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Garcia earns regional award

Downey Unified's Dr. John Garcia named Superintendent of the Year.

Blanca Rochin of Downey Adult School also honored.

DOWNEY — Dr. John Garcia, Downey Unified's superintendent, was selected as the Superintendent of the Year for Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

This is a distinguished honor as Region 14 consists of 24 school districts covering an area from Beverly Hills to Long Beach. Each year ACSA acknowledges outstanding performance and achievement individual administrators in various regions throughout California.

Garcia, Downey Unified superintendent for the last seven years, was selected for this award for his "exceptional leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, commitment to professional growth, and creativity and innovation in dealing with issues and problems facing public education."

"Dr. Garcia is extremely adept at creating a positive, dedicated, educational environment that includes and represents all members of the Downey Unified family," expressed Donald LaPlante, Downey Unified's Board of Education President. work ethic is unparalleled and he is guided by a strong moral compass, which sets a high standard for staff and students alike. His judgments and decisions are guided by what is best for our students and we are proud to have him as our superintendent."

Also set to be recognized, was Downey Adult School Principal, Blanca Rochin, Principal, who was selected as the ACSA Region 14 Adult Education Administrator of the Year and later was named the 2020 Adult Education Administrator of the Year Award for the State of California.

With a total of 19 regions in the state of California, ACSA Region 14 serves the following school districts in Los Angeles County: ABC Unified, Bellflower Unified, Beverly Hills Unified, Centinela Valley Union High, Compton Unified, Culver City Unified, Downey Unified, El Segundo Unified, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach City, Inglewood Unified, Lawndale, Lennox, Long Beach Unified, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Lynwood Unified, Manhattan Beach Unified, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified, Paramount Unified, Redondo Beach Unified, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified, Torrance Unified, Wiseburn, and community college districts and universities servicing these areas.

The Association of California School Administrators was established in 1971 and is the umbrella organization for school leaders in the state, serving more than 16,000 school leaders throughout California.

ACSA's 19 regions divide the state geographically, allowing the voices of members to be heard at the local level.

Virus blamed for 17 deaths in Downey

Health officials say 17 people have died in Downey after contracting the coronavirus. Authorities are balancing public health with growing pressure to open the economy.

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — Seventeen people have died in Downey after contracting the coronavirus, according to newly-released statistics from the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

The data does not reveal many details about the fatalities, including whether the deaths were Downey residents or if they occurred at Downey hospitals.

One of the fatalities was confirmed as Robert Olvera, a volunteer coach with the Downey Razorbacks youth football league. He died Tuesday, according to friends and family members.

Olvera also served as the Razorbacks' athletic director.

"We are deeply saddened and sorry for the loss and we hope it brings comfort to the entire Olvera family knowing that their grief is shared by all of us who knew Robert," the Razorbacks organization said in a statement.

missed. We remain strong with the Olvera family and keep them in our prayers."

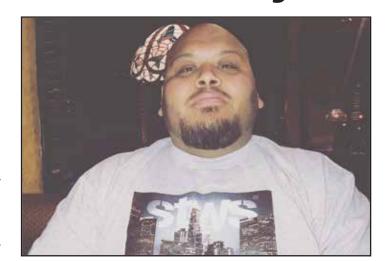
Olvera's family.

"He had such a big heart and would do anything for his family," said Jasmine Barragan, Olvera's sister-in-law. "We know he would want us all to be strong and to watch over his family and take care of them, so let's help him like he would help us all.

He is survived by a wife, Ashley, and three children: Adrian (10), Dominic (8) and Robert (5). Each of the children attend Downey

The number of COVID-19 cases in Downey continues to climb daily as both county and city officials worked towards a plan to reopen the local economy.

As of Wednesday, health officials had diagnosed 40,857 cases of the virus across Los Angeles County, including 472 cases locally, making Downey one of the leading cities with confirmed cases among other communities of similar size.



Robert Olvera, a coach with Downey Youth Football, died Tuesday after contracting COVID-19.

Officials now are grappling with reopening local businesses even as the virus is blamed for killing at least 1,970 people in L.A.

"The longer our businesses stay closed, the more likely it is "He was a wonderful and humorous person and he will be sorely that many of them, particularly our small businesses, will never reopen," said Supervisor Janice Hahn.

"We cannot stay locked down forever, so we need to learn to In only one day a GoFundMe page has raised nearly \$12,000 for live with this virus and that means allowing businesses to reopen quickly and safely with commonsense safety protocols in place."

> Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger expressed a goal for reopening on July 4 during a meeting with the Los Angeles County Economic Resiliency Task Force - a collection of elected officials and business leaders assembled to recommend steps for creating jobs and returning the county to full employment.

> But local officials said waiting until July 4 would cause irreparable harm to Downey businesses.

"The economic damage will be too great if we don't take measures to begin allowing our small businesses to reopen," Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa wrote on Hahn's Facebook page. "People are now living under this 'new normal' with face coverings and social distancing measures.

"It's time. We can not wait until July. The impact to our economies will be disastrous."



THINGS TO WATCH



The Willoughbys Netflix (film)

Four siblings with horribly selfish parents hatch a plan to get rid of them for good and form a perfectly imperfect family of their own. Will Forte, Maya Rudolph and Ricky Gervais lend their voices in this animated film



The Foreigner Netflix (film)

After his daughter is killed by terrorists, a sullen restaurateur seeks the identities of those responsible and travels to Ireland to take vengeance. Starring Jackie Chan and Pierce Brosnan



Romeo Must Die Netflix (film)

While investigating his brother's murder, an ex-cop gets roped into a turf war between two factions involving the daughter of his family's rival.



The Wonder Years Hulu (TV series)

Set in the extraordinary years of the late 60's, "The Wonder Years" looks back through the eyes of Kevin on the joys and tribulations of growing up in a typical suburban household.



I, Tonya Hulu (film)

Based on the unbelievable but true events, "I, Tonya" is a dark comedic tale of one of the most sensational scandals in sports history.



Escape from Alcatraz Hulu (film)

Three daring men make a possible successful attempt at escaping from one of the most infamous prisons in the world.



A Memorial Day unlike any other

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

his year, we will observe a Memorial Day unlike any we have ever seen in our lifetime. A day traditionally filled with public remembrances and parades will be forced to take a very different form in this time of isolation and social

On Monday, unfortunately, most of us will have to observe

Memorial Day in private. Our thoughts and prayers, however, will be the same as ever. We will remember, honor, and mourn America's fallen servicemembers and their families; and we will reflect on the profound debt we owe to them for their sacrifice.

As an American, your congresswoman, and the daughter, wife, and stepmother of veterans, every day I am reminded of and grateful for the servicemembers who gave their lives to defend and protect us. But this year, as Memorial Day approaches, I have felt that gratitude even more profoundly than usual.

In times of crisis like now, when our nation is devastated by tragedy and loss, I am especially thankful for the fallen heroes who have defended us in times of peril and darkness. They wore the uniform of our nation and faced unimaginable dangers to assure our defense. They faced that peril willingly, and often knowingly, at the potential cost of their own lives. Due to

their brave and noble sacrifice, America has overcome such darkness for more than two centuries and has become the greatest nation in the world.

facing one of the most difficult challenges in our nation's Tragically, we have already

Yet, we are once again

lost tens of thousands of our fellow Americans to the invisible enemy we call COVID-19.

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Memorial Day: A day to remember special heroes

By Mario A. Guerra

Memorial Day is a day of national awareness and solemn reverence; a day for us to honor the military men and women who gave their lives in defense of our nation, its values, our freedoms and our liberties.

This year, our observance of Memorial Day may be different from previous years while we help slow the spread of the COVID19 pandemic by social distancing. Instead of parades or large memorial events, we can remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in a more private way.

There are several ways to do this. We can honor them by participating in the National Moment of Remembrance, a call to voluntarily and informally pause at 3:00 PM local time on Monday, Memorial Day, to reflect on and remember those Americans who died in service to our nation.

We can also fly our flags at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, then raise them briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation's battle heroes.

Do you know a Gold Star family? Perhaps you can offer to help them in some small way. At the very least, we can thank them for the sacrifice their family has made and for the selfless service their Soldier gave to our country.

Observance Memorial Day was first observed after the Civil War and called "Decoration Day" because families typically remembered their loved ones by decorating gravesites with flowers or flags. We still do that across America today.

In fact, the soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment - The Old Guard - place small American flags at every grave marker in Arlington National Cemetery each and every Memorial Day.

The loss of these brave men and women throughout our nation's history are felt as deeply in our Army as they are in families and communities across this great nation. In the Army, we consider our greatest asset to be our people.

Our all-volunteer Army is a credit to Americans of all races, genders and creeds; and our common commitment to defense and love of country binds us together and unifies us. That goes to the

Heart of what it means to be an American.

