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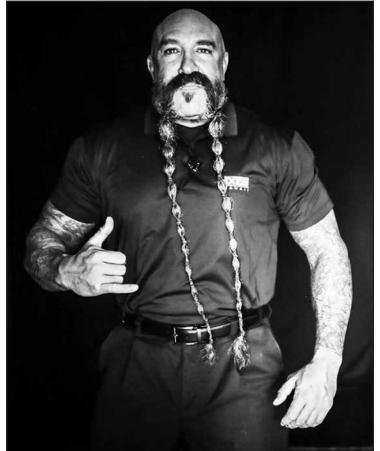


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# Mike Beltran: Downey's biggest tough guy

By William Odis Martin Contributor

**DOWNEY** — You might very well recognize Mike Beltrán from his many years of being one of the most respected referees in Mixed Martial Arts. But the proud Downey resident has recently started venturing into another arena, Hollywood.

The casting directors for FX's Mayans M.C. hit gold with Beltran, as I couldn't imagine a better motorcycle gang boss. Beltran checks all the boxes of being a bona fide badass. He is big, bald, sports a trademark yard-long braided mustache, boasts tattooed arms, and has hands that could crush a gorilla's.

Beltan's appearance is a bit intimidating, so he understands being typecast early on. He will invariably be hired to play the bad guy on the big screen but, in real life, Beltran is a genuinely good guy with a big heart.

Ever since joining the Marine Corps at the age of 18, Beltran decided to dedicate his life to serving his country and his local community. The proud, first-generation, Mexican-American patriot was kind enough to grant me a phone interview. We spoke for the better part of an hour.

When we began the interview, he started off by expressing how proud he was of his family's devotion to the community. He was quick to boast about his son Michael's accolades as an All-American wrestler at St. John Bosco High School. Even more impressive was Michael being granted a Presidential nomination and admission to the United States Military Academy West Point, where he is currently enrolled and hoping to one day earn the title of Army Ranger.

As a single parent, Beltran credits his parents for instilling in him the immeasurable values of hard work, integrity, and loyalty. He was eager to share some family stories and to highlight their familial holders will have access to ethos of giving back.

"Like many Mexican immigrants, my parents came from Sinaloa and Durango, Mexico directly to East LA. They did this to give us hope for a better life, while adapting and thriving into their new roles in American society," said Beltran. "We are proud Mexicans. We are proud Americans.

Beltran is a busy guy but occasionally enjoys a beer at Bastards, a Council approved an agreement cocktail at Lock & Key, or a few sips of Tequila Mandala in the pool at his home. "I love supporting everything local," he said.

Keep up with our local hero on his Instagram feed @Referee\_ Mike\_Beltran



# Downey, Warren make list of nation's top high schools

The two campuses were named on a U.S. News & World Report ranking of the top high schools in the country.

**DOWNEY** — Downey and Warren high schools have been named among the nation's best high schools, according to U.S. News & World Report.

This ranking includes data on more than 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Downey Unified's comprehensive high schools were in the top 17 percent of all high schools nationwide, ranking No. 3,666 (Downey High) and No. 4,222 (Warren High).

At the beginning of April, U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in education rankings, announced the 2020 Best High Schools - a new, revamped edition of the rankings, providing the most comprehensive evaluation of America's public high schools ever produced by U.S. News.

"The Best High Schools rankings provide the most comprehensive, data-based information on nearly every public high school in the country," said Anita Narayan, managing editor of Education at U.S. News, in a release published by U.S. News & World Report on April 21.

"Families can use this information to see how their local schools compare on graduation rates and state assessments, as well as academic performance by students who are traditionally

The 2020 Best High Schools

rankings take a holistic approach

to evaluating schools, looking at six factors: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates. Specifically, college readiness measures participation and



"Our vision is to graduate all students with a 21st Century education that guarantees they are college and career ready,' expressed Downey Unified Superintendent, Dr. John Garcia. "Having our two comprehensive high schools ranked in the top 17 percent nationally is a testament here in Downey Unified, not just at the high school level but district wide as well."

The Downey Unified School District has 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools and one adult school that are led by the district's vision. Students are taught 21st Century skills that implement technology, collaboration, communication and citizenship.

The offerings that are allocated Strong Workforce grant.

Some examples of offerings that can be found in Downey Kindergarten through 12th grade methodology. robotics; the Femineers program, an engineering program that

performance on AP and IB exams. focuses on engaging middle and high school female students; and over a dozen industryaligned pathways and courses that are available to high school students that provide them with real-world, hands-on work experience as well as third-party industry certifications.

Included in these pathways to the amazing work we are doing are state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities that allow students to practice these skills using the equipment and software that is currently being used by industry professionals.

> example, For students enrolled in the automotive engineering pathway spend their time working under the hood of cars that that are stationed in repair bays that are equipped with the latest automotive technology.

The Best High Schools available to Downey Unified rankings are available on usnews. students continue to increase com and include data on a variety each year due to various state of factors, such as enrollment, program-specific student diversity, participation budgets and grants, such as the in free and reduced-price lunch LCAP and most recently the K12 programs, graduation rates and the results of state assessments.

U.S. News worked with RTI International, a global Unified that are unique from research firm, to implement surrounding districts include: the comprehensive ranking



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#### THINGS TO WATCH



**Coffee & Kareem** 

Netflix (film)

An inept Detroit cop must team up with his girlfriend's foul-mouthed young son when their first crack at bonding time uncovers a criminal conspiracy. Starring Ed Helms and Taraji P. Henson



Netflix (film)

Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Noah Baumbach directs this incisive and compassionate look at a marriage coming apart and a family staying



Netflix (series)

In this mind-bending sci-fi thriller, a man runs an espionage business built around entering the subconscious of his targets to mold their thoughts.



Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood Hulu (film)

In 1969 Los Angeles, a former Western star and his longtime stunt double struggle to find success in a Hollywood that they don't recognize anymore.



The Kitchen Hulu (film)

Three Irish mob wives take over the family business after their husbands are sent to prison in this tasty crime drama set in 1978 New York



**National Lampoon's Vacation** Hulu (film)

The Griswolds (Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo) and family head by station wagon for the California fun park Walley World.



Downey City Library card 30,000 independent and documentary films.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — The Downey City with Kanopy, Inc. on Tuesday, opening up significant streaming opportunities to Downey Library patrons.

agreement provides library cardholders with over independent documentary films, specializing in content of unique social and cultural value. This includes hundreds of award-winning college-level courses, as well as a dedicated kid's channel.

Kanopy services have been offered through the library since April 1 within a one-month free pilot. The service will now become a permanent offering offered to Downey City Library cardholders through the library's website and apps.

