mayors were just enforcing those laws, the laws would be profoundly unconstitutional. The Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment firmly establishes freedom of religion as a fundamental liberty and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment firmly establishes your right to purchase a lawful product in interstate commerce from a willing

seller as fundamental.

Fundamental liberties are in the highest category of liberty, akin to freedom of conscience and speech and press and privacy and travel.

Let's say you are at a big-box store looking for groceries and other items. The government cannot constitutionally limit your choices to food and paper towels if you prefer to buy grass seed and a garden hose. These are intimate personal decisions. You need not explain or justify them to the government and you don't need a government permission slip to exercise your free will and make those choices.

Until now.

Now, we have become a nation of sheep. We have elected officials with constitutionally assigned duties — and constitutionally imposed limitations — who have assumed to themselves dictatorial powers and have falsely claimed that they can interfere with our personal choices. Who are the governors to decide which human activities are essential? Abortion is essential but Mass is not? No constitution gave them that power.

There are two schools of thought on the impairment of fundamental liberties. One requires strict scrutiny and the other requires due process. The strict scrutiny standard mandates the existence of a compelling state interest addressed by the least restrictive means. The procedural due process standard mandates a trial at which the state must prove fault or guilt. The substantive due process standard puts certain personal decisions beyond governmental reach.

Closing churches meets no constitutional standard. There is no question that fighting a pandemic is a compelling state interest, yet there are far less restrictive ways to address it than preventing worship. Wearing masks and gloves, staying 10 feet apart, holding Mass outdoors, even taking a personal risk and then self-quarantining are far less restrictive and constitutionally offensive than closing churches.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio violated his oath to uphold the Constitution when he threatened to use force to close permanently all houses of worship that defied his guidelines. And a small-town police department in northern New Jersey exquisitely violated the constitutional rights of Catholics — while enforcing the ever-changing whims of Gov. Phil Murphy. The police claimed they were following the governor's orders when they barred a priest on Palm Sunday from distributing palms in sealed plastic bags while he and each parishioner wore masks and gloves and were six feet apart in the fresh outdoors.

Enough is enough.

The employment of government power to assault personal liberty and cut constitutional corners is never justified in a free society, no matter the exigency. The Constitution protects our rights in good times and in bad. Those in power who steal freedom are unworthy of office. But don't expect them to give us our freedoms back. We will need to pry it away from their cold and covetous hands.

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

The U.S. Postal Service is in trouble and it deserves a bailout

By Sarah Anderson

The U.S. Postal Service plays a vital role in our nation's health and stability at this time of crisis. Unfortunately, it's financially strapped — and got just crumbs in the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package recently passed by Congress.

President Trump's response? A stream of false accusations.

"They lose money every time they deliver a package for Amazon or these other internet companies," Trump said. "If they'd raise the prices by, actually a lot, then you'd find out that the post office could make money or break even. But they don't do that."

For years now, Trump has repeated the lie that USPS loses money on these deliveries, even though a task force Trump himself commissioned in 2018 contradicted it. In its most recent quarterly statement, USPS reported a 2.3 percent increase in revenue from parcel delivery and increased revenue per package.

The real cause of the Postal Service's immediate financial crisis is the coronavirus pandemic. Mail volumes have plummeted under the economic shutdown, and package delivery profits cannot make up for the loss. USPS management has warned that mail volume and revenue could drop by 50 percent or more this year.

Support for the Postal Service crosses partisan lines. You'd think a bit more compassion might be in order at a time when postal workers are on the frontlines, straining to meet the skyrocketing need for home deliveries of essential goods.

But playing hardball on crisis aid gives Trump and his administration the leverage they've been seeking for years to gut the public Postal Service.

The crumbs in the stimulus law amount to \$10 billion in additional debt, subject to conditions imposed by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. By contrast, House Democrats had proposed a \$25 billion cash infusion to prevent the Postal Service from possible collapse.

Frivolous litigators bite the hands that care for them

By Veronique de Rugy

In good economic times, the burdens of big government and excessive regulation are easy for many to ignore. When the system comes under heavy strain, however, those costs quickly become intolerable.

That's why, even as freedoms are being restricted to unprecedented degrees in hopes of slowing the spread of COVID-19, politicians are also lifting regulations that hinder economic activity. These rules and mandates have always been counterproductive, but only now are their costs glaring enough to compel action.

Perhaps the same will prove true once politicians spot the coming lawsuit tsunami. As Manhattan civil lawyer Elizabeth Eilender remarked to the New York Post, "You could teach several law school courses based just on all the different kinds of cases that will come out of this. There are going to be a million lawsuits."