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On Memorial Day, I hope, too, that we can remember the link we have with all the generations that have gone before us who selflessly served their country and paid the ultimate price. From the recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq back to the American Revolution, our Soldiers continuously put the welfare of the nation, the Army, and their fellow Soldiers before their own. And we honor those who paid the ultimate price in defense and service to the United States.

In May, we began a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of V-E Day. And as we mark that milestone, and as we gather on this Memorial Day, we are again reminded of the true cost of war.

On May 7, 1945, the Allies accepted Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender. This didn't mean the war was over – Allies were still fighting in the Pacific theater – but it meant peace for millions of people in Europe. The Allies determined that May 8 would be a day of celebration after enduring years of hardship, terrorism, brutality and the death of friends, loved ones and their armed forces.

In London, the news was announced the evening of May 7. Londoners poured out into the streets, and the only thing that stopped the party that night was rain. The next day, more than a million people celebrated.

At Buckingham Palace, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Winston Churchill waved to the crowds below. Two of the revelers were Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, blending into the enormous crowds. I think it was one of the most memorable nights of my life," Queen Elizabeth remembered.

In Paris, which had been occupied for four years, the Champs Elysees was a river of people singing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and one eyewitness said from the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe there was no place to move or even breathe, the crowds were so vast.

In Berlin, the defeat was both bitter and a relief. Now, people celebrate those who were in the resistance or use the day to reflect on the past, but in 1945, the German people had lost too much to celebrate.

In the United States, V-E day also happened to be President Harry Truman's 61st birthday. Truman dedicated the day to the late President Roosevelt, who led the United States through the war. Fifteen thousand police mobilized to control the enormous crowd gathered in New York's Times Square. In New Orleans, people danced in the streets.

On the front lines, it was a different story. First Lieutenant William Lee Preston, of the U.S. Third Army's 65th Infantry Division

wrote, "The front line troops didn't celebrate. Most of the men merely read the story of victory from the division bulletin sent to the troops, said something like 'I'm glad' and walked away.

Perhaps it was a different story in their hearts, or perhaps they were too tired, or thinking of home too much, or thinking of their buddies who didn't live to see the victory, to do much celebrating or merry making." More than 405,000 Americans died in World War II, giving their lives for our freedom.

Today, we pause to remember the sacrifices that the Allied forces made to ensure people were freed from Nazism, and the sacrifices American Soldiers have made in every conflict, to ensure we remain free. Of course, in the Army, we continue to pay a high price for ensuring America's freedom and security.

Every year, Soldiers die in combat or in accidents, and most recently, Capt. Douglas Linn Hickok, a physician assistant and New Jersey National Guardsman, died after testing positive for the coronavirus.

We will always continue to honor and remember those who died while answering the call to serve our nation.

Today, we pay special tribute to the men and women who have paid the ultimate price, whether it is deployed in harm's way all across the globe, training, or to our newest enemy -- COVID-19. We remember them and many more with gratitude and respect for the selfless service they provided our country.

Memorial Day is a time to honor our commitment to never forget those who served and sacrificed for America. And today, we do that once again. Thank you for reading this and thank you for remembering our soldiers and their selfless service.

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BITUARIES



Ronald Shurer

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Medal of Honor recipient and Army Special Forces veteran former Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Shurer died last Thursday, according to the unit he into space on the Mercury-Atlas 6 mission. On that mission, John served under in Afghanistan.

Prior to his passing, Shurer, 41, was undergoing treatment for lung cancer at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. He said Wednesday that he would soon be taken off a ventilator, an often difficult and sometimes dangerous medical procedure.

"Very upset to write this.... been unconscious for a week. They are going to try and take it out in a couple hours, they can't tell me if it will work," Shurer wrote in an Instagram post from his hospital bed, pictured with his wife, Miranda.

Shurer was awarded the Medal of Honor in October 2018 for his actions as a Green Beret medic with 3rd Special Forces Group during the Battle of Shok Valley in northeastern Afghanistan a decade earlier.

"Ron was the embodiment of the Special Forces soldier, a dedicated husband, and a loving father," said 3rd Group commander Col. Nathan Prussian in a statement. "His heroic actions were an inspiration throughout 3rd Special Forces Group, Special Forces Regiment and the U.S. Army. Our condolences go out to his family during this difficult time."