The library will be charged for actual uses as opposed to purchasing titles outright. The current adjustable annual cap is set at \$9,500.



month invoice for all titles and will have the ability to set monthly caps on the number be watched per library card per month. When patrons reach their monthly cap, they - as well as the library – are notified. The library may choose to override the month's usage ceiling.

The council also unanimously approved a renewal agreement with Califa, connecting the library to potentially higher quality internet access.

Downey had entered into network.

The library will receive a the original agreement with Calia in 2015, which provided streamed by patrons that month, high-speed internet access to the library and citywide virtual library at a substantially lowered of movies and series that may cost through the federal E-Rate program.

> Now locked in for another five years, the library has the potential to obtain internet service that is 10 times faster than its existing service, making use of the city's fiber optic network.

The agreement also allows for funding to cover the needed firewall upgrade to the library's 2 | The Downey Patriot Thursday, April 30, 2020



# Stay Gallery hosting virtual exhibition

**DOWNEY** — Stay Gallery's first virtual exhibition, "human," opens Friday, May 1, at 6 p.m.

The month-long exhibition features artworks from 26 people, ranging from artists in Downey to across the nation.

"This exhibition can be enjoyed from the comfort of your phone or computer," said Juliana Canty, programs coordinator and been named a California Woman of the Year. lead curator for Stay Gallery. "You will have the ability to navigate through a 3D exhibition room that works similar to an augmented reality video game.

"Get up close to artwork, learn more about each piece and even support the artists by purchasing an original work or prints."

The exhibition explores the concept of human connection in a time when social distancing is the new normal. Each artist offers a unique perspective on how our current collective experience impacts and reshapes our connection with nature, the people we love and ourselves.

"Despite our doors being closed, we're adapting to the circumstances to continue bringing the community together through the power of art," said Gabriel Enamorado, executive director of Stay Gallery. "In light of this, we created a way to make the arts virtually

"human" opens May 1 and will be accessible at staygallery.org through May 31.

# Student newspaper recruiting staff members

**DOWNEY** — Downey High School's online student newspaper, The Downey Legend, is currently seeking applications for new staff

"The reason I joined newspaper is because I wanted to meet lots of creative individuals, and also become much more involved around campus," said junior Nicole Alvarez, the newspaper's co-editor in chief, in a promotional video released on YouTube.

Applications can be found at thedowneylegend.com under the resources/links tab after clicking "more" in the top header.

The application window will close on May 6 at 3 p.m.



Lois Buchanan, second from left, in 2017. Also pictured, from left: Kim Tachiki-Chin, Martha Sodetani and Carol Rowland.

# Lois Buchanan named California Woman of the Year

**DOWNEY** — Downey resident and civic leader Lois Buchanan has

Buchanan was chosen by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia to represent the state's 58th Assembly District.

Buchanan serves with numerous volunteer organizations including the Downey Second Century Foundation, Downey Arts Coalition, Downey Coordinating Council, Downey Clergy Council, and the Assistance League of Downey.

With the Assistance League, she works with the Assisteens to deliver hand-knit blankets and prepared hygiene kits to patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. She has also coordinated city clean-ups to celebrate Keep America Beautiful

She has been a Downey resident since 1963, and will celebrate her disclosed in which cities deaths have occurred. 60th wedding anniversary with her husband, Jim, on May 14.

# YMCA hosting Healthy Kids Day this Saturday

**DOWNEY** — The Downey Family YMCA will be giving out free grab-and-go bags this Saturday in a drive-thru event from 10 a.m.

The giveaway is part of Healthy Kids Day, an event celebrated by YMCA locations across the country.

The bags include fun at-home activities for families and games that encourage active play and healthy eating.

The event is made possible by sponsors, which include Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, the Downey Police Department, Girl Scouts, Trader Joe's, Anthem, Brace Connection, Stephen Ferraro DDS, and Downey CERT.

# Traffic signal going up outside Warren High

**DOWNEY** — Downey's City Council approved plans Tuesday for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and De Palma Street.

Following the completion of raised median islands in the vicinity of Warren High School, it was decided by the city – and in concert with the Downey Unified School District - that a new traffic light could enhance overall safety and operation efficiency.

It is believed that the signalization of the intersection would reduce the likelihood of collisions, facilitate pedestrian movement across Paramount and De Palma, force gaps in the northbound Paramount traffic stream, thus allowing for more opportunities for southbound left turns at De Palma and the Warren driveway intersection, and improve the progression of traffic northbound on

In addition, an emergency signal will also be installed on Paramount at the Fire Station 1 driveway in order to enhance overall traffic safety at the location to provide gaps to allow fire vehicles to safely egress the station when responding to emergencies.

The plans were approved 4-0, with Councilman Sean Ashton abstaining due to the proximity of his home to one of the projects.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

# Downey surpasses 200 Covid-19 cases

**DOWNEY** — Coronavirus cases continue to climb every day in Downey, with the number of confirmed cases reaching 211 on

The number of coronavirus cases is rising dramatically as testing becomes more widely available. On Wednesday, L.A. County officials said 1,541 people had tested positive for coronavirus in the last 24

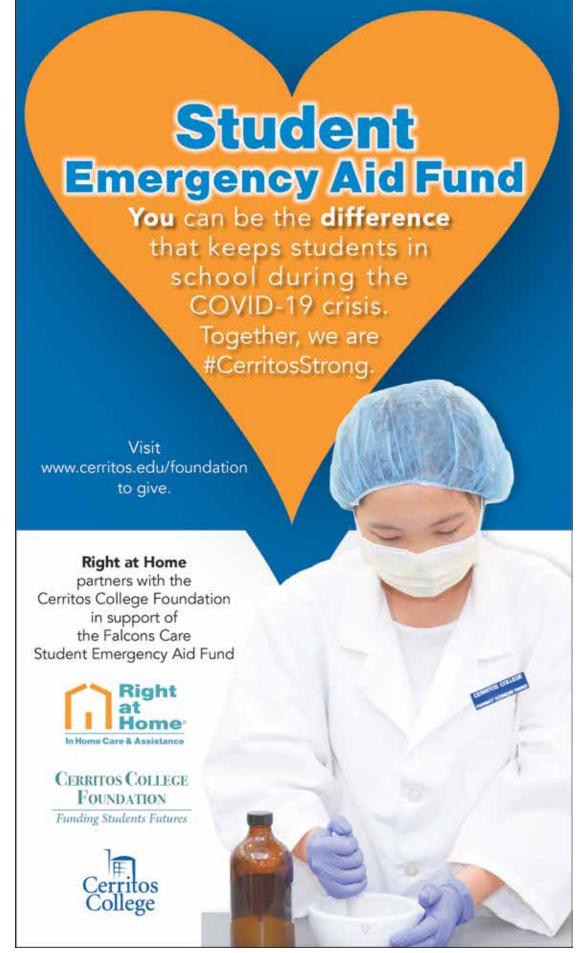
Officials also confirmed 56 new deaths. Health officials have not

"To all of you who are facing a future without loved ones who have passed away from COVID-19, we are deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers every day," said Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health.