Even though many, if not most, of these suits are likely to be frivolous, their sheer volume will significantly raise the costs of future economic recovery.

But there are also ill effects today. The threat of the lawsuits might obstruct the response of medical professionals who are fighting on the front lines against COVID-19. Indeed, we can predict that many of these lawsuits will target health care workers who are forced by medical circumstances to quickly make tough decisions, including how to ration care or which makeshift machinery could be used to treat as many patients as possible. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act has a section protecting volunteer health care workers from liability. Several states — including New York, New Jersey and Michigan — have also recently issued executive orders or passed legislation to protect doctors, nurses and other hospital staff from frivolous lawsuits.

But every type of business will be vulnerable, too. If we're in for anything akin to the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, unscrupulous trial lawyers will test legal boundaries and attempt to apply standards of care that were designed for normal times to businesses and professionals now facing unprecedented emergency circumstances. Of course, nobody can reasonably expect every business to have all of the necessary medical supplies on hand and worker training already in place to immediately respond to such a rare and unanticipated pandemic.

Health care professionals and businesses are both worried. For instance, COVID-19 has hit seniors disproportionately, and nursing

in the final law, USPS competitors Fedex and UPS got a much better deal than the Postal Service. Under the airline bailout, both of these companies are eligible for a portion of the \$4 billion in cash assistance for payroll support and another \$4 billion in loans and loan guarantees for air cargo carriers.

While Mnuchin's loan conditions are not public, they likely echo recommendations from the 2018 task force he chaired, which included partial privatization, draconian cuts to wages and services, and elimination of employee collective bargaining rights.

Unlike many other industries, the Postal Service cannot furlough workers and still achieve its essential mission. Like health care professionals and emergency responders, postal workers are essential to our public health because their deliveries make it possible for people to stay at home and not spread the virus.

Millions of people are relying on them to deliver medications and other essential goods, as well as the stimulus checks they're waiting for to help cover their bills. Come November, postal workers will also be needed to protect the integrity of our election system by facilitating vote by mail.

Without the Postal Service's network of 157 million daily delivery points and 35,000 post offices, there would be no way to carry out these essential activities. Jacking up package delivery rates now, as Trump is demanding, would harm postal customers, particularly in rural areas — just when they need these services most.

Postal workers are rising to the challenge of a crisis unlike any we've ever experienced. The last thing they need is for the president to dismiss the gravity of the Postal Service's financial situation.

The American Postal Workers Union has organized a petition demanding urgent financial support for USPS. Trump and Congress must heed their call and save our public Postal Service — and the many businesses and families that depend on it.

homes have become a significant target of these attorneys. Recently, the Florida Health Care Association urged Gov. Ron DeSantis to provide legal immunity to protect facilities and their workers from lawsuits that attempt to hold them liable for the harm spread suddenly by this virus.

Beyond the immediate impact, these medical malpractice lawsuits would also have long-term consequences, since studies show that they raise the cost of health care. According to estimates examined by my Mercatus Center colleagues Jared Rhoads and Robert Graboyes, because of fears of being sued, physicians resort to a form of defensive medicine that consists of doing more than is strictly necessary to treat a patient, at an aggregate cost ranging between \$650 to \$850 billion per year.

Extraordinary circumstances make these problems even more obvious. In 2002, Congress passed the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act to protect airlines, airplane manufacturers and other industries hit hard by 9/11 from needless suits. Part of the concern was that investment in anti-terrorism technology and procedures would be stunted by the uncertainty created by a lack of case law establishing reasonable standards of care.

Pandemics are similarly infrequent, and as this one unfolds, the last thing we should want is medical professionals worrying about unwarranted lawsuits instead of delivering the best care possible under seemingly impossible circumstances.

Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., has already released a bill — the Health Care Workforce Protection Act — to provide liability protection to manufacturers of masks and respirators, as well as to other professionals fighting COVID-19.

With the pandemic bringing the U.S. economy to its weakest state in decades, it's crucial that protections are quickly put in place to prevent a climate of excessive legal uncertainty and fear that threatens to slow recovery and prolong suffering.

But policymakers shouldn't stop there. The tort system, we must always remember, provides a crucial economic service by adjudicating legitimate conflicts between private parties. That said, it can be abused and end up stunting, rather than facilitating, commerce. Permanent, constitutional-minded tort reform will prevent a scramble to enact protections following the next unexpected event.