Shurer, a 2001 graduate of Washington State University, was

pursuing a master's degree when the September 11, 2001 terror attacks prompted him to enlist. Even after leaving the Army, his desire to help others continued.

Shurer last lived in the Washington, D.C. area. He regularly attended events there and in Fayetteville, North Carolina, to help raise funds for the Special Forces Charitable Trust, a charity that offers sustainable support to the families of Green Berets.

"Anytime I reached out to him and asked if he could do something, he always said yes," said the trust's executive director, David T. Guernsey, Jr. "He would be very happy to come."

Shurer's Medal of Honor was an upgrade from an earlier Silver Star Medal he received for his actions during the April 6, 2008 gun battle in Nuristan's Shok Valley. A Pentagon review determined Shurer's actions as part of a team sent to capture or kill several highranking members of the Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin militant group warranted the nation's highest valor award.

"This award is not mine. This award wouldn't exist without the team," Shurer said of the Medal of Honor. "If they weren't doing their job, I wouldn't have been able to do my job."

Annie Glenn

Annie Glenn, widow of the late NASA astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn — the first American to orbit the Earth — has died, NASA announced Tuesday. She was 100.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Annie Glenn. A stalwart member of the space and military communities, her courageous support of her legendary husband John was unmatched," NASA officials said in a statement.

Annie Glenn died at a nursing home near St. Paul, Minnesota after suffering complications from COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, according to the Associated Press.

Annie Glenn was an advocate for people with disabilities and communication disorders, having struggled with a speech impairment for much of her life. She married John Glenn in 1943 and had been his spouse for 73 years when he died in 2016 at the age of 95.

On Feb. 20, 1962, Annie Glenn watched her husband launch Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth when he circled the planet three times before safely splashing down in the Atlantic

As was the case with all of the astronauts' wives, Annie Glenn was thrust into the spotlight when her husband launched on that historic mission. However, she shied away from the media attention because of her stutter. She overcame the speech impairment at age 53 after attending a three-week treatment program at Hollins Communications Research Institute in Roanoke, Virginia.

When John Glenn launched into space again at age 77 — becoming the oldest person to ever go to space — Annie Glenn had become more comfortable with her public role and was more willing to speak to the press, the AP reported.

"She provided an example for other women who followed to face the challenges of being part of our nation's space program, and the stress of having spouses in combat," NASA said in the statement. "She stood steadfastly by her husband as he took to space once again as the oldest person to orbit Earth, even as she continued her own lifelong public service on behalf of children, the elderly, and the

Ken Osmond

Ken Osmond, an actor best known for his role as troublemaker Eddie Haskell on "Leave It to Beaver," died Monday at his home near Los Angeles.

Osmond, 76, played the iconic character, who was a frequent tormentor of Theodore "the Beaver" Cleaver, for the duration of the TV series, which ran from 1957-1963.

Osmond also reprised the role a few times over the years, including as part of the sitcom sequel "The New Leave It to Beaver" from 1985 to 1986, 'Still the Beaver' on TBS from 1986 to 1987 and the 1997 film "Leave It to Beaver."

His other credits included roles on "The Munsters" and "Happy

Osmond's also become a motorcycle officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, something he told the Chicago Tribune in 1992 had been a dream of his since he was a child.

Osmond said he was proud of his now iconic role.

"Everyone knows an Eddie Haskell," Osmond told the publication. "He's the guy who you can blame things on when they go wrong. The ironic thing about Beaver is that it was never a top 10 show during the original network run. It was just another family show that had enough fans to keep it on the air."

Fred Willard

Comedic actor Fred Willard died last Friday at age 86.

Willard was best known for his roles in Christopher Guest films such as "Best in Show" and "A Mighty Wind," and over the course of his long career he made an art of dry humor that brought laughs in goofy, subtle and understated ways.

His deep range lent itself to scene-stealing roles on sitcoms such as "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Modern Family." He even appeared as the only human character in the animated film 'WALL-E," a first for a Pixar film.