"In Los Angeles County, we have many residents that are at very high risk for becoming infected with COVID-19 and becoming seriously ill from the virus, and this is reflected in our case numbers, the number of people who are hospitalized, and the number of people who have died from COVID-19. We continue to prioritize the need for more intensive efforts to expand testing, treatment, and prevention strategies for these residents."

As of Thursday morning, 4,715 people who tested positive for Covid-19 (22% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness.

Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for over 139,000 individuals and 14% of people testing positive.





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# <u>Crime Report</u>

### Monday, April 13

At approximately 9 p.m., a robbery occurred in the 9400 block of Telegraph Rd. Two male suspects took a case of beer from the store and brandished a firearm when confronted by the store clerk. Detectives are investigating.

### Wednesday, April 15

At approximately 3 a.m., officers responded to an overdose at a motel in the 9400 block of Firestone Blvd. The adult female victim overdosed on a combination of drugs. Officers administered a dose of Narcan and revived the female.

### Thursday, April 16

Detectives are investigating the theft of a bronze historical plaque from the front of Rio Hondo Elementary School. A school official discovered the crime.

#### Friday, April 17

At approximately 2:15 a.m., Downey PD Officers located a stolen vehicle at Imperial at Woodruff that was taken during an armed robbery in Buena Park. The female driver was taken into custody without incident and Buena Park Police responded and took custody of the female and vehicle.

#### Saturday, April 18

At approximately 11:55 a.m., Officers located an armed and dangerous vehicle out of the city of El Monte, at Brookshire and Florence. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted and the named suspect was detained. Officers from El Monte responded and took Sunday, April 26 custody of the suspect and the vehicle.

#### Sunday, April 19

At approximately 1:30 a.m., Officers were dispatched to the 8100 block of 4th St. regarding a fight between a mother and son. It was determined that the mother struck the son in the head with a skateboard causing a laceration to his head. The mother was arrested.

#### Saturday, April 25

\*At 12:05 am, officers located a stolen vehicle in the 7100

block of Dinwiddie St. and arrested a 22-year-old Huntington Park man for Grand Theft Auto. The vehicle had been reported stolen in Palmdale.

At 12:15 am, officers arrested a 28-year-old female near Firestone and Brookshire Ave. for possession of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle, reported stolen in East Los Angeles, was

At approximately 8:00 pm, officers located a stolen vehicle in the area of Firestone Boulevard and Ryerson. A 32-year-old Long Beach man was arrested and the vehicle recovered.

At approximately 8:20 pm, officers responded to a two vehicle traffic collision at Florence Avenue and Susan St. One vehicle overturned but its driver was uninjured. The driver of the second vehicle and her two children sustained minor

Over the weekend, officers made 14 arrests for a variety of offences, including domestic violence, DUI, Grand Theft Auto, possession of narcotics and possession of a concealed weapon.

# **Rick Rodriguez** recounts time in Covid-19 ward

The Downey council member has battled recent health issues but tested negative for the virus. He is urging residents to stay home.

## By Eric Pierce

**DOWNEY** — Councilman Rick Rodriguez has a message for residents anxious to go outside and resume normal activities: stay patient and stay home.

Rodriguez is currently in self-quarantine after a week-long stay at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center, where he was admitted after experiencing breathing problems.

Although he tested negative for the coronavirus, Rodriguez is in suspension of rent and mortgage payments. isolation after he was treated in the Covid-19 ward.

"The Covid ward looks almost like it should be on Mars," Rodriguez recalled. "It's extreme isolation. The people that treat you look like astronauts. It's almost like you're a science project."

Rodriguez, who is Type 2 diabetic and has been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, went to the Downey hospital after experiencing breathing difficulties and an elevated heartbeat. He's also coming off two surgeries within 90 days.

"The doctor told me it was one of two things: pneumonia or

Covid," Rodriguez said. He was admitted to the Covid-19 treatment ward where a test was administered.

"It wasn't pleasant," Rodriguez said. "They take a long Q-tip and tongue suppressor and put it all the way down your throat. Then they put another one up my nose, almost to my eyeballs."

The test was negative but Rodriguez wasn't out of the woods yet. A chest X-ray revealed fluid in his lungs and doctors transferred him

"You're almost happy to go to ICU," Rodriguez recalled. "When you leave, you're looking at the other people in the Covid-19 ward who may die, or who tested positive, and there's no one there with them. There's no family, there's no chaplain. No one can go in there and pray for them."

Rodriguez is home now in isolation, where his only companionship comes in the form of his two dogs. He's staying on top of the news and tending to city business from home.

"People who are complaining about bowling alleys not being open, or they can't get a haircut or their favorite restaurant is closed, or they have to stay home, I think, 'Oh my god. We're at war,' Rodriguez said.

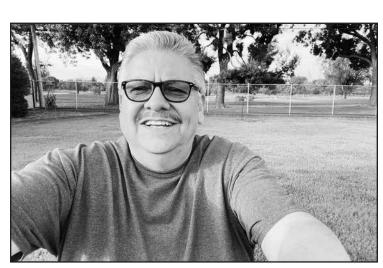
"These doctors and nurses, they're on the frontlines saving our residents' lives. They're not thinking of themselves, they're thinking of others. And all they care about is that we're staying home.'

Rodriguez also objected to protesters who are advocating for

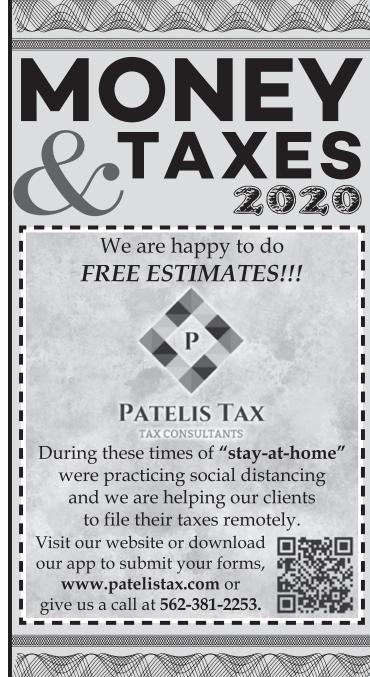
"It doesn't matter if you can pay rent or not when you're dead,"

Rodriguez says he's feeling "pretty good" now and is looking forward to May 15, when the state's quarantine order is currently set to expire.