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Trash pickup

Dear Editor:

As a resident of our beautiful city, I realized an increase in trash pickup fees during Covid-19. Good timing.

I am asking our City Council to initiate a study by city staff or a consultant to find an alternative to track pickup cycles for single-family homes.

For example, if we increase pickup cycles to every other week or every 12, 17 or 18 days for each separate item (green, trash and recyclables), we wouldn't need pickups all at once. I checked my neighbor's containers and found them less than half empty with weekly pickups.

My objective is to protect us from future fee increases and to reduce negative environmental impacts from emissions, noise, traffic congestion, etc.

Moustafa Elsherif
Downey

Have fabric? Downey woman on a mission to make masks

Rosalind Cook is on a mission to make critically-needed masks. She could use fabric donations.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — A local resident is trying to do her part to help medical workers during the coronavirus pandemic but she says she might need a little bit of help in the process.

Rosalind Cook has spent the last few weeks sewing medical masks, with the intention of donating them to the medical workers currently on the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19.

She got the idea from a Facebook group, and soon got to work.

"A teacher I used to work with was on it, so I kind of inquired what they were doing," said Cook. "They sent me the pattern - I guess it's a pattern that JoAnne's fabric store was also supplying to people - so I started to make them."

Her first attempt to donate was turned away, however it wasn't long before Cook was connected to those who could accept her hand-made masks.

It was enough to get the ball rolling.

"Last week I delivered 55 to Long Beach Miller Children's Hospital," said Cook. "And then I have, just through family,

somebody else who works with PIH in Whittier. She works in the offices and she asked me for 10."

That 10 led to another 50. Long Beach Memorial would get 10 after. She's also given some out to family and friends. In total, she's made hundreds of masks.

She says she plans to continue "as long as it's needed," however the purchase of the fabric is getting a little costly.

"I kind of on faith asked family and friends, 'Do you have any extra fabric lying around,'" said Cook. "I've had a couple of people drop off some fabric for me."

"I don't want to ask for money from anyone, just if they have fabric I can use, then I'll use it."

Still, she continues to sew.

Cook says that while her masks "aren't a replacement for the real masks," they can be worn over a proper mask to extend its use.

She says that medical workers are the priority.

"The nurses of course are the priority, because they're the ones saving everyone's life," said Cook. "I would rather nursing homes, anything like that...I don't really know who to contact, without driving to hospitals and asking them, which I don't really want to do."

She doesn't know if her masks have been used yet, but that doesn't matter. Her endeavor has given her purpose.



Rosalind Cook has made hundreds of masks for local hospitals.

"I feel like anything I can do...I'm happy doing it," said Cook. "It's a hobby, I guess. I enjoy sewing, and I haven't sewn for a while. I thought, I have fabric here, and it's something I can do to help, and I hope it's helping someone."

"At this time, it's a hard time for everyone. We don't know where it's going, and every little thing helps."

My post-quarantine to-do list

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

•Get reacquainted with my keyboard at work: Nothing against the family computer, but its keyboard feels clunky and chunky. I miss how much my work computer seemed to flow with me as I wrote. Does that even make sense?

• Go to Dave and Busters with my mom, uncle, and aunt: Clean out the Yahtzee game while my uncle clears the last few letters on Wheel of Fortune. Make fun of my mom and aunt for their serious lack of tickets when compared to me; buy them whatever they want from the prize booth anyways. Awkwardly try to avoid the waitress I flirted with who never returned my call.

•Schedule a shave and a haircut at Pride Barbershop: The shave is for stress-management. The haircut is for the topiary I've started to grow on top of my head.

• Try to start dating again: Hey, it could happen...

• Volunteer to lead singing the first Sunday that church is reinstated: Our song before the Lord's supper will be song number 511. Song 5-1-1. "Oft we come together." We'll be singing all of its verses. If you all have it, shall we sing?

• Go to Disneyland: Hug the first cast member I see. If I'm being totally honest, I'll probably cry the first time I walk down Main Street, USA again.

• Spend time with Emma and Ethan: My niece and nephew, ages nine and three. Those kids have some serious hugs and kisses headed their way, and they're just

going to have to put up with it. I'll never take the fact that they live just around the corner for granted again.

•Embrace my best friends in an awkwardly-long hug: Hey Britt, Ryan, Nancy...just giving you the heads up, m'kay?

• Attend a City Council meeting: Did I just say that?

• Go Bowling with my mom: I miss our weekly mother / son dates on Thursdays. I'm sure my game has regressed a substantial

amount by this point (not that I was ever good to begin with).