"It is with a heavy heart that I share the news my father passed away very peacefully last night at the fantastic age of 86 years old,' Hope Willard tweeted on Saturday. "He kept moving, working and making us happy until the very end. We loved him so very much! We

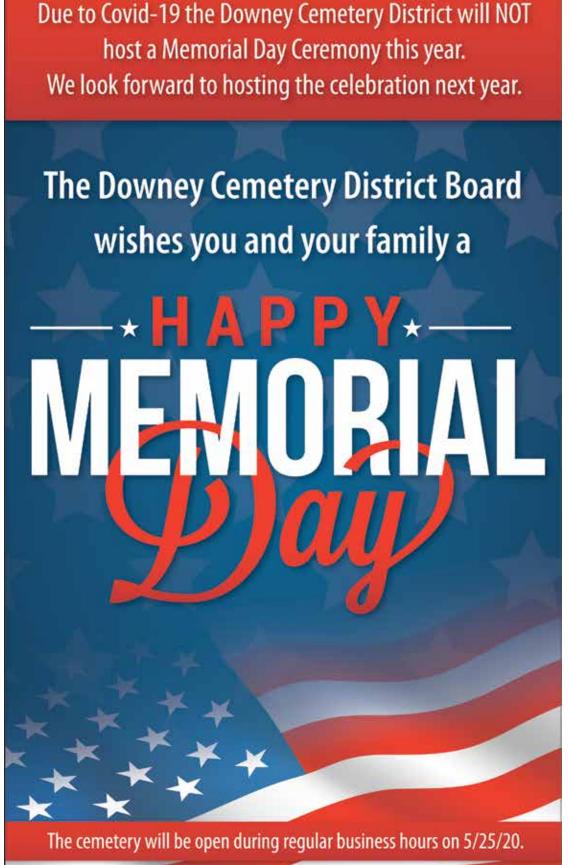
Willard was one of Hollywood's busiest comedic actors with a career that lasted more than 50 years, playing clueless characters such as sidekick Jerry Hubbard on the satire "Fernwood 2 Night" in the 1970s. He recently finished filming the Netflix series "Space Force," where he played actor Steve Carell's father.

From 2003 to 2005, Willard was nominated for three Emmy Awards for playing Hank on "Everybody Loves Raymond." He was nominated a fourth time in 2010 for his recurring role as Frank Dunphy, the father of Ty Burrell's Phil Dunphy, on "Modern Family."

A native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Willard attended Kentucky Military Institute for high school and Virginia Military Institute for college. Following college, he served in the Army and played baseball while he was stationed in Germany.

Willard is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Hope and Mitch Mulbarger, and his grandson Freddie. His wife Mary died in





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Many more are in pain and suffer from COVID's impact including those who have lost loved ones; those who have seen their wages cut; those who have lost their jobs; and those who have suffered physical and mental illness.

Now, more than ever, it is the

responsibility of all of us to carry our neighbors. our brave fallen servicemembers' torch of patriotism, to protect our country against the enemy we now face. Each of us has the power and responsibility to help our country survive this crisis. We can contribute to our victory over this virus by making sensible decisions to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and

selflessness, and courage. We demonstrate resilience when we patiently follow health and safety policies designed by health experts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I know how hard it is to isolate oneself, and to be separated from family and friends. But these policies will help to save lives, and are the

best chances we have to prevent

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coronavirus will require us to

follow the examples of our

fallen heroes, and of those

serving today, through their leadership qualities of resilience,

infecting others and ourselves with COVID-19.

can demonstrate selflessness when we put the needs of others before our own. That means, as annoying as it is, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing when we are outside. It means taking time to look after friends and family by staying in touch through phone calls, video chats, letters, texts, and emails. It means looking out for our neighbors, including seniors and other high-risk individuals, who may need our distance of six feet or more.

moments, we can demonstrate courage when we ask for help. If you have lost your job, need support to care for your family, mental health, or are facing domestic violence, please know resources are available which may help. I invite you to visit my website at roybal-allard.house. gov/coronavirus to see some of the services available to you, your family, and friends.

The virtues of the heroes *Huntington* we honor this Memorial Day Paramount, Vernon, and parts help getting the necessities of have rarely been more relevant, of Bellflower, East Los Angeles, life, including social contact at a or more necessary, than they Florence-Firestone, and South Los are for us today. If we unite in Angeles.

And during our darkest showing resilience, selflessness, and courage against COVID-19, we will prevail - and we will indeed honor and reaffirm the high standards our fallen heroes experience issues affecting your set when they sacrificed all for our great country. May God bless you, your family, and the United States of America.

> Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard represents California's 40th District, which contains the communities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Downey, Commerce, Park, Maywood,









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For David Devis, the goal right now is to survive

By Carol Kearns Contributor

DOWNEY — In the upside down world that has befallen so many businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, a "small burger joint with a local vibe" in Downtown Downey has seemingly accomplished the impossible. It is managing to stay afloat while complying with the new government restrictions and still provide employment for five people. It has even set aside space for a community food pantry.