"I can't wait to get out there and eat in our Downey restaurants and shop in our Downey stores," Rodriguez said. "As soon as it's safe



Councilman Rick Rodriguez takes a selfie at home. He spent time inside the Covid-19 ward at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical



# Governor expected to close beaches

**SACRAMENTO** — California will reportedly close all beaches and who flocked to Huntington Beach and Newport Beach. state parks beginning Friday after swells of beachgoers fled to the shore last weekend in defiance of social distancing rules.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, will formally announce the decision Thursday, according to a memo outlining the move obtained by

"After well-publicized media coverage of overcrowded beaches this past weekend, in violation of Governor Newson's shelter in place order, the governor will be announcing tomorrow that beaches and all state parks in California will be closed, effective Friday, May 1,' said the notification, which was sent out to all California police chiefs on Wednesday.

Newsom on Monday criticized the beachgoers, singling out those



"This virus doesn't take the weekends off, this virus doesn't go home because it's a beautiful sunny day around our coasts," the governor said.



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# Checking in on the Assistance League of Downey

**By Lorine Parks Society Columnist** 

**DOWNEY** — "The grounds on Florence Avenue are in full bloom," said Charlene Roche, immediate past president of the Assistance League of Downey. "The gardeners are continuing to work weekly, and this would be the perfect time to have an event there. But we have cancelled all our happenings."

The gracious white adobe mansion, the Casa de Parley and Gypsy Johnson with its manicured grounds, is not hostessing its signature tea parties this spring. But Hug-a-Bears have already been given to the Downey Police and Fire Departments, and scholarships have already been awarded. The father-daughter dance at the Iridescent Ball, however, has been cancelled.

'This coronavirus outbreak caught us in the middle of our busiest season," said Charlene. "And Downey has been very quiet now. We have on two Saturday mornings put goods out in front of the Second Tyme Around Thrift Shoppe for free to anyone coming past the store during farmer's market hours."

"Jackets, sweatshirts, shoes, games, puzzles, videos, DVD's were all offered out front," said Charlene. "The items were very well received. One of our members and her daughter even headed with our brochure to the local church giving out food to tell them to come by to pick up free items from us.

Assistance League has been a driving force in Downy since 1956 and its first president, Jane Strang, began meeting specific Downey's needs. Members are all talented, enthusiastic women, and teens and yes, even men, who generously give of their time and talents to aid those in need.

"Donna Lindley, our president now, forwarded me your email this morning to answer," said Charlene. "She is currently swamped as director at The Arc. They must do 'well' check calls on all the clients that they serve and are not attending, and that includes arranging for support services. Donna even had her son wait in a line for senior shoppers at Target, to help get people what they need. Donna is on the frontline in all of this.

"So, here goes," said Charlene. "We have approximately 150 members including our Assisteens members. Our Iridescent Ball in March was cancelled. This is one of our major fundraising events and an outstanding social occasion for Downey.

The League had invited me to come to the Ball honoring the senior Assisteens and see for myself, but alas, I have felt like Cinderella. My coach turned back into a pumpkin before I even got there, when the party was cancelled.

When it does take place I'll hope to see the opening fatherdaughter dance. That takes a lot of practice, but this year the girls will finish the year without that special moment. And the dads are off the hook, I thought.

Assisteens are high school student volunteers with the League, spending hours of service to the community of Downey. Among their contributions, they help staff the League's Second Tyme Around Thrift Shoppe on Downey Avenue, and contribute seasonal gifts to the Housing of Medical Emergencies (H.O.M.E.) facility at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. In 1997 the Downey Assistance League built and opened in a 10-unit apartment building adjacent to the rehab center to house families who have loved ones in rehabilitation care.

Assisteens spend their December meeting spreading cheer throughout the corridors of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, singing Christmas carols. "But all work and assistance is currently on hold," said Charlene, "to protect everyone. We feel it is important for them now to keep up with their studies.'

"Additionally," said Charlene, "Assistance League holds a tea our graduating seniors. As of this writing, neither of these events has been rescheduled. As soon as things settle down a little, we will need to discuss how to proceed. Recognition ceremonies are a rite of

"We have so many ongoing fundraisers and projects in the



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spring," said Charlene. "We were fortunate to have finished interviewing potential scholarship recipients at Warren and Downey high schools. Ten scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to each of the two schools. That's \$20,000, and those funds will be deposited at the student body offices. Once enrolled in college, the students may pick up their money."

"When school begins in the fall," said Charlene, "we will once again partner with Kohl's for Operation School Bell. We provide new school clothes to kids in need, and for some children, this will be the first time they have ever had a new shirt, a warm sweatshirt of their own, or a backpack filled with school supplies. For the first time, they truly feel like they fit in with all the other kids. We are empowering young students with the confidence they need to succeed."

National Assistance League is in touch with the 220 plus chapters throughout the United States with projects to assist their communities during this time.

"Our last board and general meeting were held on Jan. 23," said Charlene. "We are setting up a Zoom meeting for April. The entire organization must approve the slate of officers for the coming year as well as the budget, at the April meeting."

"This can not be done via email or individual telephone calls," said Charlene, "as that would violate state laws and Âssistance League bylaws.

'So several of us were on a Zoom/Assistance League training yesterday, learning how we should proceed via Zoom or freeconferencecall.com. Many of us are of retirement age; a couple members in their 90's. This will be difficult for everyone, but we are going to give it a try.

"Overall," said Charlene, "we have been staying at home. Our membership is in the age group that needs to be very careful (not that everyone shouldn't). We will be hearing soon from national on what steps we will need to consider before reopening our thrift stores. Obviously there will be state guidelines for receiving used



Downey Assisteens caroling at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

items."

"We do have our on-going Hug-A-Bear program," said Charlene, "that is run by our Assisteens. Teddy bears have been already delivered to the Downey Police Department and Downey Fire Departments to give to children and seniors in crisis. Hug-a-Bear is 'beary' comforting for those who are suffering from traumatic circumstances in their lives. Teddy bears have been delivered to Rancho Los Amigos Hospital rehab patients too. So, even though our Assisteen students are not out there right now, their bears are being received on a regular basis.'

"We are gearing up for a big year," said Charlene, "as we will need to work extra hard to help those in need when we are able to be open and out in public again. It is business as usual both for local and national. The board is strong, Assistance League of Downey is strong and we will continue to help our Downey community any way we can.'

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# Protesters lose credibility by harassing council members at home

By Eric Pierce

Mayor Blanca Pacheco has an official Facebook page that she uses to interact with the public. She posts video messages, links to news articles, photos of herself volunteering around town, and fliers with important public safety announcements.

She makes the occasional foray into the comment section, interacting with commenters when they are civil and respectful.

