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City sells 9 acres for \$10.6M

City officials hope to offset tax revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic by selling the vacant land.

DOWNEY — The City Council approved the sale of nearly nine acres of city-owned land on Tuesday, clearing the way for a potential new hotel in Downey.

The deal also infuses the city with a lump sum cash payment at a time when sales tax revenues are expected to decline sharply.

According to terms of the deal, the City of Downey will receive a minimum of \$10.6 million for 8.76 acres of vacant land located near Bellflower Boulevard and Apollo Way, on the eastern side of the Promenade.

The buyer is listed as Holdings Downey LLC, which holds a long-term lease on the property.

Additionally, Holdings Downey LLC will pay the city one-half of proceeds in excess of \$15,263,424 from the sale or use of the property.

In a staff report, city officials said the \$10.6 million will provide “a significant cash infusion” to the city, “which will be helpful in light of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Holdings Downey LLC has committed to developing a minimum 150-room hotel on the property. Medical offices and some retail are also expected to be built there.

Holdings will now be required to deposit \$200,000 shortly after opening escrow, and another \$200,000 approximately 45 days later. If the transaction does not close after the second deposit is made, the city will keep the \$400,000.

The deal passed on a 3-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa abstained and Councilman Rick Rodriguez excused.

City Council declines action against home protests

Protesters are staging loud and profane demonstrations outside elected officials’ homes, drawing the ire of council members.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Discussions to create an ad hoc committee on targeted residential picketing failed to gain traction on Tuesday, instead unveiling a divide between councilmembers on how to address aggressive protesting tactics.

This was just the newest chapter in a continuous saga between the council and a group of vocal opposition, which has butted up against the city’s leadership since late last year.

Despite COVID-19 forcing public meetings to be physically closed to the public, the situation has escalated further in recent weeks, with picketers taking to council member’s own private homes, as recently as Tuesday night..

According to City Attorney Yvette Abich Garcia, the creation of an ad hoc was floated to give an opportunity to research the issue and potentially bring it back to the table with recommendations on action.

However, the item found itself on shaky legs from the word go at Tuesday’s meeting.

It became clear where Councilman Alex Saab stood on the matter quickly, as he questioned how the item came to be on the agenda in the first place, to which no council member immediately laid claim to.

Regardless, Saab – a lawyer by profession – drew a line in the sand, using the First Amendment as the base of his argument.

“This is absolutely against the fundamental basic tenet of what we learned the first day in law school, the basic constitutional rights,” said Saab.

“This issue has been litigated for decades in our country, we’re not about to create this



Protesters outside City Hall on Tuesday. Loud and profane demonstrations are also being held outside council members’ homes. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

issue that in an instant will face a lawsuit and cost the city probably hundreds of thousands of dollars.

“I voted against reducing the time from five minutes to three minutes for this very reason, and this is, the way I see it, the same thing. I agree with my council colleagues, sure there’s a time and place, but I certainly – or anybody else who is elected – should not have the authority to regulate speech that is not violent.”

Councilman Sean Ashton said, “it is what it is.”

“We decided to [run for office],” said Ashton. “It might not be the most preferential way to deal with constituents, but unfortunately it is something that has come about this day of age.”

“As much as I don’t agree with how they’re doing it, I still have to understand the fact that this is going to cause a lot of issues in the long run if we go forward with this, and I’m not comfortable supporting that at this time.”

Mayor Blanca Pacheco and

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa seemingly being the most fed up of the group – expressed concerns for their neighbors and families.

Pacheco said that she had an issue with the protesters’ method, not the message.

“I did bring up this item to our city manager,” said Pacheco. “My concerns are my neighbors who are frustrated because I’ve been targeted three times; one at 10 pm, one at 3 pm, and the most recent one at 7:30 pm.

“I received a lot of complaints from my neighbors because the people that came to protest, they used amplifying devices, disrupted my neighbors, used vulgar language, and my neighbors were concerned that there were children in many of these homes, and they didn’t want to deal with this.”

Frometa added that the First Amendment emphasizes peaceful assembly, and that by coming to council members’ homes as they had with “loud speakers,” picketers had disrupted the peace of the neighborhood.

“First Amendment protects your right to free speech, but right here it also says, ‘people peaceably to assemble,’” said Frometa. “You have every right to ask the government, to petition your government for a redress of grievances, absolutely... but when you infringe upon the peace of those neighborhoods in which we live, we have chosen to run for office because we care about the community...but my neighbors, and our children did not sign up for this.

“They can protest and exercise their First Amendment right all they want, but I’m gonna tell you something: Do not expect when you show up to my house at 8 or 9 o’clock at night with those loud speakers demanding, accusing, that I am going to come out and dialogue with you. Absolutely not.”

Three men armed with bullhorns and a sign reading “Censorship is a crime” stood outside protesting for the entirety of the meeting.

Baby beats COVID-19 at Downey hospital

Only 6 weeks old, baby Evelio is the youngest COVID-19 patient treated at Kaiser’s Downey hospital.

DOWNEY — The COVID-19 pandemic has arguably been the greatest trial our healthcare system has ever faced. But in the middle of this challenging time there are pockets of good news that showcase the heart of what it means to work in healthcare: providing exceptional care to every patient every time, and always working together as a team.

And that’s exactly what happened at the Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center in early April when the hospital cared for its youngest COVID-19 patient, six-week-old baby Evelio.

Evelio’s condition started off unremarkable. His mother called the KP nurse advice line after noticing he had a low-grade fever. An advice line nurse

asked a physician to call her back, and from there she was instructed to bring little Evelio in to be examined by Eunice Kong, MD, a pediatrician at the Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Offices.

Just as the advice line staff had been caring and thorough, Dr. Kong was as well. Baby Evelio had a fever with no clear cause and inexplicable lab results. Dr. Kong consulted with her colleague, Dr. Victor Wong, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease physician. As it would turn out, that decision was a potentially life-saving move.

“Knowing that COVID-19 was prevalent in the community and babies under a year old are at greater risk of complications because of their immature immune systems, I thought the best and safest thing to do would be to admit baby Evelio to the hospital,” says Dr. Wong.

It was there at the Downey Medical Center that the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, or PICU

team, would work together, providing Evelio with around-the-clock care while the family anxiously awaited the COVID-19 test results. When the results came in, Evelio’s mother, Johanna, was shocked.

“My brain was going a thousand miles an hour, I didn’t know what was going to happen,” she said. “I took my son into the hospital and I didn’t know if I was going to walk out empty handed.”

Beyond being concerned for her son’s health, Johanna was also worried about how the physicians and staff would treat her and her son after learning he had COVID-19. She soon realized she didn’t need to spend even a second worrying about that part.

“I was surprised by how the nurses, lab techs, and all the staff took such good care of us and made me feel like everything was going to be okay,” Johanna said. “One night Johanna even saw nurse Danielle Owens, RN don

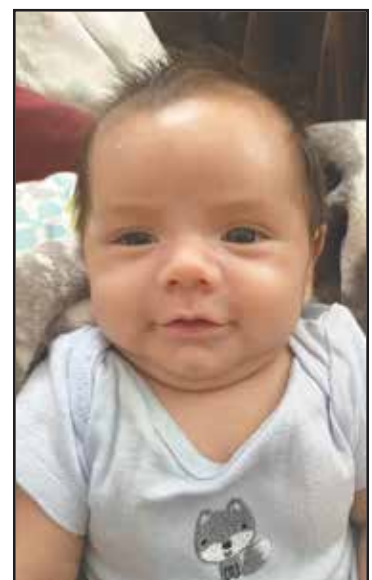
complete PPE just to go soothe baby Evelio back to sleep.

Evelio was the youngest patient and first baby to be hospitalized for COVID-19 at Downey Medical Center.

“This was about real collaboration between nurses, physicians, and the other members of Evelio’s care team,” explains Dr. Christopher Chinnici, MD, one of the physicians treating Evelio.

“They (the team) identified a child at potentially higher risk for serious infection and worked with our internal transport system to connect the clinic and inpatient teams to get the child into the hospital as quickly as possible. Even with the requirements for additional PPE and worries about their own health, the physicians and staff provided the family with an excellent care experience,” says Chinnici.

After three days in the PICU, Evelio improved, and he was able



to be discharged. Now, over a month later, Evelio is home and almost fully recovered.

As his mother recently shared, thanks to teamwork and excellent care, “He’s eating—overeating actually — and smiling.”