"It's a group effort, the five of us," says David Devis, proprietor of LA Buns on Second Street. "It's like having a team of twenty. They do so much."

While the little storefront eatery is open seven days a week,

and favored by many customers, its financial situation remains precarious. Much of its current business is through delivery services like Grubhub, Uber Eats, and Postmates. The cost to the restaurant is 40 per cent of every

LA Buns is listed on Google Maps with a phone number for people who want to place an order "old-school style by just calling," says Devis, and the restaurant offers curbside pick-

A website for LA Buns, "where you're able to pay online, is in the works as we speak," says Devis. "You absolutely have to evolve with the times, and that's what we're trying to delivery service operating soon.

Following government guidelines, restaurant staff are wearing masks, plastic shields are in place near the register, and only take-out orders are available.

The restaurant isn't "making any money," says Devis. "It's losing a little money, but at least the employees still have their

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LA Buns proprietor David Devis and Judith Pinedo with her handmade masks. (Photo by Carol Kearns)

do." Devis hopes to get his own front business radiates a sense and belonging for others. of community. Judith Pinedo, a friend and employee who took a furlough so others could work, displays an assortment of handmade masks for sale on a table outside. The little food pantry of donated canned and boxed goods fills window space formerly covered with music and event posters. The food is available for anyone in need.

> While keeping during employed unprecedented disruption accomplishment by itself, LA Buns is more than just a standalone business.

LA Buns, via a connecting door, is also the on-site restaurant and integral part of the next-door Epic Lounge - a Continued on page 9 fabled event center that is a place of mystery and suspicion

every weekend and the store- for some, a place of exploration

While there are many who have never been inside the venue, most people recognize the city-approved two-story mural of the little girl on the side of the building. This early piece of public art by the artist known as Bumblebee overlooks the lounge's parking lot and is visible from Downey Avenue

For nearly a generation, since this Devis saw a business opportunity economic and signed a lease for the empty space with adjoining restaurant in 2002, the Epic Lounge has been evolving as a venue for the arts - from rock bands to string quartets, from poetry readings to art exhibits, from 99-seat theater to indie film festivals.





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HEROES ACT

Crucial to bolster America's economy

Downey's congressional representative, Lucille Roybal-Allard, supported the House's passage of the Heroes Act (H.R. 6800) last week, a new response to the massive health and economic crises created by the coronavirus.

She issued the following statement:

"I strongly support the House Majority's Heroes Act which is a critical and urgent response in our fight to defeat the COVID-19 catastrophe. As the unimaginable toll of this virus continues to mount, an economic disaster is also unfolding in every corner of our country.

"The Heroes Act is crucial to our ability to address these unprecedented crises. The bill includes new protections for working and middle-class families during this economic catastrophe by providing for a second round of direct payments of up to \$6,000 per household. And it ensures economic stimulus payments for everyone who files a tax return, regardless of immigration status.

"Our bill also provides \$175 billion to help homeowners and renters make their mortgage and rent payments, and new payroll protection measures to keep 60 million workers connected to their jobs. The bill also extends through January 2021 the weekly \$600 federal unemployment payments, and it requires OSHA to develop standards to make workplaces safe from the

"As we keep fighting COVID-19, the Heroes Act provides an additional \$75 billion for testing, contact tracing, and treatment that is essential to our ability to save lives, curb the spread of the virus, and reopen our economy.

"Furthermore, the Heroes Act provides our frontline heroes with the support and protection they need as they fight COVID-19 to save lives and protect our communities. This legislation invests over \$1 trillion into our states, cities, and towns, to ensure they can continue to pay our frontline personnel, including health workers, police officers, firefighters, transportation workers, farmworkers, and teachers. The bill also establishes a Heroes' Fund to ensure our frontline workers receive hazard pay, and it protects our Postal Service workers who are making deliveries

on their routes every day.

"In addition, the bill protects many immigrant families by automatically extending work authorization for DACA and TPS recipients. And it protects the health of the public at large by ensuring everyone, regardless of immigration status, has access to free testing, treatment, and services related to COVID-19. The bill also protects essential workers, such as our nation's farmworkers who pick the crops that feed our families, from deportation. It also allows undocumented students to access higher education financial relief, and permits naturalization oath ceremonies to be administered remotely.