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa also has a public Facebook page, as do council members Alex Saab, Rick Rodriguez and Sean Ashton. Some are more active than others, but all have a social media

Of course, they also have email addresses and phone numbers. And before the pandemic upended our lives, all of Downey's elected officials were visible at meet and greets, town halls, ribbon cuttings, and city council meetings.

This is a long-winded way of saying that our Downey City Council members are accessible. This isn't Washington or even Los Angeles, where electeds hide behind aides and spokespeople. This is Downey,

Bros. as you are at City Hall.

If you want to make your opinion known to your city council representative — and why wouldn't you? — it can be done with minimal effort. And the truth is that local government remains the most efficient way to make the greatest impact on your community.

Recently, a group of rogue protesters has abandoned all decency, staging profane demonstrations outside the private homes of Downey council members. Using bullhorns, the protesters use explicit language to disturb the neighborhood as they advocate for rent and mortgage forgiveness.

In at least two cases, children were inside the homes while demonstrators shouted obscenities at council members.

From a decency standpoint, the demonstrations are reprehensible and cross a moral line. It's not appropriate to disturb someone's personal life and scare their children.

From a strategic standpoint, it's far more effective to stage a protest at a city council meeting or outside city hall, or even at a major intersection. (It's also illogical to expect the city council to where you're just as likely to run into your council member at Stater take action on something such as rent or mortgage forgiveness,

something they have no authority over. Can you imagine the lawsuits if the city tried such a thing?)

"As a public servant, my desire is to serve my community; to do what I can, within my power to protect my city and advocate for my constituents," said Frometa, the mayor pro tem. "I take great offense, however, when the lines between private and public life are blurred, and instigators with the mob mentality choose intimidation tactics to protest outside my home.

"They scared my girls and disturbed my neighborhood's peace. Their actions are unacceptable and disrespectful.

Former Downey mayor Mario Guerra called demonstrations outside personal homes "wrong on so many levels."

"I don't care which party you are or what your elected office is protesting at somebody's home is out of line and actually drowns out the message these people are trying to get across," he said.

At some point these demonstrations should be acknowledged by police for what they are: public nuisances in violation of our city's

# Facebook fails the coronavirus test

By David Harsanyi

A scattering of protests aimed at state lockdowns erupted across the country last week, sparked not by social distancing guidelines but by politicians' unilaterally dictating what products citizens are permitted to purchase in box stores, attempting to shut down drivein Masses at churches and closing parks and beaches, among other ill-conceived and gratuitous intrusions.

Like any protest movement, this one is a mixed bag: Some of the protesters are acting in bad faith, some are idealists, and some are merely terrified of losing their livelihoods, their homes and their careers while waiting around for a government check that might

In reality, the economy is going to reopen only when most people either feel safe enough to emerge from isolation or calculate that the risk of emerging is worthwhile. Arbitrary deadlines mean little. I suspect that the best way to temper anger surrounding the lockdowns would be for local leaders to stop acting like a bunch of petty authoritarians when the vast majority of citizens are already voluntarily doing what the government is asking to protect

Instead, officials are upping their game. The otherwise hapless New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who was happy to eschew social distancing measures altogether until much too late in this crisis, has now created a hotline enabling denizens of his beleaguered city to rat out their neighbors to the authorities. Other mayors are deploying Chinese-made drones — fitting, I suppose — to catch those who violate government orders. "If these drones save one life, it is clearly worth the activity and the information they're sending," is a real thing that the mayor of Elizabeth, New Jersey, told MSNBC.

Meanwhile, Facebook is reportedly removing the posts of those organizing anti-quarantine protests in conjunction with state governments, calling them "harmful misinformation."

There is some confusion over the exact nature of the social media giant's policy on self-censoring. This week, it was reported that the company was removing all posts advertising protests against social distancing regulations, as well as posts deemed to spread "harmful misinformation" about the virus.

The head of Facebook communications retweeted a CNN report that the social media company was consulting with governments in California, New Jersey and Nebraska to shut down the organization of "anti-quarantine" protests on its platform. Yet, after pushback, a company spokesperson clarified that Facebook was working with states to delete only posts advertising events that violate government orders and guidelines.

While I've long defended the right of ocial media companies to dictate and enforce their own speech codes without interference from politicians, it's difficult to give Facebook the benefit of the doubt here. Government has some leeway in protecting public health, but it has no right, not even during an emergency, to work to preemptively prevent Americans from expressing their political beliefs.

If Facebook removed advertisements for protests at the behest of state and

local governments — as initial reports suggested it might have — it would be an clear assault on expression, made all the more appalling by the fact that the protests were aimed at the very public policy that allows the state to undercut the ability of citizens to organize a demonstration in the first place.

But even if Facebook was merely working with such governments to decide what millions of Americans can say to each other, that would be a big problem for both philosophical and practical reasons.

For one thing, we can't trust Facebook to competently weed out "harmful misinformation." Only last week, the company started deleting hundreds of thousands of "false" coronavirus missives, and then redirecting users to "accurate information" offered by the propagandists at the World Health Organization, which allowed the Gun.



this pandemic to mushroom into a crisis to begin with by wasting precious weeks echoing the deadly misinformation campaign of the Chinese Communist Party.

Instead of touting such a group as a reliable source of information while crippling the ability of largely powerless Americans to voice their concerns over public policy, Facebook would be better served treating political content dispassionately and allowing users to curate their own experiences — even at the risk of upsetting government

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# Lessons from the past

By Dr. Thomas Sowell

Seventy-one years ago this month — in January 1948 — a black, 17-year-old high school dropout left home. The last grade he had completed was the 9th grade. He had no skills, little experience, and not a lot of maturity. Yet he was able to find jobs to support himself, to a far greater extent than someone similar can find jobs today.

did research on economic conditions back then.

Back in 1948, the unemployment rate for 17-year-old black males was just under 10 percent, and no higher than the unemployment rate among white male 17-year-olds.

How could that be, when we have for decades gotten used to seeing  $\,$ unemployment rates for teenage males that have been some multiple of what it was then — and with black teenage unemployment often twice as high, or higher, than white teenage unemployment?

Many people automatically assume that racism explains the large difference in unemployment rates between black and white teenagers today. Was there no racism in 1948? No sane person who was alive in 1948 could believe that. Racism was worse — and of course there was

no Civil Rights Act of 1964 then.

How then could there be this low unemployment rate, with virtually no racial difference? Racism is despicable. But that tells us nothing about what weight it has — compared to other factors — as a cause of particular social problems such as unemployment.