• Go to the gym: Okay, seriously...this time, I mean it.

• Go collectible hunting: Finding that rare figure on Amazon just doesn't have the same feeling of victory as finding the last one on the shelf at Target.

• (Speaking of collectibles) Build-a-Bear: Has Baby Yoda been released yet?

• Attend a Dodger Game: I miss baseball. I need baseball. This was supposed to be my first year as a season ticket holder.

• Chat and joke around with my coworkers during slow points in the office: I'm pretty sure my editor's headphones are on already.

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Kaiser reaches deal with union to improve worker benefits

DOWNEY — An agreement with healthcare giant Kaiser Permanente will ease some of the major burdens facing workers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, including assistance with child care and temporary shelter, and extra leave for workers who are tested or diagnosed with COVID-19.

The measures provide support for 80,000 workers who are members of the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, including full-time, part-time and per-diem employees.

The agreement focuses on three key areas:

CHILD-CARE ASSISTANCE: With schools closed, many healthcare employees are having difficulty finding affordable child care. Under the agreement, Kaiser employees who work 32 hours a week or more in a KP facility will be eligible for a grant of \$300 per week to pay for child care for children 14 or younger (and disabled, dependent children).

It can be used to pay for their own caregiver (as long as they are not a spouse or domestic partner) or to find child care outside of the

home.

The stipend will last until May 31, 2020 and will be pro-rated for employees who work between 20 and 32 hours (including per-diem employees) with a minimum of \$210 a week.

TEMPORARY SHELTER: Kaiser will work with several hotel chains to provide alternative shelter for employees who:

Test positive for COVID-19

Work a double shift;

Work multiple 12-hour shifts;

Have fewer than 8 hours between shifts; or

Have a household member who either has COVID-19 or is in a CDC-defined vulnerable group.

Eligibility applies to all employees working at least 20 hours per week (including per-diem employees) at a KP facility between April 13 and May 31, 2020.

regardless of the world's troubles. Focusing on the beauty today, And the endurance," Kauffman wrote.

Glenna Goodacre

Renowned sculptor and painter Glenna Goodacre, who created the Vietnam Women's Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., has died. She was 80.

Family members said Goodacre died of natural causes Monday night at her Santa Fe home. News of her death was posted to the Instagram page of Harry Connick Jr., who is married to her daughter, Jill Connick.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, Goodacre was known mainly for her sculptures. Her work included the Irish Memorial in Philadelphia and the Sacagawea Dollar Coin.

She is survived by her husband, children and five grandchildren.

"She was warm, caring, funny, positive and driven," said her son, Tim. "She loved to encourage and support our adventures in life, especially travel, career and of course, artistic ambition. I was fortunate to be her son."

Ceybil Jefferies

Singer Ceybil Jefferies who found success in genres like house music and R&B in the 1990s with hits like "So Special" and "Old Times Sake," has passed away after being diagnosed with coronavirus.

Born Sybil Jefferies, the Brooklyn native's death was confirmed by friends on social media and by producer Salaam Remi on April 10.

Jefferies was signed to Atlantic Records in the 90s and made a name for herself as a powerful vocalist in house music with the release of her debut album Let Music Take Control in 1991. Her breakout single "So Special" was a bonafide hit as well as "Open Your Heart" which landed in the Top 20 of Billboard's Dance Clubs Chart the same year.

Jefferies continued to release music into the 2000s but her health began to decline. She was diagnosed with neurosarcoidosis, an inflammatory disease that affects multiple organs in the body, but

EIGHTY ADDITIONAL HOURS OF LEAVE: Employees working at a KP facility more than 20 hours a week (including per-diem employees) who test positive for Covid-19 will receive up to 80 hours of administrative leave.

This is above and beyond regularly accrued leave. Employees who are sent home from Kaiser and are awaiting a test result will also be covered.

"As healthcare workers in the middle of this pandemic, we know our duty is to our patients and the community, and we take that duty very seriously. But we can only give our best if we know our own lives and our families are protected as well," said Juanita Kamhoo, who works in surgical services at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center in Clackamas, OR.

"This agreement will make a real difference at a time when we need every healthcare worker on the job and focused on taking care of COVID-19 patients."

mostly the lungs making it difficult to breathe. Jefferies also lost her vision to the disease.

Willie Davis

NFL Hall of Famer Willie Davis died on Wednesday at age 85, according to the Green Bay Packers.

The pro football player "passed away peacefully" after spending about a month in the hospital with kidney failure, the Packers said.