"Our small businesses also get additional support in the Heroes Act. The bill strengthens the Paycheck Protection Program to ensure it reaches underserved communities and nonprofits of all sizes and types. And the bill provides \$10 billion for COVID-19 emergency grants through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

"I am concerned, however, with the inclusion of the controversial GROW Act. And I hope this issue can satisfactorily be resolved during our negotiations with the Senate.

"Nevertheless, once again, House Democrats are leading the way during this crisis of COVID-19 with legislation that will save lives and put families and workers first.

"We have no time to lose. Nearly 90,000 Americans have died from this pandemic. 36 million Americans have filed for unemployment. And as Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said earlier this week, Congress must act now to prevent a deeper and more painful recession.

"I urge the Senate and the President to do the right thing and join the House in supporting the Heroes Act to protect the American people, help American workers, and bolster America's economy.'

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Alllard represents California's 45th district, which includes Downey.

A political scam by House Democrats

By Dr. Jessica A. Johnson

When House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on May 14 that the current coronavirus crisis "is really quite an exciting time for us," she meant it.

On Friday, House Democrats passed a gargantuan \$3 trillion COVID-19 bill - the HEROES Act - that will serve as a starting point for negotiations with Senate Republicans and the White House over the next round of coronavirus "relief" legislation.

In addition to bailing out numerous irresponsible state and local governments and the Postal Service, the legislation is chock full of radical, wildly irresponsible provisions that clearly show that congressional Democrats are more concerned with expanding their power and pleasing their allies than they are fixing our broken economy.

Perhaps the most egregious example is Democrats' proposal to expand \$600-per-week unemployment "bonuses" through the end of January 2021. There's nothing wrong with providing people who have lost their jobs due to government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic with some relief. But offering \$600 bonuses through January 2021 would discourage workers from finding new jobs throughout the beginning stages of our economic recovery by paying them as much or, in many cases, more than what they earned in wages prior to the pandemic.

According to an April analysis by a former Treasury Department analyst, the \$600 weekly unemployment bonus, when added to existing state unemployment benefits, offers roughly the same or more money to unemployed workers than the average wage in all but a dozen states.

Why would Democrats want to discourage people from going back to work for such a long period? The answer can be found by considering the end date for the bonus payments: The end of January 2021, the exact time that a potential Joe Biden presidency

By discouraging tens of millions of unemployed Americans from going back to work over the next several months, it all but guarantees that an economic recovery would be extremely slow through the November elections. And by ending those lucrative benefits just as Biden could be entering the White House, it makes it highly likely that job growth would increase dramatically at an opportune time for the Democratic Party.

Liberals clearly aren't interested in fixing the economy as quickly as possible - which might explain, in part, why so many Democratic governors and mayors across the nation are so unwilling to reopen even the safest parts of their economies. If there were interested in fixing the economy, they would be doing everything in their power to make going back to work attractive. For congressional Democrats, it's apparent that they see the present crisis as a political opportunity, one they are hellbent on taking advantage of, no matter the cost.

And this is just one of several large scams included in the legislation. The proposal would also eliminate the state and local tax (SALT) deduction cap through 2021, allowing a relatively small number of tax filers to deduct significantly more of their state and local taxes from their federal tax bills.

Although ending the SALT deduction cap would benefit some middle-class filers in hightax states, it would be most beneficial to higherincome earners in high-cost cities like New York and San Francisco, which, of course, just so happen to be deep-blue constituencies for the Democratic Party.

According to a report from the Joint Committee on Taxation, 94 percent of those who would benefit from a SALT cap reduction or elimination earn at least \$100,000, and many earn a lot more.

Even more transparently political is the relief bill's student loan forgiveness provision. If passed, House Democrats' plan would forgive \$10,000 of student loan debt for borrowers currently paying \$0 per month under an incomebased repayment plan, as well as those who are in forbearance, deferment, default or serious delinquency. In some cases, students with private loans would even be eligible for loan forgiveness.

Liberals are painting this provision as a form of "relief" for younger Americans, many of whom were the first to be laid off when governments started to shut down the economy, but this part of the plan is nothing more than an attempt to buy support for the 2020 election.

Federal student loan payments have already been suspended through the end of September, and Democrats' legislation would extend this through September 2021. Further, federal loan interest rates have been set to o percent so that student loan borrowers are not punished for choosing not to make payments. Additionally, many federal student loan borrowers are enrolled in income-based repayment plans, which don't require payments when borrowers are unemployed.