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THINGS TO WATCH



The Wrong Missy
Netflix (film)
Tim thinks he’s invited the woman of his dreams on a work retreat to Hawaii, realizing too late he mistakenly texted someone from a nightmare blind date.



Django Unchained
Netflix (film)
Accompanied by a German bounty hunter, a freed slave named Django travels across America to free his wife from a sadistic plantation owner.



The Two Popes
Netflix (film)
At a key turning point for the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI forms a surprising friendship with the future Pope Francis. Inspired by true events.



Swingers
Hulu (film)
A transplanted New Yorker attempting to acclimate to Los Angeles, Mike Peters (Jon Favreau), is struggling to both boost his comedy career and get over his last relationship.



Slums of Beverly Hills
Hulu (film)
A desperate father moves his family to the un-glamorous fringes of Beverly Hills in an effort to improve his children’s education.



DAVE
Hulu (TV series)
A neurotic man in his late 20s has convinced himself that he’s destined to be one of the best rappers of all time. Now he must convince his closest friends, because with their help, he actually might convince the world.

PIH doctor: Don't let COVID-19 fear endanger your health

By Jaime Diaz MD

In my 15 years as an emergency medicine physician, I have never treated as many catastrophically ill patients as I have over the past several weeks.

When in the midst of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, this may not come as a surprise. But the truth is, very few of the critically ill patients we are seeing in the Emergency Department at PIH Health Downey Hospital have COVID-19. The most compromised patients showing up or being brought to the emergency room have other, non-COVID-19-related diseases such as stroke, heart attack, complications of diabetes, severe pulmonary issues and even bad cases of seasonal flu. In certain people, COVID-19 can be a serious malady, but its presence has not made every other serious disease or condition disappear.

As of May 5, 2020, COVID-19 had claimed nearly 71,000 American lives, taken the lives of more than 2,300 Californians and stricken countless more. But COVID-19 is responsible for more deaths than we really know, because it is killing us in more than one way. COVID-19 has created such immense fear that people are understandably afraid to leave their homes, even to get the medical care they desperately

need. As a result, my colleagues and I are seeing patients with late-stage diseases, who are experiencing symptoms for which they would have sought immediate care, that is, before the pandemic.

When we ask these patients why they waited so long to seek care, they tell us that while they knew they were ill, they were too afraid to leave their homes and too frightened to go to a hospital where they might contract the virus from other patients or even from the very people who would care for them. Given these unprecedented times, these are understandable concerns. But as a physician, nothing is more frustrating than not being able to provide care to people you know you can help.

The public should know that they need to seek treatment if they suspect that they are seriously ill, for example if they have chest pains or difficulty breathing. And, patients who need ongoing care for existing conditions should not let the fear of a virus that they do not have, prevent them from seeking care for a life-threatening disease of condition they know they do have. Showing up in an emergency room with advanced disease often means that physicians will have fewer treatment options and outcomes may be compromised, meaning the patient may not return to full health.

Every hospital that I have talked with has implemented stringent processes to minimize the spread of COVID-19. At our hospital each physician, nurse and staff member is required to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms. When they arrive at our facilities, they are required to sanitize their hands and wear a mask. Each patient is thoroughly screened, must wear a mask and has their hands sanitized before entry. Any patient suspected of having COVID-19 is separated, away from others, before they enter our facility. And, we have made significant changes to our visitation policy, not allowing any visitors into some of the more vulnerable areas of our hospital. We are doing all we can to keep our patients, their family members as well as our own team safe.

We hope the virus curve is flattened soon and that a vaccine is just around the corner. But we also hope that the American public will stop letting fear of COVID-19 prevent them from coming to hospitals for the care they need, when they need it.

Dr. Jaime Diaz is chief medical officer at PIH Health Downey Hospital and medical director of the PIH Health Urgent Care System.

Cal State campuses to stay closed through fall

SACRAMENTO — Most of the more than 770,000 students at California's two main university systems aren't likely to return to campus this fall.

The California State University system, which claims to be the nation's biggest four-year university system, plans to cancel nearly all in-

person classes through the fall semester to reduce spread of the coronavirus, Chancellor Timothy White said Tuesday at a board of trustees meeting.

At the University of California, which has 10 campuses across the state, "it's likely none of our campuses will fully reopen in fall," Stett Holbrook, a spokesperson for UC, told CNN in an email.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, a key member of the White House's coronavirus task force, told Congress on Tuesday that it is a "bridge too far" for schools to expect a vaccine or widely available treatment for Covid-19

by fall reopening time.

"First and foremost is the health, safety and welfare of our students, faculty and staff, and the evolving data surrounding the progression of Covid-19 — current and as forecast throughout the 2020-21 academic year," White said in making his announcement.

Potential exceptions at CSU may include nursing students who need clinical training to be on track to get licensed to work in health care, White said, or students who need access to equipment for their training.

Students who need to continue research in labs will also continue forward under rigorous safety standards. White said students may need to work in shifts, wearing personal protective gear.

Rigorous health and safety requirements will be in place, such as sanitizing and spreading

students out. Instead of 15 students per class, it may be five students, he suggested.

Some of CSU's 23 campuses may continue to offer remote learning only.

"On some campuses and in some academic disciplines course offerings are likely to be exclusively virtual," White said.

University of California "will be exploring a mixed approach with some material delivered in classroom and labs settings while other classes will continue to be online," Holbrook said.

California was the first state to issue a statewide stay-at-home order, effective March 19. Like many other schools, colleges and universities across the nation, UC and CSU began suspending in-class learning in March.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti told CNN's Anderson

Cooper on Tuesday that he supports CSU's decision to cancel nearly all in-person classes for the fall semester.

"I absolutely think it'll be a different school than we're used to, whether that's fewer days a week, whether it's half the class coming in, whether it's new spaces or places where we educate," said Mayor Garcetti.

Garcetti said K-12 schools in Los Angeles should prepare to resume with online classes, but "it would be a pity if we have all of our children only online throughout the rest of this calendar year."

Garcetti suggested finding safe ways for kids to be at school as long as the numbers are stable.

"We should figure out safe ways for kids to be there, at least some of the week, face to face with teachers, with their peers," he said.



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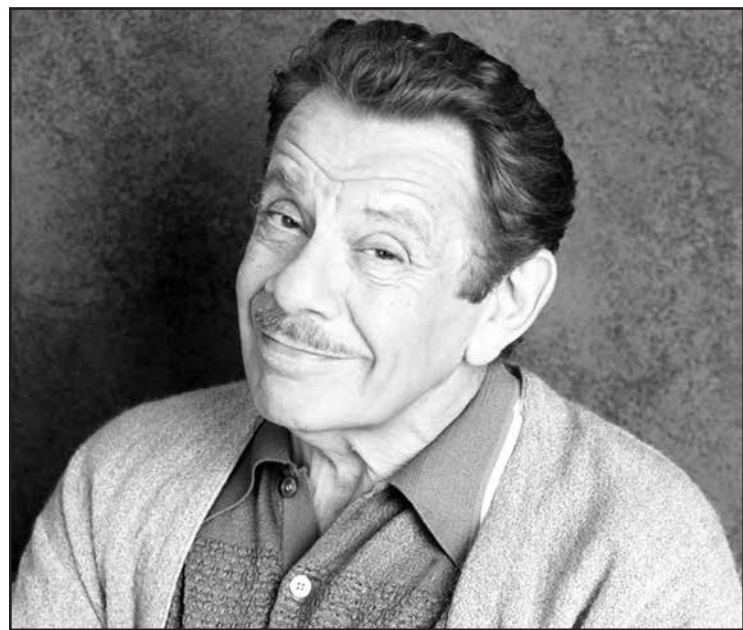
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OBITUARIES



Jerry Stiller

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Comedy veteran Jerry Stiller, who launched his career opposite wife Anne Meara in the 1950s and reemerged four decades later as the hysterically high-strung Frank Costanza on the smash television show "Seinfeld," died at 92, his son Ben Stiller announced Monday.

He died of natural causes, his son — a comedy star himself — said in a tweet.

Jerry Stiller was a multi-talented performer who appeared in an assortment of movies, playing Walter Matthau's police sidekick in the thriller "The Taking of Pelham One Two Three" and Divine's husband Wilbur Turnblad in John Waters' twisted comedy "Hairspray."