Davis -- who became the first black captain for the Packers in 1965 -- spent 10 years with the Wisconsin team, from 1960 to 1969.

In his 138 games with the Packers, Davis never missed a single one.

His accolades as a player are numerous. A defensive end, Davis was a 5-time Pro Bowl choice and 5-time Associated Press All-Pro. He also led the Packers to two Super Bowl wins, in 1966 and 1967.

"The Green Bay Packers Family was saddened today to learn about the passing of Willie Davis," said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy in a statement. "One of the great defensive players of his era, Willie was a significant contributor to the Packers' five NFL championship teams during the 1960s."

After 12 years in the league, Davis was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 1975, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981. He also served on the Packers' board of directors from 1994 to 2005.

Danny Goldman

Danny Goldman, a veteran actor who voiced the character of Brainy Smurf in the popular 1980s animated series "The Smurfs," has died, his longtime agent Doug Ely confirmed.

Goldman was 80 years old.

He died Sunday in Los Angeles following a pair of strokes he suffered at the beginning of the year, according to Ely.

Ely said Goldman was a friend as well as a business associate and called the actor "truly one of a kind" who loved baseball, their weekly poker game and animals, including cats and "fostering dog after dog after dog."

"Lord knows how many cats he actually had," Ely said. "But I think his biggest passion was the actors. He was always a champion for the actor."

Born Daniel Goldman in New York City, he scored small parts in the 1960s and early 1970s on shows including "General Hospital," "Mash" and "Room 222."

From 1971 to 1972 he played the role of Nick Dutton on the TV series "The Good Life."

But it was his memorable scene as a medical student whose incessant questions drives Gene Wilder's mad in the 1974 film "Young Frankenstein," which helped to put Goldman more on Hollywood's radar.

OBITUARIES

Donna Kauffman

Donna Kauffman, best-selling romance writer of more than 70 novels and a USA Today contributor, has died at age 60, her publisher announced Wednesday.

Kauffman, whose novels were translated and published in 26 countries, died April 9 of pancreatic cancer, according to a statement from Kensington Publishing.

"Donna had a special gift for telling tender, uplifting stories while offering a uniquely insightful glimpse at the human condition," Kauffman's book editor, Alicia Condon, said in the statement. "She made a world where every character was important and where love always wins the day."

Kauffman leaves behind two sons, and, in the words of her publisher "hundreds of delightfully relatable characters, and legions of readers whose lives were touched by her humorous and heartwarming fiction."

Her last Facebook post on March 23 featured flowers blooming in spring.

"Some things are all-enduring. Like Spring. It will come

In Memory of

Betty Stephens

January 5, 1926 - March 16, 2020



Betty Stephens was born January 5, 1926 in Madison, WI. In 1933, her family moved to So. California just as the earthquake devastated Long Beach. They settled in Huntington Park where Betty graduated in 1944. After the war, she was introduced to her future husband, John Stephens, also a H.P. grad. They married in 1948 and moved to Phoenix for John's work. Their first child, John III was born in Phoenix in 1951. Back to California where they purchased a new home in Downey. In 1953 their daughter, Susie was born followed by Judi in 1960. In 1988, the retired couple moved to Rancho Mirage, CA. Very much the happy wanderer, Betty planned many trips all over the world. After her husband passed away in 2003, Betty continued to travel to China, Alaska and Ireland. When asked if she had any missing trip on her bucket list, she mentioned Machu Picchu. We hope she stopped by for a visit on her way to heaven after passing away at age 94 on March 16, 2020 in Palm Desert, CA. Betty is survived by her son, John Stephens III, daughter Susie Erickson (David), daughter Judi Sutton (David) and grandchildren, Aimie, Parker, Miles and Linnet. She will be buried along side her husband at Riverside National Cemetery.

In Memory of

Eunice Hammond

July 11, 1925 - April 2, 2020



Eunice grew up in Farmington, Maine, on a farm with her three sisters. She attended a one-room schoolhouse with 10-20 students until she went to high school in Farmington, then graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Business Administration and had a career as an accountant. "wanderlust" brought her and some friends to California in the late 50's.

Eunice Hammond, a beloved Friend of the Downey City Library and long-time member of their board serving as treasurer and president recently moved up to Washington State to be near family. Her love of libraries has been reflected in her years of volunteer work with our library here in Downey working in the Friend's Book Store along with years of involvement with Downey Meals on Wheels.