Perhaps the most widely condemned racism in the second half of I know because I was that black 17-year-old. And, decades later, I the 20th century was that in South Africa under apartheid, when an openly racist government proclaimed white supremacy, and denied blacks basic human rights. Yet, even under such a regime, there were particular occupations in which black workers outnumbered white workers — even though it was illegal to hire any blacks at all in those particular occupations. Economics carried weight, even in South Africa under apartheid.

> In the United States, what was unusual about 1948 was that, for all practical purposes, there was no minimum wage law in effect. There was a minimum wage law on the books. But it was passed in 1938, and a decade of high inflation had raised money wages, for even low-level jobs, above that minimum wage.

> Among the effects of a minimum wage law, when it is effective, is that many unskilled and inexperienced workers are priced out of a job, when employers do not find them worth what the law specifies. Another effect of a minimum wage law is that it can lead to a chronic surplus of job applicants.

When an employer has 40 qualified applicants for 20 jobs, it costs the employer nothing to refuse to hire 10 qualified black applicants. But if he has no more than 20 qualified applicants, that is a different Rent control punishes landlords

The point here is that economic factors carry weight, and sometimes, under some conditions, those economic factors carry more weight than racism. Even in South Africa under apartheid.

In the United States, as the minimum wage rate specified in the law began to be raised, beginning in the 1950s, so as to catch up with inflation and then keep up with inflation, the minimum wage

## Civil disobedience

Dear Editor:

Protesters in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina, Utah and even in California claim to be exercising their First Amendment rights. The First Amendment protects your right of expression even if what you say is invalid.

Many claim that they are trying to save their jobs without realizing that they may lose their souls.

By ignoring stay at home and social distance rules and not wearing face masks, they are courting getting infected with the Covid-19 virus which may cause them to lose their lives or contaminate others who will.

Jorge Montero

law became effective in practice once again — and a racial gap in unemployment rates opened up and expanded.

As a black teenager, I was lucky enough to be looking for jobs when the minimum wage law was rendered ineffective by inflation. I was also lucky enough to have gone through New York schools at a time when they still had high educational standards.

Decades later, when examining the math textbook used by some young relatives of mine, who were living where I grew up in Harlem, I discovered that the math they were being taught in the 11th grade was less than what I had been taught in the 9th grade.

The opportunities open to my young relatives in Harlem - and to other young blacks elsewhere — were not nearly as good as the opportunities open to me back in 1948.

Many of the seemingly compassionate policies promoted by the progressives in later years — whether in economics or in education have had outcomes the opposite of what was expected. One of the tragedies of our times is that so many people judge by rhetoric, rather

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What is it with this continuous assault on landlords? Do people seriously not realize that housing is simply a business like any other

For example, my elderly parents desperately rely on the small distribution of a very large apartment complex, to live on. Their monthly distribution just barely covers their living expenses. Without that payment they cannot cover the retirement community home payment and other food, medical, prescriptions and personal expenses.

Please give renters in need government rental assistance. Legislators think landlords are funding sources. It's not true. They are my parents, they are our community seniors, they are regular people just like you, and their paycheck is as critical to them as everyone else's.

Let's be fair to everyone in this crisis and offer relief to those in need through general funds. My parents, as well as many very worthy landlords, are worried and becoming depressed and even despondent. They too are seeing their livelihood being diminished, and instead of aid, they are being asked to contribute, not only their income source but their own remaining savings to maintain their business and provide for the ongoing needs of their tenants.

Let's be fair and move away from blanket preconceived beliefs and realize landlords are just people too. Please don't drive them into despair. Please help them too.

Jim Rodriguez **Downey** 

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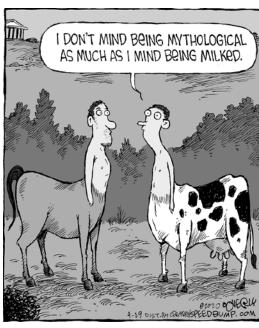
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1952: Mr. Potato Head became the first toy to be advertised on network television.

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# **Downey Community Calendar**

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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall. 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall. 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.

3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.

3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462. 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### **MONDAYS**

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

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.

9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.

10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399. 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.

6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com. 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.

7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.

7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.

1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.

2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.

3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount. 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.

Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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

1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366. 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.

1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryll Olson 833-8954.

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2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.

2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.

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3rd Wed.,: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.

3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635. 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102. 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cites of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136. 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.

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7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.

9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459. 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.

12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.

12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.

6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.

7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388. 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.

1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335. 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.

2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.

3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.

3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.

4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232. 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

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

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246. 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

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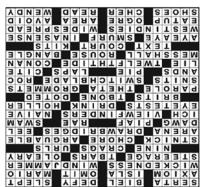
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# How the **Downey YMCA** is adapting to local needs

By Eric Pierce **Editor** 

**DOWNEY** — The Covid-19 pandemic has forced businesses to adapt to current times, and the Downey Family YMCA is no

The facility has closed its fitness center but is still providing critical services to the community, most notably by offering childcare for the doctors, nurses and medical staff at PIH Health Hospital - Downey, just two blocks away.

PIH is covering the cost for its employees, up to a maximum of 30 kids.

"We say this every day, but the YMCA is not a gym," said Lori Tiffany, executive director of the Downey YMCA. "We're really a nonprofit-driven institution."

The Downey Y hosted a blood drive earlier this month, collecting 43 units of blood, enough to save up to 100 lives. Another blood drive is scheduled for May 20.

The Y is also still hosting Healthy Kids Day, a national YMCA tradition that promotes healthy eating and play.

Healthy Kids Day takes place this Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon in a modified drive-through format. Families are invited to drive through the YMCA parking lot and play a game from the car.

Each family will receive a grab-and-go bag that includes home activities and giveaway items.

"Despite the challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serve our community," said Tiffany.

The Downey Y is down to six employees currently on staff, down from 86 before the pandemic started. But the facility hopes 245mg of calcium, at 20% of the to bring back as many employees as possible once it's safe to daily value.

In the meantime, the Y is preparing for a potential reopening amount of calcium of these in phases.

The first phase calls for reopening the cardio rooms but with less equipment and physical distancing still in place. Members will have their temperatures checked before being allowed inside, and staff will continue to wear masks and gloves.

The second phase will see the return of group exercise classes, including yoga, zumba and pilates. Classes will be held on the third floor, with members bringing their own exercise mats.

Showers will reopen, with periodic closings throughout the day for cleaning. Swimming will be restricted to one lane only, and child activity centers will reopen with limited hours.

Phase three of reopening will see the return of sports, overnight camps, and special events, such as the Y's annual Battle of the Businesses competition.

'The Downey Y has been here for 80 years and we're not going anywhere," said Tiffany. "But it will look different. We will position ourselves to meet our community's needs."