He also wrote an autobiography, "Married to Laughter," about his 50-plus year marriage to soul mate and comedic cohort Meara, who died in 2015. And his myriad television spots included everything from "Murder She Wrote" to "Law & Order" — along with 36 appearances alongside Meara on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Stiller, although a supporting player on "Seinfeld," created some of the Emmy-winning show's most enduring moments: co-creator and model for the "bro," a brassiere for men; a Korean War cook who inflicted food poisoning on his entire unit; an ever-simmering salesman controlling his explosive temper with the shouted mantra, "Serenity now!"

Stiller earned a 1997 Emmy nomination for his indelible "Seinfeld" performance. In a 2005 Esquire interview, Stiller recalled that he was out of work and not the first choice for the role of Frank Costanza, father to Jason Alexander's neurotic George.

"My manager had retired," he said. "I was close to 70 years old, and had nowhere to go."

He was initially told to play the role as a milquetoast husband with an overbearing wife, Estelle, played by Estelle Harris. But the character wasn't working — until Stiller suggested his reincarnation as an over-the-top crank who matched his wife scream for scream.

It jump-started the septuagenarian's career, landing him a spot playing Vince Lombardi in a Nike commercial and the role of another over-the-top dad on the long-running sitcom "King of Queens."

While he was known as a nut-job father on the small screen, Stiller and wife Meara raised two children in their longtime home on Manhattan's Upper West Side: daughter Amy, who became an actress, and son Ben, who became a writer, director and actor in such films as "Dodgeball," "There's Something About Mary" and "Meet the Parents."

He and Ben performed together in "Shoeshine," which was nominated for a 1988 Academy Award in the short subject category.

The son of a bus driver and a housewife, Stiller grew up in

Depression-era Brooklyn. His inspiration to enter show business came at age 8, when his father took him to see the Marx Brothers in the comedy classic "A Night at the Opera."

Years later, Stiller met Groucho Marx and thanked him.

Stiller earned a drama degree at Syracuse University after serving in World War II, and then headed to New York City to launch his career. There was a brief involvement in Shakespearean theater, including a \$55 a week job with Jack Klugman in "Coriolanus."

But his life and career took off after he met Meara in spring 1953. They were married that fall.

The seemingly mismatched pair — he a short, stocky Jewish guy from Brooklyn, she a tall, Irish Catholic from the Long Island suburbs — shared an immediate onstage chemistry, too. They were soon appearing on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and working nightclubs nationwide.

The pair also wrote and performed radio commercials, most memorably a series of bits for a little-known wine called Blue Nun. The duo's ads boosted sales by 500%. Ben Stiller recalled trips with his sister to California when his parents would head west to do television appearances.

The couple went on to appear as a team in dozens of film, stage and television productions. One of them was "After-Play," a 1995 off-Broadway show written by Meara.

Stiller joined "Seinfeld" in 1993, and moved on to "King of Queens" when the other Jerry & company went off the air in 1998. He also appeared in Ben Stiller's spoof on modeling, "Zoolander," released in 2001.

Little Richard

Rock 'n' roll icon Little Richard died at his Tennessee home Saturday, his family announced. He was 87.

Danny Jones Penniman, Little Richard's son, confirmed his death to Rolling Stone.

The pioneer would have stood out in any era. But in the 1950s, when Little Richard came to prominence, he was like no other: a flamboyant, makeup-wearing, piano-playing black man who personified the "devil's music" to establishment guardians.

Elvis Presley was one thing, but for all his pelvic thrusts and slicked-back, juvenile-delinquent hair, he was at heart a polite Southern boy who loved his daddy. Little Richard, though ... well, he may have come from a big Southern family himself, but he represented something else.

"Richard opened the door. He brought the races together," said arranger H.B. Barnum in Charles White's 1984 biography "The Life and Times of Little Richard."

"When I first went on the road, there were many segregated audiences. With Richard, although they still had the audiences segregated in the building, they were there TOGETHER. And most times before the end of the night, they would all be mixed together."

Richard Wayne Penniman was born on December 5, 1932, in Macon, Georgia. The third of 12 children, he clashed with his moonshine-selling father and was ordered out of the family home as a teenager. A white family named Johnson took him in, and Penniman -- who had honed his musical ability in church -- started performing in their club. Depending on the story, he was called "Little Richard" either as a childhood nickname or because he was underage.

Either way, the name stuck.

A link with an Atlanta DJ led to a signing by RCA, but Little Richard's recordings -- in a Louis Jordan jump-blues style -- failed to catch fire. For a time, Little Richard was a dishwasher at a Greyhound bus station.

He kept playing music, however, and in 1955 sent a demo recording to Specialty Records. Specialty's founder, Art Rupe, liked what he heard and asked Little Richard to go to New Orleans to record with members of Fats Domino's backing band. Producer Blackwell recalled him in a memoir as "this cat in a loud shirt, with hair waved up six inches above his head." During a break in what had been a lackluster session, Little Richard let loose with "Tutti Frutti."

The rest -- with a polish from Blackwell -- is, as they say,

history: "Tutti Frutti" hit No. 2 on the R&B charts and the Top 20 on Billboard's pop charts, selling a million copies. Little Richard was off and running.

More hits followed: "Long Tall Sally," "Slippin' and Slidin'," "Rip It Up," "Lucille," "Keep a-Knockin'" -- 17 songs through 1958, including three R&B No. 1s. His live shows were electrifying, and even Hollywood noticed, with director Frank Tashlin featuring him in 1956's Jayne Mansfield vehicle "The Girl Can't Help It."

In 1957, however, Little Richard lost faith in rock 'n' roll -- and gained it on a different plane. The plane, in this case, was not just heavenly; it was also the form of transportation he took after a tour of Australia. Believing the engines to be on fire, Little Richard struck a deal with God: If the plane landed safely, he would abandon the devil's music. It did, and he upheld his agreement, enrolling in an Alabama college and becoming a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

A 1965 album title says it all: It was called "King of Gospel Songs."

Little Richard resumed touring and recording in the '60s and '70s. He added "actor" to his resume with his performance in the 1985 film "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" as well as a variety of TV guest appearances.

Roy Horn

Roy Horn, one-half of the popular Las Vegas animal and magic act Siegfried and Roy, died Friday of complications from the coronavirus, according to his publicist. He was 75.

Roy Uwe Ludwig Horn and Siegfried Fischbacher began their upbeat performances in Europe, later becoming regulars in Las Vegas, where they performed for four decades.

"Roy was a fighter his whole life including during these final days," Fischbacher said in a statement. "I give my heartfelt appreciation to the team of doctors, nurses and staff at Mountain View Hospital who worked heroically against this insidious virus that ultimately took Roy's life."

Their revue ended after Horn was attacked on stage by a white tiger named Mantecore in October 2003, severing his spine.

The attack happened on Horn's 59th birthday, and an audience member told CNN at the time that Horn "looked like a rag doll in his mouth." Horn suffered massive blood loss and stroke, and required two surgeries.

Horn believed the attack was a reaction to a stroke and afterward called Mantecore "my lifesaver," his publicist said.

Horn eventually was able to walk again, but he and Siegfried would only perform together one more time for a benefit before retiring in 2010. He spent the rest of his life traveling, visiting his animals and attending shows and philanthropic events in Las Vegas, the statement said.

"Today, the world has lost one of the greats of magic, but I have lost my best friend," Fischbacher said. "From the moment we met, I knew Roy and I, together, would change the world. There could be no Siegfried without Roy, and no Roy without Siegfried."

A public memorial will be held in the future for Horn. He leaves behind his brother, Werner Horn, and his longtime performance partner, Fischbacher.

In Memory of

Maxine Eleanor Gwinnup

April 26, 1927 - May 1, 2020

Maxine Eleanor Gwinnup, from Youngstown, Ohio, passed away at home, Norwalk, CA, on May 1, 2020. She was a widow since 2001, of Robert E. Gwinnup. She is survived by her two daughters, Rae Holtzendorff and Susan Kackelmeyer. Maxine had two sons, Frederick C. Gwinnup and Robert L. Gwinnup both deceased. She had ten grandchildren, thirteen or more great-grandchildren. Maxine had attended Messiah Lutheran Church, Downey, CA. She had many friends, and relatives. We loved her laugh!

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Report: 5,700 adults live alone in Downey

DOWNEY — A newly-released report estimates that 5,766 adults live alone in Downey, which is 6.6% of all adults in the city.

The report is from Self Financial, which said it got its data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

Data shows that the share of adults who live alone has nearly doubled in the last 50 years. In 2019, 14.6 percent of adults lived by themselves.

The rise of single-person households is due to a variety of factors, according to research publication Our World in Data, including rising incomes, migration from rural areas to cities, and increased female labor force participation.