Eunice succumbed to injuries from a ruptured brain aneurysm on April 2, 2020. She is survived by her sisters Rowena Swain and Ramona Russell both of Maine plus many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews who fondly called her "Aunt Eu". She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

In Memory of

Julian Gutierrez

January 14, 1992 - March 30, 2020



Julian Gutierrez was born at Cedars Sinai on January 14, 1992 and was raised in Downey. He received the Sacred Sacrament of Baptism at St. Raymond's Church. He built a solid foundation of Christian character during the years he studied at the Kirkwood Christian School. He was a member of Troop 2, initially participating in the Cub Scout program, then in the following years, with the mentoring of many caring adults, he advanced to the level of Life Scout.

Instilled early on with the passion to serve others, he enlisted with The Few, The Proud, The United States Marine Corps. He was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Expert Rifle Qualification Badge, and the USMC Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged after serving four years during Operation Enduring Freedom. He continued his service to our country by serving in the Ready Reserves.

A generous and caring individual to those less fortunate, Julian traveled to a shelter in Tijuana housing deported US Veterans to deliver hope and needed supplies.

Julian attended Junior College, obtained a certificate as an EMT, and was working toward a dual degree in Nutrition and Kinesiology. He took great care to live a healthy life and encouraged his friends and family members to do the same, often buying them supplements and vitamins, and putting together personalized diet and exercise plans.

His love of reading was encouraged at an early age. He astonished many with his photographic memory, his capacity to recite facts, and to prepare cogent arguments. He had a special sense of humor and great timing.

Julian was an only child and is survived by his mother, stepfather, grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a large extended family, as well as a handful of special friends who have brought so much comfort to the family. He is preceded in death by his father and grandparents. The love we shared with Julian will always be connected in our hearts.

Tragically, while on a day trip to Rosarito, on the night of March 30, he became one of the many victims of the senseless violence sweeping across Mexico.

In Memory of

James "Jim" Fai Lau

January 13, 1940 - March 27, 2020



James Fai Lau ("Jim"), 80, passed away on Friday morning, March 27, 2020 in his home in Downey, California.

Born in 1940 in Guangdong, China, Jim came to the U.S. and earned his Bachelor of Science in engineering from California State University of Long Beach.

He married his longtime sweetheart, Elaine, in August of 1965. They settled in Downey, where he spent the next 40 years building a successful dry cleaning and laundry business, including longtime ownership of Rose Cleaners in Downey and D.L. Gin Laundry in the city of Bell.

Jim was an avid gardener and a consummate chef. He could frequently be found either cheering on the Lakers from his favorite recliner; tending to his rose bushes, fruit trees, or beloved koi and goldfish; or strolling around the block greeting his neighbors and friends. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and adored by his five grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife Elaine; his four adult children Cindy (husband Kenji), Vickie (husband Wayne), Jackie (husband John), and Alex (wife Grace); five grandchildren: Braden, Aria, Camden, Alana, and Tristan; and sister Sue Wong and her husband Ray, and their children and grandchildren.

The family is holding a private burial service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), in memory of James Fai Lau.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 18-05 - Tweedy Lane Street Improvement Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists, pavement rehabilitation on Tweedy Lane from Florence Avenue to Suva Street, as shown on the contract plans. This project includes reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete leveling course, base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes the construction of new curb and gutter, removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and sandrels, sidewalk, driveway approaches and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvement in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled as Capital Improvement Project No. 18-05.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$35.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

The current prevailing wages for Federal projects, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, are included in the specifications of this project. The local prevailing wages, as determined by the State of California, Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.1 are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey. The Contractor for this work shall not pay less than the higher of these prevailing wage determinations, which, in general, is the determination by the State of California. The Contractor for this work shall perform all the basic regulations, requirements and procedures pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act and related prevailing wage statutes, including Title I of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

It is the policy of the City of Downey that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have a maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. The City of Downey hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement; DBEs will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. Goals for minority business enterprise participation have been established for the project. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, the City of Downey has calculated a DBE participation goal for this project of sixteen (16) percent.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CIP NO. 18-05. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, bidder's bond, or cash deposit, payable to the City of Downey, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount base bid as a guarantee that the bidder, should he be successful, will, within ten (10) days after the contract has been mailed or delivered to him or his authorized agent, execute the contract and furnish the necessary bonds. Should a bidder's bond be submitted with any proposal or bid, the bid bond form provided by the City shall be used, and use of substitute forms may disqualify the bid.