# Dairy milk is past its expiration

By Sabrina Picou Contributor

First came the soymilk trend, then almond milk became popular, and now oat milk is all the roar. Rice and soy milk have also gained increased popularity amongst the plant-based milks. The steady trajectory is consistent in one thing - all of these "milks" are dairyfree. In today's cancel culture it seems that one thing might be permanently canceled and that is dairy milk. Plant-based milks have become increasingly popular due to nutrition value, climate change awareness, and the concerns surrounding the treatment of cows in the dairy

The 1980s was when soymilk began to gain its popularity. Almond milk began looking to rule the industry in the early 2000s but became increasingly popular in 2011. Although oat milk is seeing a surge, almond milk continues to be America's go-to for non-dairy drinking options. In 2018, almond milk was bringing in \$1 billion a year, per Nielson data.

As veganism and vegetarianism have gained popularity in the U.S. more people are turning to nuts, oats, and even rice for their milk substitutes. As the dairy industry has become increasingly exposed to the way they treat cows this has led people to question if their glass of 2% is all the essential. Especially when non-dairy milks offer just as much if not more calcium than a standard glass of dairy milk.

Since I was in grade school I could not stand the smell of dairy milk much less keep it down. My father, a boomer, always told us how his parents told him he needed to drink milk to grow strong bones. However, now studies show that regular milk might not be as essential as previous generations may have

In a one-cup serving (8 oz/240mL) of Organic Valley 2% Reduced Fat Milk there is 335mg of calcium, 25% of the daily value. In one cup of Simple Truth unsweetened AlmondMilk there is 390mg of calcium, 30% of the daily value. Oat milk is not as high in calcium. In one cup of Califia Farms oat milk, there is

Almond milk has the highest three milks. So if growing strong bones is of concern, it's clear why many are swapping their traditional glass of 2% for the plant-based alternative.

Millennials' main concern may not be the nutritional value in their glass as we tend to be more concerned with climate change and the unfair treatment of animals. As the dairy industry has been exposed in more recent years for how they treat their cows, younger generations now choose to have vegan or vegetarian diets.

Unlike boomers, millennials tend to also be more concerned with climate change and their carbon footprint. Drinking dairy milk is not popular amongst this generation. In a study amongst my own Instagram followers, 68 participants voted, and 72% of them do not drink dairy milk while 28% do.

The environmental impact of milk is something people may not have been concerned about back in the baby boomer days. However, now with climate change being a global concern the dairy industry's impact on the environment has now impacted shoppers choices. Even almond milk is not better in this case.

As traditional milk produces greenhouse gasses into the environment, almond milk farms use a substantial amount of water to grow the almonds . It seems like consumers are left to choose with the lesser of two evils with these options. However, oat milk uses one eighth the amount of water almond milk uses and produces fewer greenhouse gasses than both. Out of the three milks, oat milk is superior when it comes to impacting the environment

The dairy industry is in decline and as they struggle to compete with plant-based milks, the dairy industry seems to be canceled.

As almost all the people I know drink plant-based milks and the only person I know who continues to buy 2% reduced-fat milk is my boomer 64-year-old father. As baby boomers become older and millennials begin to populate more of the country and the planet, it appears that the dairy industry is reaching its expiration date.

In light of the coronavirus pandemic and shoppers bulk buying the dairy industry has faced another challenge - they



are dumping their surplus of milk. There is not a milk shortage in the industry, however, due to quantity limits in grocery stores and the increase of cow's milk during the spring season processors are asking farmers to dump their

In an article posted by farmanddairy.com Rachel Wagoner writes that as schools and restaurants closed, many dairy processors have lost revenue due to the crisis.

"While milk can be diverted over to be put in half gallons and gallons — which seem to be in demand with lots of families stuck at home making that switch takes time. Some processors can't take on anymore, so they're asking farmers to dump some of their milk," Wagoner wrote.

In the article, Wagoner also notes that as milk is highly a perishable product it is not feasible for the milk and other dairy items to sit on the shelves in the stores until the markets reopen.

Although the dairy industry may be in decline, it is clear that the production of milk has not slowed as these farmers are asked to dump their surplus supply. Even with the quantity limits at the store, it is still possible that the milk would still be getting dumped during this surplus season as dairy milk is not the preferred option for the largest generation.

When looking at wellknown milk brands like Horizon Organic, Organic Valley, and Clover Organic one will not find a plant-based drinking milk option in their line of milks. These milks offer 2% milk, vitamin D, 1% milk, and fatfree options but no plant-based substitutes.

My friends and I do not drink dairy milk. Some for diet reasons, some of us think about the effects on the environment, and for others the treatment of the animals. Some like myself prefer the taste of plant-based milk over traditional dairy milk. I drink almond milk and oat milk, oat milk being my favorite. The subtle taste of oats and the hint of sweetness to the milk is what makes my tastebuds crave more. The almond milk is also light and more water based, it doesn't have a thick texture like most dairy milks have. Plant-based milks are smooth and flavorful. Dairy milk tastes rotten to me and the smell is something I cannot stand. Plant-based milks also smell sweet, like a candle you would want to light. The reason for each individual may be different, but most of us have canceled dairy.

Boomers should think about pouring their final glass of 2% and make the switch to the more environmentally conscious, more humane and healthier options that are available in plant-based milks.



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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.

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Mr. Edwin J. Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works

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## FICT. BUS NAME

# STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2020067508 FILE NO: 2015242923 DATE FILED:

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): S AND P INDUSTRIES

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9013 LEMORAN AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEPH TAKESKY, 9013 LEMORAN AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240 If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: an Individual
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/ JOSEPH TAKESKY, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of LOS ANGELES on APRIL 3, 2020

# The Downey Patriot 4/9/20, 4/16/20, 4/23/20, 4/30/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020062728
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CASTANEDAS
MEXICAN FOOD, 911 WEST WHITTIER
BLVD LLC, LA HABRA CA 90631, LA
COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON:
202004510332
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) 911
WEST WHITTIER BLVD LLC, 911 WEST
WHITTIER BLVD, LA HABRA CA 90631
State of Incorporation: CA

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

Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2020

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ 911 WEST WHITTIER BLVD LLC, MEMBER, JUAN DIEGO MORALES

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This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 12, 2020
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursual to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

The Downey Patriot 4/9/20, 4/16/20, 4/23/20, 4/30/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020068914
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PREMIER
PAPER & FIBER (2) PREMIER TRADING COMPANY (3) FIELD RISE LTD. (4) PREMIER PAPER & FIBERS (5) UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMPANY, 8726

S SEPULVEDA BLVD STE D #292, LOS S SEPULVEDA BLVD STE D #292, LOS ANGELES CA 90045, COUNTY OF LA Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: 2510544 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CONTENTED PACIFIC CORPORATION, 8726 S SEPULVEDA BLVD STE D #292, LOS ANGELES CA 90045 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