Nationally, nearly 15 percent of people live alone. However, the share of people who live alone varies considerably across different locations and among different demographic groups, making certain populations more at risk of financial distress and feelings of social isolation during the pandemic.

Americans over 75 are the most likely age group to live alone, largely as a result of spouses or domestic partners passing away. People aged 18 to 24, on the other hand, have the lowest rates of living alone, given that many individuals in this younger age group either still live with their parents or live with roommates to save money.

With regard to gender, men aged 25 to 64 are more

likely than women to live by themselves, but this trend reverses for individuals over age 65. Differences in age at first marriage, likeliness to remarry, and life expectancy explain much of the divergent trends in living patterns for men and women.

Patterns of adults living alone also vary significantly by location. At the state level, North Dakota has the largest share of adults who live by themselves at 18.2 percent, while Utah has the smallest share at just 8.9 percent. Ohio, Maine, and Vermont also have high rates of people living alone, all at nearly 17 percent. Hawaii and California, states with high living costs, join Utah in having much lower shares of adults who live alone, at 10.4 and 10.5 percent, respectively.

To determine the cities with the most adults living at home, researchers at Self Financial analyzed the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The researchers ranked cities according to the share of adults 18 years and over who live alone. Researchers also looked at the percentage of households with one resident, the total number of adults living alone, median personal income, and median monthly housing costs.

The Rise of Living Alone

In the US, the share of adults who live alone nearly doubled over the last 50 years. This is not only happening in the US: single-person households have

become increasingly common in many countries across the world, from Angola to Japan.

Historical records show that this 'rise of living alone' started in early-industrialized countries over a century ago, accelerating around 1950. In countries such as Norway and Sweden, single-person households were rare a century ago, but today they account for nearly half of all households. In some cities they are already the majority.

Surveys and census data from recent decades show that people are more likely to live alone in rich countries, and the prevalence of single-person households is unprecedented historically.

Social connections — including contact with friends and family — are important for our health and emotional well-being. Hence, as single-person households become more common, there will be new challenges to connect and provide support to those living alone, particularly in poorer countries where welfare states are weaker.

But it's important to keep things in perspective. It's unhelpful to compare the rise of living alone with a 'loneliness epidemic', which is what newspaper articles often write in alarming headlines.

Loneliness and solitude are not the same, and the evidence suggests that self-reported loneliness has not been growing in recent decades.



A growing number of people are living alone in Downey and across the nation. Experts say maintaining social connections is key to good health and emotional well-being.

steady between the early modern period and through the 19th century — typically below 10%. Then growth started in the twentieth century, accelerating in the 1960s.

The current prevalence of one-person households is unprecedented historically. The highest point recorded in this chart corresponds to Stockholm, in 2012, where 60% of households consist of one person.

The rise of one-person households across the world

For recent decades, census data can be combined with data from large cross-country surveys, to provide a global perspective on the proportion of households with only one member (i.e. the proportion of single-person households). This gives us a proxy for the prevalence of solitary living arrangements.2

We produced this chart combining individual reports from statistical country offices, cross-country surveys such as the Demographic and Health Surveys, and estimates published in the EU's Eurostat, the UN's Demographic Year Books, and the Deutschland in Daten dataset.

The chart shows that the

trend of rising single-person households extends across all world regions. There are large differences between countries — from more than 40% in northern European countries to 1% in low-income Asian countries.

Living arrangements and prosperity

National income per capita and the share of one-person households are strongly correlated: Data shows that people are more likely to live alone in rich countries.

The rise of single-person households tends to be larger in countries where GDP per capita has grown more. (NB. You can also see the correlation over time in this other scatter plot comparing average growth in GDP vs average growth in one-person households).

These correlations are partly due to the fact that people who can afford to, often choose to live alone. Indeed, rising incomes in many countries are likely part of the reason why people are more likely to live alone today than in the past.

But there must be more to it since even at the same level of incomes there are clear differences between regions. In particular, Asian countries

have systematically fewer one-person households than African countries with comparable GDP levels. Ghana and Pakistan, for example, have similar GDP per capita, but in Pakistan one-person households are extremely rare, while in Ghana they are common (about 1 in 4). This suggests culture and country-specific factors also play an important role.

Additionally, there are other non-cultural country-specific factors that are likely to play a role. In particular, rich countries often have more extensive social support networks, so people in these countries find it easier to take risks. Living alone is more risky in poorer countries, because there's often less supply of services and infrastructure to support more solitary living arrangements.

And finally, it's also likely that some of the causality runs in the opposite direction. It's not only that incomes, culture or welfare states enable people to live alone, but also that for many workers attaining higher incomes in today's economy often demands changes in living arrangements. Migration from rural to urban areas is the prime example.

Is the rise of one-person households a problem?

Social connections — including contact with friends and family — are important for our health and emotional well-being. Hence, as the 'rise of living alone' continues, there will be new challenges to connect people and provide support to those living alone, particularly in poorer countries where communication technologies are less developed and welfare states are weaker.

But, it's also important to keep in mind that living alone is not the same as feeling lonely. There's evidence that living alone is, by itself, a poor predictor of loneliness. Self-reported loneliness has not been growing in recent decades, and in fact, the countries where people are most likely to say they have support from family and friends, are the same countries — in Scandinavia — where a large fraction of the population lives alone.

Incomes and freedom of choice are not the only drivers of the 'rise of living alone'; but it would be remiss to ignore they do contribute to this trend.

Higher incomes, economic transitions that enable migration from agriculture in rural areas into manufacturing and services in cities, and rising female participation in labor markets all play a role.

People are more likely to live alone today than in the past partly because they are increasingly able to do so.

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Historical perspective on people living alone: Evidence from rich countries

Historical records of inhabitants across villages and cities in today's rich countries give us insights into how uncommon it was for people to live alone in the past.

The chart here, adapted from a paper by the historian Keith Snell, shows estimates of the share of single-person households across different places and times, using a selection of the available historical records and more recent census data. Each dot corresponds to an estimate for one settlement in Europe, North America, Japan or Britain.1

The share of one-person households remained fairly

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A heartfelt message for 2020 graduates

By Dr. Jessica A. Johnson

As the high school and college classes of 2020 are virtually celebrating their graduation, their memories of the latter half of this academic year will no doubt be a major narrative of their young lives.

I remember one of my high school counselors telling my senior class in 1987 that graduation would be the final juncture where we would all be together. No matter how many class reunions we would have, someone would always be missing. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I can only imagine the disappointment and hurt felt by this year's graduates in not being able to don their caps and gowns with their classmates, missing that milestone ceremony where they would be in the same auditorium, arena or stadium one last time.

The coronavirus ruthlessly encroached on the timeline for 2020 high school and college grads, and it is startling to think about how different the world is now from the years when I earned my high school diploma and bachelor's degree. None of the global tragedies that my peers and I witnessed in 1987 and 1991, respectively, can compare to the catastrophic suffering and death that students have seen within the past two months due to the onslaught of COVID-19.

For example, in 1987, hundreds were killed in a clash between Shia Iranian pilgrims and Sunni Saudi-Arabian troops, and deadly violence was ongoing during the Sri Lankan War. In 1991, there was a cholera outbreak in Peru. As gruesome as these events were, they did not personally affect us in the severe manner of the coronavirus, which has spread to 212 countries. COVID-19 cases in the U.S. have topped a little over 1 million, and the virus has brought our daily lives to a grinding halt with social distancing.

With all that is going on around us, I'm sure that many of our 2020 graduates have some anxiety about what lies ahead. For the high school grads attending college, their fears are probably

tempered somewhat since many of them will be dependent on their parents for another four or five years. Recent college graduates heading out into the world on their own, however, will be navigating their first significant steps as adults. My advice to all of these young people comes from a well-known Baptist hymn: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." The first verse is particularly relevant to what we are experiencing now with COVID-19:

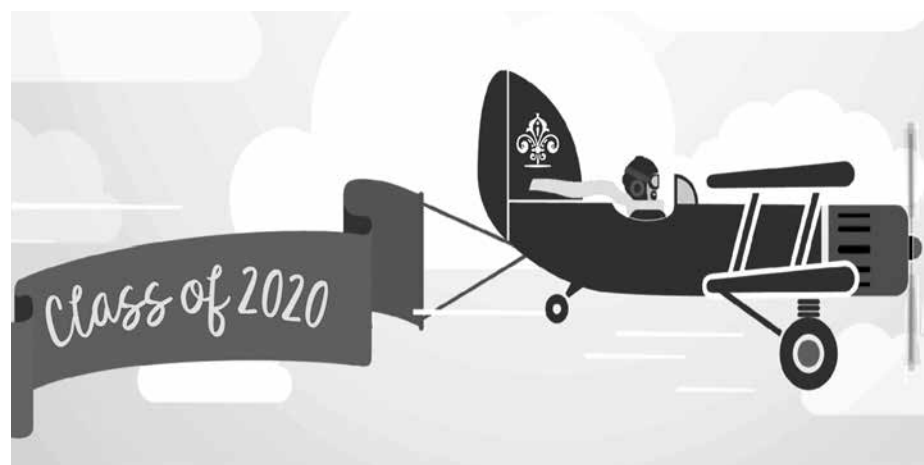
"Time is filled with swift transition
 "None, none earth removed can stand
 "Build your hopes on things eternal
 "And then hold, hold to God's unchanging hand."