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one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished, guaranteeing the faithful performance of said Contract, and a bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished for the protection of all laborers and materialmen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Edwin J. Norris,
 Deputy Director of Public Works
 E-Mail: enorris@downeyca.org
 Tel: (562) 904-7110
 Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot 4/16/20, 4/23/20

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project ("Project" or "Contract"):

BID NO. 19/20-04

REPLACEMENT OF GYMNASIUM ROOF AT WARREN HIGH SCHOOL AND BUILDING "J" ROOF AT COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

The Project consists of:

Furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and services as may be needed to remove existing roofs and installing new roof systems on each building

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractor's license(s): **A, B, and/or C-39**

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.

Contract Documents will be available on or after April 9, 2020, and can be obtained by submitting a request via email to Mr. John Shook, Director, M.O.T. Services, at jshook@dusd.net, or by calling 562-469-6701.

Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p.m., April 28, 2020, at the District Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Office - Room S-4, 11627 Brookshire Avenue Downey California 90241, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Downey Unified School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on April 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at Warren High School, 8141 De Palma Street, Downey, California, 90241. All participants are required to sign in at the front of the Warren High School Administration Building. The site visit is expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions

of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

The successful bidder will be required to certify that it either meets the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") goal of three percent (3%) participation or made a good faith effort to solicit DVBE participation in this Contract if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

This Project is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, and therefore the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, applicable reporting requirements, and any other applicable requirements for federal

funding. This Project is also subject to Buy American requirements.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on:

A. The base bid amount only.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.
 Darren Purselglove
 Director, Purchasing and Warehouse
 Downey Unified School District
 Los Angeles County, State of California

The Downey Patriot 4/9/20, 4/16/20

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWC09084
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KIARA DANIELLA ROSCELLI VALER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
 Date: MAY 6, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
 The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county: **The Downey Patriot**
MARCH 4, 2020
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
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 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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 the abandoned homesteads of exiles.
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 You watched the stylish yachts and ships;
 one of them had a long trip ahead of it,
 while salty oblivion awaited others.
 You've seen the refugees going nowhere,
 you've heard the executioners sing joyfully.
 You should praise the mutilated world.
 Remember the moments when we were together
 in a white room and the curtain fluttered.
 Return in thought to the concert where music flared.
 You gathered acorns in the park in autumn
 and leaves eddied over the earth's scars.
 Praise the mutilated world
 and the gray feather a thrush lost,
 and the gentle light that strays and vanishes
 and returns.

Adam Zagajewski, translated by Clare Cavanagh, World Without End, Macmillan, 2002

Part of the Kraków New Wave of Poets, "I will never write only about birds singing," Zagajewski says "although I greatly admire birdsong." In 2010 he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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Downey service clubs adjust to the times

The Covid-19 pandemic has halted what is normally a busy philanthropic season in Downey.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

Without social gatherings, what's a Society Editor to do?

Society means all of us, collectively. The word derives from the Latin societas, from socius 'companion.' Here in Downey we share the same space and territory, and have certain cultural expectations in common.

So many good people in Downey in so many organizations work tirelessly to better the quality of life for all. And it's been my pleasant task as Society Editor to invite the Patriot's readers to come along when I report these stories.

This spring we should have had the Assisteens Ball, the Arc Walk for Independence, a Kiwanis casino night, and Rancho Foundation's black tie Amistad Gala, all held in the expectation of having a good time while raising essential funds for local causes.

As Society Editor, these festivities are my beat. But I have felt like Cinderella at the stroke of midnight, except in my case, the coach turned to a pumpkin before I ever got to the Ball.

Because of the coronavirus, this spring we have new party rules. No parties.

The Arc has staged an early morning neighborhood walk in late March every year for 25 years. High school bands cheer everyone on. Starting at the Stonewood Mall, the one-mile or three-mile strollers end with a triumphant breakfast for all back at Acapulco Restaurant, and an awesome amount of money is raised for clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. But this year a virtual "spirit walk" was a last minute replacement, that had the organizers scrambling to repurpose their day.

The Greek Church Food

Festival has postponed its weekend of musica, dancing and roast lamb platters, from June to Sept. 12-13. The Downey Rose Float Association put off its charity auction scheduled at Joseph's Bar and Grill. Those fresh flower petal-pasting days and nights in December hang in the balance.

Gangs Out Of Downey postponed its signature fund-raising event, the GOOD luncheon. So many at-risk youth need their help to resist the lure of the gang.

Composed of local citizens, the Downey Unified School District, the Downey Police Department, the Downey Family YMCA, and churches and faith-based groups, GOOD was the brainchild of Downey businessman Phil Preci.