Corporation
The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2003
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/CONTENTED PACIFIC CORPORATION,

PRESIDENT. HUEIHSIANG CHOU This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 13, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020072343 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE ECLECTIC MEG, 9242 STOAKES AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY (2) SHARPE UAS Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: 8218383 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BEAR 9 LLC, 9242 STOAKES AVE., DOWNEY

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2020 I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/ BEAR 9 LLC, MANAGER, STEPHEN SHADDE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 23, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business

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Name Statement must be accompanied by

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## GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS
Capital Improvement Project
No. 20-32
Paramount Boulevard at De
Palma Street and Fire Station 1
Traffic Signal Installations
Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 21, 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 (CIP) No. 20-32 – Paramount Boulevard at De Palma Street and Fire Station 1 Traffic Signal

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the installation of two (2) new traffic signals, including the installation of new battery back-up systems, controller cabinets and auxiliary equipment, LED safety lighting, traffic signal controllers, signal indications, signal poles, type 3 electrical services, video detection systems, emergency vehicle pre-emption, conduits, pull boxes, wiring and pedestrian

push buttons, connection to fiberoptic communications system and integration; signing and striping, and all equipment and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 20-32.

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

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 20-32. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request.

The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid **State** of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-10, "Electrical 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

#### INTRODUCED

On April 28, 2020, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced the

Powers Agreement between the cities Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Downey, Bell Gardens, Montebello, Paramount, Area Animal Control Authority.

Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute An Ordinance of the City Council of the 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:

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC

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 4/30/20, 5/7/20

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance of the City Council of the

City of Downey, California approving an amendment to the Joint Exercise of Santa Fe Springs, and South El Monte extending the term of the Southeast

City of Downey, California approving the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement among the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Norwalk, and Paramount for Workforce Development Services.

Copies of the full text are available in the City Clerk's Office.

City Clerk April 30, 2020

The Downey Patriot 4/30/20

#### **NOTICES**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00084
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 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

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

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Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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# POETRY MATTERS

## **May Day in Paris**

At the top of the Métro's deep stairwell country women sit wrapped in long cloaks still wearing their muddy sabots They offer dainty sprigs of muguet lily-of-the-valley in green tissue cornets twisted like Pan's pointed ears

One day a year these venders come They need no license they pay no taxes on the white bells they sell that spring from the splinter of woodlands that live in the shadow of city walls

In each quartier like the quietly classic Sixth Arrondissement in straw baskets quilted with dew lies spring's tiny triumph blossoms steeped in a perfume green from the earth Their ancient stalks quiver and nod The scent of May is intense

### **Lorine Parks**

England gave us the May Queen and her court and Maypole dances. In America children used to leave May Basket of flowers at their neighbor's door. Bureaucrats in France are leery of interfering with such folk customs. And rightly so. Poetry Matters is curated by

# Mortgage rates fall to new low

Mortgage rates have dipped agencies, such as the Federal a record low for the second Housing Administration or the to a record low for the second time in as many months amid the global coronavirus outbreak.

30-year fixed-rate mortgage dropped to an average of 3.23% during the week ending April 30, a decrease of 10 basis points from the previous week.

This represents the lowest level since Freddie Mac began tracking this data starting in 1971. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged

Previously, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage hit an alltime low back in early March, when it dropped to 3.29%.

Before that, the lowest rates recorded were seen back in November 2012 in the wake of the recession, when the average rate for a 30-year fixed-rate home loan fell to 3.31%.

Meanwhile, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage dropped nine basis points to an average of 2.77%. The 5-year Treasuryindexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage averaged 3.14%, down 14 basis points from a week ago.

Freddie Mac's report is based on a survey of lenders, and it reflects the dollar volume of conventional loans, meaning loans eligible for purchase by Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae.

The survey therefore does not reflect movements in rates for loans backed by other

# Home sales declined in March but prices held steady Home sales took a deep dive Bankers Association. Mortgages restrictions slowly ease in however, predict big losses for

economy and homebuyers and sellers pulled out of the normally busy spring market.

Signed contracts to purchase existing homes, referred to as pending home sales, fell 20.8% compared with February and were 16.3% lower annually, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Regionally, pending sales fell 14.5% in the Northeast for the month and were 11% lower than a year ago. In the Midwest, sales decreased 22% monthly and 12.4% annually. In the South sales dropped 19.5% for the week and 17.8% annually, and in the West they fell 26.8% weekly and 21.5% compared with a year ago.

The existing home market had already been suffering from a severe shortage of properties for sale, and that supply hit a record low in March.

Not only did potential sellers decide against listing their homes in the current economic environment, but some sellers already on the market delisted their properties.

"The housing market is temporarily grappling with the coronavirus-induced shutdown, which pulled down new listings and new contracts," Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist. "As consumers become more accustomed to social distancing protocols, and with the economy slowly and safely reopening, listings and buying activity will resume, especially given the record low mortgage rates."

The average rate on the become stingier in terms of who 30-year fixed mortgage fell to they'll lend to because of the risk a new low of 3.43% last week, posed by the current economic according to the Mortgage



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Department of Veterans Affairs.

It also doesn't include rates for

standards prospective borrowers

must meet in order to get a home

loan. Mortgage companies have

In recent weeks, some banks have begun tightening the

jumbo loans.

environment.



in March as the coronavirus are definitely cheaper, but various markets," said Joel Kan, pandemic shut down much of the it is also harder to get one. MBA's associate vice president Lenders have tightened their of economic and industry underwriting standards, and some have increased minimum credit scores. The government's mortgage forbearance program, allowing troubled borrowers to delay monthly payments, has added risk to the overall market.

> While the numbers for March are grim, a turnaround may have already started.

Mortgage applications to purchase a home, after falling dramatically for five weeks, suddenly moved higher last week, rising 12% compared with the previous week, according to

Those applications were still 20% lower annually, but even that annual comparison was a vast improvement over the previous week.

"The 10 largest states [by normal application volume] had increases in purchase activity, which is potentially a sign of the start of an upturn the pandemic-delayed spring homebuying season, coronavirus lockdown

forecasting.

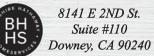
The spring season will still be anemic, though, and even potential pent-up demand released in the fall will not be able to make up for the losses.

Yun is now predicting total home sales for 2020 will be 14% lower annually. He does not, home values.

'In fact, due to the ongoing housing shortage, home prices are likely to squeeze out a gain in 2020 to a new record high, he added, projecting that the national median home price will increase 1.3% for the year, with some local market variations and more weakness on the upper end of the market.



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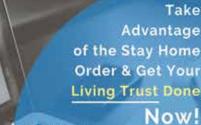
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