COVID-19 has brought an overwhelmingly "swift transition" upon us, but if our hope is built on God, who is eternal, then we will have the strength to endure a pandemic or any other critical circumstances we face.

A Bible verse that I also think is especially fitting for graduates is Jeremiah 29:11. The Amplified version reads, "For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you, says the LORD, plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Graduates, I encourage you to entrust your plans to God, who has a divine purpose for you. For those going to college in the fall, place your ideas before God in prayer. Ask Him for direction in choosing your major and how He wants to use the talents and gifts He has bestowed in you.

For college grads, ask God for guidance in your career path, or in graduate school if you are continuing your education. Whether



you are pursuing a master's or Ph.D., starting your own business or entering a budding professional field, seek God for counsel in how He wants to prosper you.

Finally, remember that commencement means a "beginning or start." COVID-19 has caused you to miss your traditional commencement ceremony, but hand over your new beginning to God. He will provide you with assurance and wisdom to be successful in this next chapter of your life.

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A green light doesn't always mean accelerate

By Alex Dominguez

"What do you do at a green light?"

That was the question posed to my driver's education class over 10 years ago.

"You go," the class answered.

Then came the follow-up.

"Immediately?"

We were puzzled.

"Look guys, just because you got the green light, doesn't mean you have to be the first one in the intersection," said the instructor. "What if there's a driver trying to beat the red light? If they're going to hit somebody, I would rather it wasn't me."

Many of us are antsy to get the green light back in our lives, and COVID-19 feels less like a stoplight and more like the endless train cruising by at the railroad tracks.

California's safer-at-home orders (or "quarantine," "lockdown," whatever you want to call it) went into place on March 19. Originally, we were told it would only be a matter of a few weeks.

Of course, we have now entered May.

Words, phrases and slogans such as "social distancing," "flatten the curve," and "essential worker" have become everyday vocabulary. Businesses have shuttered. Schools have closed for the remainder of the school year. Use of video conference platforms like Zoom has skyrocketed, while gas prices have plummeted. Events and festivities have had to be postponed, reimagined, or outright cancelled.

Life itself as we knew it has been completely upended. Meanwhile, many continue to get sick. Hospitals remain warzones.

People continue to die.

The wide-spread frustration is tangible, made obvious by the protests that have occurred in past weeks, and the images of mass gatherings at the beaches during our recent hot summer weather.

There are those among us who have chosen to accelerate into the intersection, because "Dammit, this light has been red for too long."

I'm not a medical expert, nor am I a political leader; I don't have the answer nor the cure to COVID-19.

What I do like to think I have is just a little bit of common sense.

When COVID-19 really began to take hold in the United States, the projected numbers for California weren't pretty: over 6000 dead by August, according to the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

(IMHE).

That projection has been dramatically shrunk to around 2100, with IMHE reports saying that "relaxing social distancing may be possible with containment strategies that include testing, contact tracing, isolation, and limiting gathering size."

I am not insensitive to how people are struggling with the current circumstances, be it mental, financial, or business.

Still, we need to understand that a green light by our government (even a staggered one over time) does not mean the threat is gone and no longer serious.

Some will still get sick. Our healthcare facilities and workers will still need to remain diligent.

And yes, people will still die.

I know we are all frustrated, tired, and ready to move on from this new way of life.

But this is a marathon, not a sprint.

Even as our leaders begin to consider waving the yellow flag, we should still be pumping our breaks.

Alex Dominguez is a staff writer for the Downey Patriot.

We need a common sense plan to emerge from quarantine

By Jackie Cushman

In March we learned about flattening the curve and social distancing (which should have been labeled "physical distancing") to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The goal was to lower the number of cases to ensure that the supply of hospital beds, and especially ventilators, was not overwhelmed by the need for them. The goal was not to totally stop the pandemic but to push the number of cases into a longer time frame to allow the health system to handle those who needed additional assistance.

According to Maria Godoy's March 13 NPR article "Flattening a Pandemic's Curve: Why Staying Home Now Can Save Lives": "It's all part of an effort to do what epidemiologists call flattening the curve of the pandemic. The idea is to increase social distancing in order to slow the spread of the virus, so that you don't get a huge spike in the number of people getting sick all at once. If that were to happen, there wouldn't be enough hospital beds or mechanical ventilators for everyone who needs them, and the U.S. hospital system would be overwhelmed."

Godoy quoted Drew Harris, a population health researcher at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, about the goal of flattening the curve. "The system can adjust and accommodate all the people who are possibly going to get sick and possibly need

hospital care," Harris said. It was not about stopping cases; it was about managing the supply of critical care resources.

Harris is the researcher who is often associated with the chart of the curve literally being flattened. Clearly, this strategy worked. While it took longer in some areas to have an effect (especially high-density areas with rapid transport systems that have high usage), in other areas, where there was already physical space and less rapid transport, it took effect faster.

While we've been sheltering in place, millions of people have become unemployed and filed for unemployment, and billions of dollars have been given out in federal bailouts. Our health has also struggled, even for those of us who have not contracted the virus, according to Kate Briquet of The Daily Beast. In a May 4 article titled "Don't Forget the Other Pandemic Killing Thousands of Americans," she cited an increase in opioid deaths linked to the pandemic.

"Amid social distancing, authorities nationwide are reporting a surge in fatal opioid overdoses," she said. "Addiction and recovery advocates say the U.S. is now battling two epidemics at once."

Human connection, which is at the core of recovery, is sorely lacking; therefore, addicts are struggling even more than they used to, according to Briquet. Add to that the psychological stress and the loss of the sense of control; it's no wonder that opioid overdoses are surging.

While it's not time to resume life as it was last year — with large concerts, sporting events, weddings and other conventions — it is time to begin discussing, rationally, how to begin to interact once again, using science as our guide.

My point is there is a balance between reopening everything, including a 100,000-person event in a stadium, and remaining sheltered in place. We need to figure out how to conduct commerce while keeping the most vulnerable among us at more than arm's length.

May Day memories

Dear Editor:

Lorine Parks's poem, "May Day in Paris," sent me back to my early grade school years and springtime in northern Iowa, when my mother took me to a woods north of our small town where wild flowers bloomed.

They next day would be May 1, and I wanted to have May baskets for friends. I picked lily of the valley, wild violets, lots of bloodroot, one or two stems of Dutchman's breeches (a rare find), and bright yellow cowslips. Then we took everything home where I had laid out my carefully chosen little crepe paper baskets from Woolworth's, which I filled with candies.

In the early morning of May 1st, I added the blossoms and mother drove me around the neighborhood to the homes of my friends. Anonymous baskets hung on many front door handles, and I felt good.

I thank Lorine Parks, a fine poet, for memories.

**Joyce Sherwin
 Downey**

We have to be able to talk about this is an adult way, without hurling personal, disparaging remarks at people with whom we disagree. Instead, why not try listening to and understanding their perspective? Maybe you can address their concerns while also laying out the advantages of your approach.

There has been little mainstream coverage of what people can do — other than washing hands, wearing masks and staying away — to lower their risk of contracting COVID-19. For most individuals, immune systems can be strengthened by getting enough sleep, exercising, getting outdoors every day, eating nutritious food and meditating. One of the saddest parts of this pandemic is that it disproportionately affects those who already have health challenges. We should use this time to think about how we can redesign our lives, educate ourselves on how to live more healthily, provide access to more parks and provide more nutritious food. This would lead to healthier people better able to weather another pandemic.