"Having fun doing good" has been an informal slogan of the Rotary Club of Downey ever since Rick Lively suggested it when he was president in 1989. A convivial time spent with good friends, food shared and sparkling entertainment, can raise enough to finance an entire year of philanthropy for service-oriented clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis, and the Assistance League.

One binding aspect is how these social events cut across the generations. While some charge a high admission fee, others cost little more than the price of a luncheon to attend. Patrons come in all shapes and ages. So many of these outings are designed to be enjoyed by family generations.

How have Downey's service-oriented clubs coped with the new restrictions on gatherings?

This week we'll talk with the presidents of the two Kiwanis clubs. Kiwanis is a group of community business and professional men and women, leaders dedicated to improving the lives of children, one community at a time. Local chapters coordinate youth leadership activities and programs in support of Kiwanis International's ideals.

"Our club will have a Zoom meeting tomorrow," said Rose

Schneeberger. "Our last face to face meeting was March 12, and we are hoping to have at least 20 members joining the meeting."

Rose is the president of Downey's noontime Kiwanis Club that meets weekly at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

"We have two members that are nurses," said Rose. "Not one of our members has gotten sick. I am aware, though, of Rotary's Pastor Alex's death. Very sad."

"Our club postponed the annual Casino Night," said Rose, "our fundraiser that was set for April 24. We postponed the event to August 28 and we would love it if you can attend." It's already on my calendar.

"We cancelled this year's scholarship banquet" continued Rose, "scheduled for May 3." This Kiwanis Club gives a remarkable amount in Downey to high school students who want to continue their education.

"But I can confirm," said Rose, "that the Downey Kiwanis Foundation will still be giving this year \$110,000 in scholarships to Downey area high schools students so their bright future won't be interrupted."

"In fact," said Rose, "right now Ed and I and a group of club members are in the process of reviewing scholarship applications. Last year we awarded over \$65,000 in scholarships. We will notify the scholarship recipients by phone or email. The only thing that is not happening this year is the Scholarship Banquet, which we had scheduled for May 3 at the Embassy Suites."

"Our club is very connected to Key Club, the service club for teenagers," said Rose, "and KIWIN'S. Both of these groups are at the high-school level. Normally these youth groups join our meetings several times a year. We hope to invite them to join our Zoom meetings. Key Club and KIWIN'S are always ready to do volunteer work in Downey and I am sure they will be to help those in need."

"My husband Ed, who is also

a Kiwanian, and I have been practicing social distancing," said Rose, "on order both from the State of California and Kiwanis International. Our only outside activity is walking 3 miles around our neighborhood five days a week. Ed does a lot of reading and I try to keep up with my Kiwanis work."

Claude Bilodeau is the president of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, the morning club that meets for breakfast at Cafe 'n Stuff.

"We have had two virtual meetings," said Claude, "through Zoom. The first one was attended by 23 of our members and the second one by 31. Our first meeting was basically to check in with each other and discussion."

"Two members, Roy Beard and Vijay Patel, are also part of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the City of Downey as well as CERT. Roy also works through the Red Cross," said Claude. "Several other members are part of the City Council, Fire Department, Police Department and Chamber of Commerce. They are vitally involved."

"We have had to cancel two big events because of Covid-19," said Claude. "One was

Pathfinders, and that was a huge disappointment. It has been a Kiwanis tradition for many years to sponsor a weekend retreat in the mountains, to build leadership skills. Students from four area high schools are chosen. It's a fun event and it was hard to cancel. We are going to attempt to reschedule it."

"Personally," said Claude, "my family and I are abiding by the stay at home order. I am the only one that goes out for essential work, groceries and other necessities. I always make sure to have my mask on and lots of hand washing and hand sanitizer."

"As a longtime Downey resident, I am grateful for those on the front lines of this, working hard to keep us all safe. I've been really happy to see the

Kiwanis community be able to come together in these difficult times to help our neighbors in need."

In medieval and Renaissance Europe, the great patrons of charities were the Church, the king, the nobility. The Medici of today are corporations and foundations.

But the great benefactors are also the individuals in a community when they act collectively. The modern-day social fund-raiser is the way to solicit the donations that add up to a major source of funding for a variety of local needs.

Next time we'll report how some other volunteer Downey groups are meeting this crisis.



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10:00 AM
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• 3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms
• 1,595 sq. ft.
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12:00 PM
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• 7 Bedrooms | 7.5 Bathrooms
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• Extra large 3 car garage
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