We can't stay shut away like this forever; we are unlikely to devise an exit strategy that will keep the virus from inflicting further damage. While we can't return to the kinds of lives we led in 2019, if we think creatively, we might be able to come up with some alternatives that don't simply take us back to our 2019 lives but create a better future for all.

Jackie Cushman is a columnist and author of "The Essential American: 25 Documents and Speeches that Every American Should Read."

Where are the road repairs the city promised?

Dear Editor:

Like many of my neighbors, these last two months I have walked many of the streets of Downey. This has given me the opportunity to observe their condition, which in many cases is deplorable. And yes, I have also seen a number of streets which have been recently resurfaced.

Prior to the election when Measure S was on the ballot, I attended a public meeting hosted by city officials wanting to garner support for the proposal. They stated that one primary focus for a use of the funds would be road repair, which was acknowledged as a serious problem.

I am curious as to what degree that pledge is being actualized. I find nothing on the City's Measure S website which quantifies this, nor do I recall it being addressed by them in any of the updates published in the Downey Patriot.

To do this correctly the information should include to what degree the regular annual budget for the City continues to support road repair, so that the Measure S funds have not simply supplanted that ongoing funding source.

I recognize that the completion of a road repair project does not provide the same photo-op possibilities as a fire station or park reopening (and yes those are also worthy projects), but I hope what was promised prior to the election is being honored.

**Bruce McDaniel
 Downey**

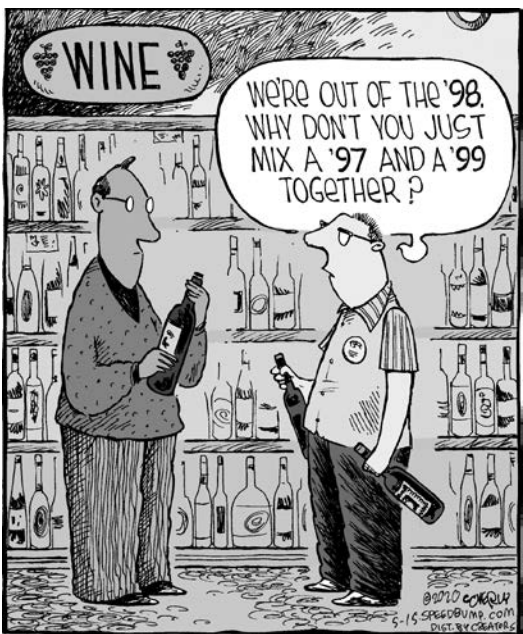
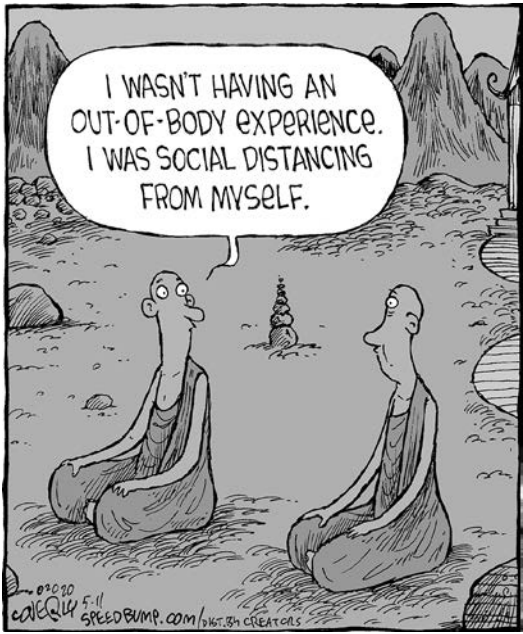
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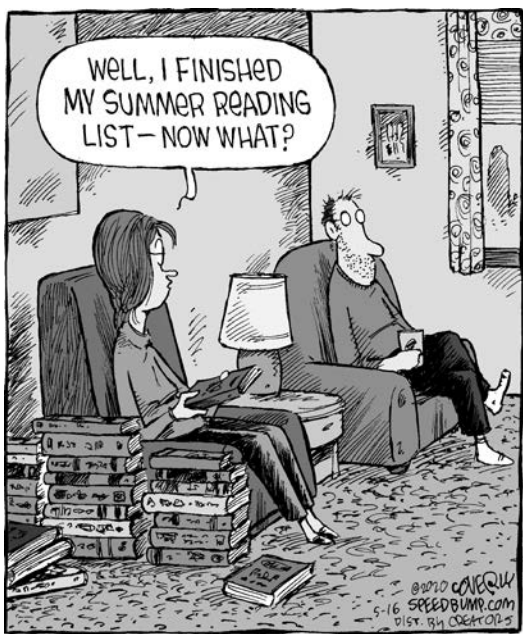
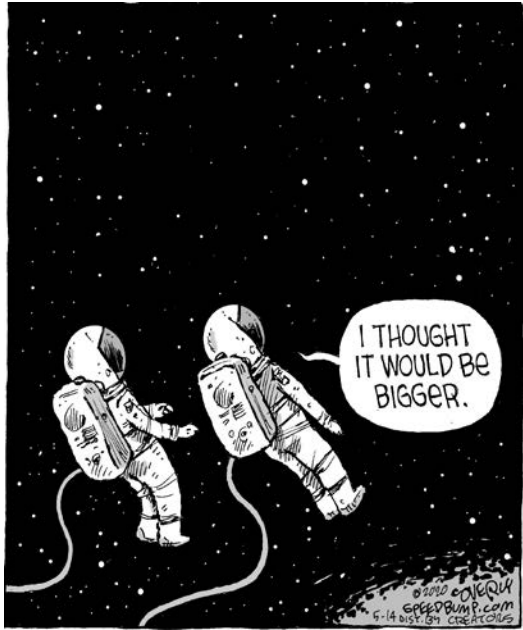
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at 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.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
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May 14, 1607: An expedition led by Captain Christopher Newport went ashore at Jamestown, Virginia. The group had arrived at the location the day before. This became the first permanent English colony in America.
1874: McGill University and Harvard met at Cambridge, MA, for the first college football game to charge admission.
1967: Mickey Mantle hit his 500th homerun.
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1998: The Associated Press marked its 150th anniversary.

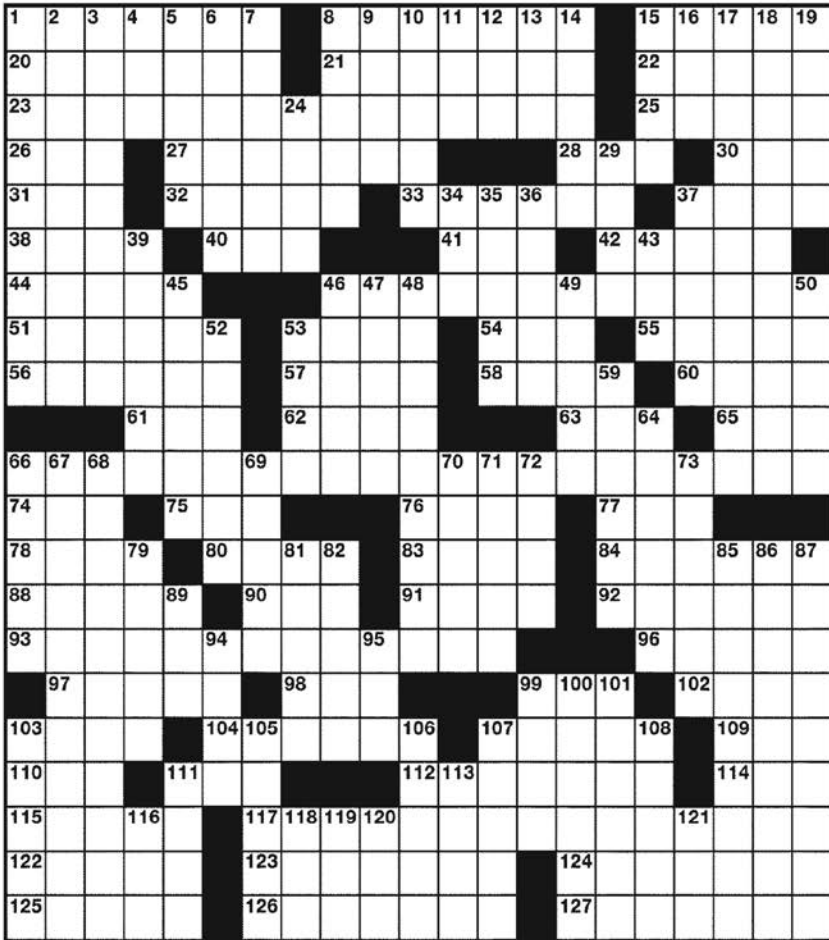
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

The term social isolation is on everybody's lips. I would argue that it's far more accurate to refer to it as physical isolation. Yes, physical isolation is sadly still necessary to continue to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Isolating includes working from home when possible, using delivery services for groceries and other necessary items, banking electronically, and exercising at home.

But how do we deal with the unavoidable negative health consequences? Studies have long shown a link between social isolation and depression, poor sleep quality, impaired executive function, accelerated cognitive decline, and poor cardiovascular function, not to mention impaired immunity. Until the arrival of this COVID-19 pandemic, isolation had been more common as we age. Now it affects all of us regardless of age, gender, race, and socioeconomic group.

It's important to remember that physical isolation does not require social isolation. I urge you to use your phone and your computer to virtually explore new opportunities. Platforms like Zoom allow us to see our friends, play games, and attend worship services. Take a class, tour a national park, enjoy a symphony orchestra, view theater, check out online books from your local library, and view zoo or wild animals.

Consider joining local neighborhood websites (such as Next-

door.com) to stay in touch with neighbors and local happenings. Perhaps you live with others or are a caregiver - discuss what will happen if either of you develops symptoms. Who would you call on for help? Please speak with those you trust about your concerns and about how you are feeling. Ask your medical professional or clergy about counseling opportunities. Online AA meetings and other online support groups are plentiful.

Note the huge value of pets for companionship and comfort. Numerous studies demonstrate the physical and mental health benefits derived from having a pet. Indeed, shelters are reporting a significant increase in pet adoption during this crisis.

Clearly we all must do our part to physically isolate and "flatten the curve." Let's enlist technology to keep our physical isolation from leading to social isolation. Our phones and computers can keep us from being alone. Technology can help us learn a new skill, exercise, pray, and simply communicate with family and friends. I urge you to use everything at your disposal. My guess is that our efforts to connect now will remain in place and make our lives richer, even as we slowly emerge from this temporary crisis.

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

Dance company uses technology to keep mini dancers active

Southern California Dance Company using Zoom for virtual ballet classes, and activities.

DOWNEY — Emily and her sister, Amelia, are sitting on their beds, intently coloring a tiara. Simone and her sister, Sierra, prefer to glue and paste at their little desk and Maddie uses stickers to finish her head piece in the dining room.

These little ballerinas along with several others join Ms. Paula Vreulink from the Southern California Dance Academy twice a week for a free arts and crafts session via Zoom, in addition to their virtual ballet classes during the Covid-19 social distancing period.

Each session holds a different project and so far, these Southern California Dance Academy ballerinas have made tiaras, maracas, magic wands, and a gratitude board.

"I felt that it was important to stay connected to my dancers and that our dancers stay connected with each other," says Ms. Paula.

The little ballerinas attend only one or two classes a week and it is easy to lose that teacher-dancer bond that is established during in-studio classes, Ms. Paula said. Since the ballerinas are now forced to take these classes virtually, it is important that these little ones, who are as young as three years old, maintain a sense of normalcy and have another creative outlet.



"It really isn't so much about completing the project perfectly; it's more about being able to see the familiar faces of their fellow dancers and their ballet teacher, sharing how the week is going and ooh-ing and ah-h-ing over the different projects," says Ms. Paula. "The little ballerinas can use their tiaras, magic wands and anything else they create during their ballet class online."

It is rewarding for the dancers to put something to use they have created themselves and Ms. Paula sees that maracas and

tiaras are being used over and over again.

Ms. Paula is no stranger to arts and crafts and loves "to make something out of (nearly) nothing" as she puts it. During her Summer Dance Camps, she and her dancers think up creative ideas to put together mini dance productions with the use of old costumes, paint, glue, and any decoration they can find.

She hopes that by the time her dance camp starts, dancers can get back into her studio again

for some much-needed, in-person fun.

If you want to find out more information about the Southern California Dance Academy, how you can help their non-profit Southern California Dance Theatre survive the Covid-19 crisis, or get updates on an "Alice in Wonderland" performance at the Downey Theatre, visit their website at www.scdt.com or reach out to Ms. Paula at scdto4@aol.com or by texting 562-397-2137.

SEAACA extended 15 years

DOWNEY — Downey Council approved a 15-year extension of the services of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) at their meeting on Tuesday.

SEAACA was formed in 1976 through the creation of a joint powers agreement between cities, and currently offers animal control services to 14 cities including Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Downey, Bell Gardens, Montebello, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, and South El Monte.

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A Matter of the Heart

Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith

My thoughts now go spinning back in time...back to memories that rocked our world. Here's my lump-in-the-throat story.

As a young mother of six, mom was told by a chiropractor that she had "a mild heart problem" and should rest awhile each day. Of course, and being of grammar school age or younger, we were not aware of it at the time. It was probably the mid-nineteen-fifties when most of us were teenagers that we learned of this. How were we to know then that grief, real and painful, would come to visit one day.

Fast forward to the year 1976 when mom was having a problem and went to see her family doctor. After a battery of tests, his diagnosis was "a questionable mass behind the heart." He gave her the name of a specialist and advised her to see him right away. A sadness began to overtake us.

After seeing the specialist and undergoing another battery of tests, she was diagnosed with "a tumor/center lung," and the doctor wanted her to be admitted to the hospital that very day to operate in order to make an absolute diagnosis. We were devastated...this couldn't be happening not to our beloved mom! We were on a roller coaster of emotions.

But going to the hospital and facing surgery was mom's decision. She just wasn't ready. Brother Cal was in Egypt fulfilling a lifetime dream of seeing the pyramids, and mom would not consent to being hospitalized and undergoing surgery as long as he was out of the country. And she did not want his trip to be cut short.

So she decided to stay with Brother Bob in the Yucca Valley area. She said her stay with Bob in the desert was so beautiful, so serene, and so quiet that it gave her the time she needed to think about her

situation. This time away enabled her to decide that she, too, had to know about that "questionable mass behind the heart." That mass that knocked us back on our heels.

So, after about six weeks (she referred to this time as "her running away"), she came home and told us that she was ready to face whatever was in store for her. Sorrow was to bring on a new kind of pain for all of us.

She was hospitalized, underwent a horrendous surgery, and we then learned that her diagnosis was "a tumor/center lung." The specialist said, "to penetrate the malignant tumor would damage her "strong heart." He also told us that she had a 5% chance of total recovery or one year to live, at best.

To prolong that time frame, since she was not a candidate for chemotherapy, she underwent an interminable bout of radiation. During this time, Mom said to sister Phyllis, "I'm more afraid of living than of dying." Heartbreak was all around us.

It turned out that Thanksgiving and her birthday of 1976 would be the last that she would spend in the family fold. Her fold was where our beautiful memories were made. It won't ever be like this again...this place and this time. Her final year was to be our long goodbye.

We spent as much time in her presence as possible; most of us were in her home every weekend. Brother George and Sister Donna lived nearby so they were there more often, and all of us phoned her at reasonable hours throughout the day (I personally called her daily on my lunch hour at work and, of course, every evening). Life without her was just unimaginable.

During her last year, she expressed the desire to be baptized; we made the arrangements, and mom plus 11 of her loved ones were baptized together at Melody Land in Anaheim.

She also expressed the desire to have a bible study in her home; we did this on a weekly basis for nearly a year, and it included many family members and close friends. Anyone wanting to be a part of

poem or short story. We read our poem or story out loud. We do that right after dinner, having a drink and some goodies with it.

One the 25th, we all go to night or early mass. The older people stay home to welcome the young ones that come to visit uncles and aunts and more family and good friends. They get special "oliebollen", sort of round small cakes that are a specialty for those days around Christmas, and more treats.

The parents stay home to make food for their families that come home from those visits. We pray everywhere and at home we thank God for everything.

Outside of Holland, we celebrate the American way. Presents for everybody, and many of them! Dinner is usually first. It's elaborate with turkey and honey ham and all that goes with it, like pumpkin pie and much more. It's also a big celebration, but usually very loud and joyful.

The only difference with my family is the food. We always have Indonesian dishes: sate, baby ketjab, sajoer boontjes and/or tomato, serendang, kroepoek, baked banana and more.

We all love the food and thank God for the opportunity to have this together on this special Christmas day.

I've always enjoyed Christmas here, in Canada, Indonesia and Holland. After all, the mean thing is that Jesus was born to love us and show us the way.

it was certainly welcome. As with Mom, it was always everyone is welcome, y'all come! The bible study continued for quite awhile, in her honor, after her death.

That "5% chance or one year at best" was closing in on us, and she was rushed to the hospital again. She was in a coma for hours and hours; but she woke up at one point and asked for my Steve... then fell back into the coma.

We were all there, taking five-minute turns to be alone with her. We were told that the hearing was the last sense to go and I know she got an "ear full" although our sorrow felt like a catch in the throat. We were all lost, floundering, confused and overwhelmed. We were told by the doctor that all that was keeping her alive was her "strong heart."

After hours of waiting for her to pass, Phyllis, Donna, and I left the area to be alone; we formed a circle, held hands and alternated praying to God to stop her "strong heart" from beating. Our own hearts wrenched in having to do so.

"There are moments in life when you wish you could bring someone back from Heaven to spend the day with them just one more time, to give them one more hug, a kiss goodbye, or just to hear their voice again...just one more chance to say I love you."

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

POETRY MATTERS

In my craft or sullen art

In my craft or sullen art
 Exercised in the still night
 When only the moon rages
 And the lovers lie abed
 With all their griefs in their arms,
 I labour by singing light
 Not for ambition or bread
 Or the strut and trade of charms
 On the ivory stages
 But for the common wages
 Of their most secret heart.
 Not for the proud man apart
 From the raging moon I write
 On these spindrift pages
 Nor for the towering dead
 With their nightingales and psalms
 But for the lovers, their arms
 Round the griefs of the ages,
 Who pay no praise or wages
 Nor heed my craft or art.

Dylan Thomas, Collected Poems, New Directions 1952

Writing is a solitary occupation, so the present social isolation is not unproductive. As Joyce Carol Oates said, The biggest problem for a writer isn't talent or lack of it, the biggest problem is being interrupted. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Christmas in Holland

By Maria Zeeman

December fifth, Saint Nicolas comes to the harbor of Amsterdam with his helpers and many gifts in big jute bags. It's a special celebration to see him arrive.

The next morning, his helpers go through the chimneys of houses with presents for the children. It's a big party for the small kids and usually everybody gets a chocolate letter of their first name, including the adults.


In the evening, most adults and big kids celebrate the giving of presents also. However, we secretly pull a name of those that will be there. Each person has to make a surprise gift in special packing and write a poem or something funny or nice for that person.

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On May 12, 2020, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced and adopted the following Ordinances:

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

Adopted Ordinance No. 20-1441, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey, California approving an amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the cities of Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Downey, Bell Gardens, Montebello, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, and South El Monte extending the term of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Saab, Frometa, Mayor Pacheco
NOES: Council Member: None.
EXCUSED: Council Member: Rodriguez.
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Adopted Ordinance No. 20-1442, an Ordinance of the City Council of the 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.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Saab, Frometa, Mayor Pacheco
NOES: Council Member: None.
EXCUSED: Council Member: Rodriguez.
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

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

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk
May 14, 2020

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUDOLPH RICHARD, JR. Case No. 20STPB03220

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUDOLPH RICHARD, JR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Judy Williams in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Judy Williams be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **Sept. 14, 2020 at 8:30 AM** in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
CAROLE S MORITA ESQ
690 EAST GREEN STREET STE 300
PASADENA CA 91101
CN969456 RICHARD May 7,14,21, 2020

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000007955305 Title Order No.: 8745699 FHA/VA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/08/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/16/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2237911 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: NORKA MADRIGAL, A SINGLE WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) DATE OF SALE: 05/27/2020 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS

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and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7827 ADOREE STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6245-021-035 LOT 35 OF TRACT NO. 18511, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 459 PAGES 13 TO 17 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY, AS RESERVED OR GRANTED IN DOCUMENTS OF RECORD. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$611,170.95. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and

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How the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the real estate market

There are so many ways in which 2020 is not turning out the way most Americans expected. In terms of real estate, we were hurtling toward a busy spring season.

All the economic indicators looked strong, boosting buyers to battle it out for a limited supply of homes. But then the coronavirus pandemic swept across the nation, upending those expectations and forcing us to reassess the year ahead.

Home sales have fallen and real estate listings dissipated as the COVID-19 pandemic made many buyers and sellers think twice about buying, selling, and potentially even moving with a deadly and highly contagious virus on the loose. But home sales will rebound in the late summer and fall, driven by millennials eager to own a home of their own, according to a revised forecast for 2020 by realtor.com's economists.

Markets in smaller, more affordable cities and surrounding suburbs could be particularly brisk as folks reevaluate the appeal of big-city life during a pandemic. But realtor.com also predicts the housing market will experience a second round of pain in the form of another downturn toward the end of the year.

"COVID-19 has really dramatically changed the way the housing market is going to perform this year," says realtor.com Chief Economist Danielle Hale. "We started off with the potential for the best year in more than a decade for sales. But we're going to see ups and downs as the market grapples with an unsteady economy. This will affect buyers and sellers across the board."

Sales of existing homes are expected to drop about 15% in 2020 compared with the previous year. Realtor.com is anticipating

4.5 million sales this year, compared with 5.34 million last year. The company's economic team had originally forecast, late last year, that 5.25 million sales would take place in 2020.

While many cash-strapped buyers have eagerly anticipated prices falling, triggering a real estate bonanza similar to the Great Recession, that's not likely to happen this time around. That's because the number of homes on the market has fallen, by about 45% in April, and so has demand from buyers. There's no glut of for-sale homes driving prices down.

"Sellers don't like to reduce their prices. So they decide not to sell," says Hale. Instead, they just pull their homes off the market.

The median price for an existing home is expected to hold steady, rising by just 1.1% in 2020 over the previous year.

"Were it not for COVID-19, we probably would've seen prices rise in the 2% to 4% range," says Hale. That's because even before the pandemic, available housing fell well short of demand, pushing prices up.

Buyers shouldn't despair. Record-low mortgage interest rates will offset some of the slightly higher prices. Rates are expected to be around 3.2% this year, down from nearly 4% last year. And they could even fall into the 2% range later in 2020, amid further financial uncertainty.

The problem is, buyers may have a harder time snagging those low mortgage rates. Lenders are requiring higher credit scores and down payments, in some cases, as the nation grapples with unemployment rates that are likely in the 20%-plus range.

Another downside for buyers is that home construction is expected to slow, exacerbating the housing shortage. Housing starts, or the number of homes on which construction has begun, are expected to drop by 11% this year. Before the pandemic stalled construction sites in certain states, realtor.com had expected

starts to jump by 10% in 2020.

Where buyers go shopping could also shift in the wake of the coronavirus. Those cooped up in small apartments in pricey cities may seek out smaller cities and suburbs where they can get more square footage and a backyard for less money. And with unemployment as bad as it's been since the Great Depression, buyers may also seek out these areas for their lower prices.

"The experience of being at home for a long period of time has everyone rethinking their priorities," says Hale. "People are recognizing space is more important, so they're looking for more affordable areas where they can have more space at the same price."

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Whittier opening 139-bed homeless shelter

WHITTIER — The Whittier City Council has selected the Salvation Army to operate a 139-bed homeless shelter, a critical step as Whittier attempts to house its homeless and enforce park curfews and anti-camping laws.

The Salvation Army will operate the shelter -- referred to by the city as a homeless navigation center -- out of its facility at 7926 Pickering Ave.

The shelter will put Whittier in compliance with a federal order that ruled it was unconstitutional for local governments to evict people from parks and public spaces when no other shelter was available.

"Whittier will be able to further meet the needs of the homeless by providing them beds, meals and services for their individual situations," said Mayor Joe Vinatieri. "And we will be able to institute full enforcement of our no camping, curfew and other quality of life city ordinances when the shelter is established. All of this is going to make a huge difference in the homelessness situation here in Whittier."

Council members chose the Salvation Army to operate the shelter over three other applicants, citing its experience in working with homeless and long history in Whittier and the

local area.

"The Salvation Army can bring a lot to the table," Mayra Chaidez, director of the Salvation Army's Santa Fe Springs transitional living center, wrote in a letter to the city. "Our local presence in Whittier... and throughout Los Angeles County (where our annual budget exceeds \$70 million) is enormous

and long standing.

Shannon DeLong, assistant city manager for Whittier, said the new shelter still needs to receive permits and undergo a state environmental analysis, but it could open this fall.

The final costs of operating the shelter will go before the city council at a later date, DeLong said.



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