With these provisions in mind, it's clear that granting \$10,000 of student loan debt forgiveness would offer absolutely no additional help for younger people who have just lost their jobs, with the only exception being a limited number of private student loan borrowers who are in default or serious delinquency. In most cases, all the legislation would do is unnecessarily add billions more to an ever-growing national debt in an attempt to get young people out to the polls in November.

Simply put, House Democrats' newest relief legislation is little more than a giant political scam. If they really were interested in improving the country, they would be working as quickly as possible to target relief to only those most in need while finding ways to safely reopen as much of the economy as possible - not advocating for costly, nonsensical, politically motivated reforms designed to help win elections.

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Public protests

I found the article "City Council Declines to Take Action Against Home Protests" to be utterly appalling.

Can this be happening in this city where I've lived for over 30 years? My city of high values and law and order?

Sure, like all of us, I believe in peaceful assembly and freedom of speech but when those gather together with the purpose of harassing, intimidating, disturbing the peace, and spewing profanities at public officials or anyone else, this is not peaceful assembly.

I sympathize with Mayor Blanca Pacheco and Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa for wanting action taken against the use of loud bull-horns spewing forth vulgar words in front of their homes at all times of the day.

This is not the way to protest in America, and the council ladies should have the support of Alex Saab and other council members in taking action against those who feel they can do anything to achieve their goal of influencing how the City Council conducts its meetings.

Where are the police in this matter? Surely disturbing the peace at all hours of the day and night should be against the law. Are they, too, like Saab and other council members spineless and fearful of a lawsuit?

After reading this disgusting article, I feel ashamed of our city fathers. Protecting the bullies and not protecting the law-abiding and hard-working citizens should not happen in Downey or anywhere else.

Martha Morissy Downey

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Democratic incompetence

Dear Editor:

Thumbs up to Suzanne Todd for bringing to our attention the duplicity of Gov. Newsom.

Approximately three years ago I asked Assemblymember Cristina Garcia where the tax on gasoline went. The answer: "to the general fund." Since then, the taxes on gasoline have increased twice and were supposed to go to fix our streets and roads. But Gov. Newsom, Nancy Pelosi's nephew, has chosen to use a lot of it on his pet projects.

When I read that he had appointed 80 to the task force on business and jobs recovery, some of the major leaders of the 80 being selected, i.e. Disney's Bob Iger, Apple CEO Tim Cook, Tom Steyer, a San Francisco billionaire who wants a carbon-free economy and slavery reparations, it frigthens me. I doubt if any of the 80 are looking for jobs or are in need of money. Maybe a contribution to the poor might help more.

Our governor is now being sued for wanting to give money to the unemployed illegals. I wonder if there is a Democrat alive who knows what "illegal" means. The homeless are given a room in a hotel important issues. No more. during the COVID-19 crisis. In San Francisco, they are supplied with drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. Who makes these ridiculous decisions?

Wouldn't it be terrible if they got off drugs, alcohol and cigarettes? Who is paying for this? Then California officials have let many prisoners out of ail and prison.

So as we read, Gov. Newsom says Tom Steyer was an ideal candidate to lead this. Guess we won't need roads when the governor or Mr. Steyer take away our gasoline. Our vote meant to improve our streets and roads meant nothing. Dictator Newsom wanted to use it elsewhere. I'm sure none of the wealthy 80 will make a dime off this. And I double any working citizen will be any better off because of the decision of the 80. How many of them are giving up air travel?

If you are wondering when or if this mess will end, I don't think it will. People keep voting for Democrats. In case they don't, Gov. Newsom has this fixed too. They are now going to mail out ballots, giving Democrats the ability to pick up and mail in votes.

There was a time when California citizens were allowed to vote on

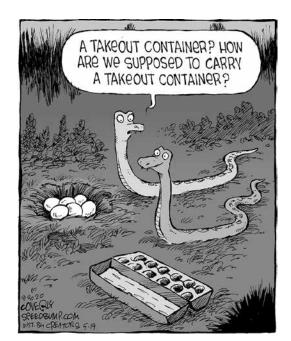
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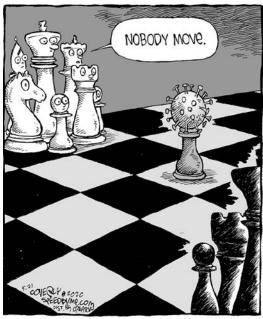
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1881: The United States Lawn Tennis Association was formed in New York City.

1956: The U.S. exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean over Bikini Atoll.

1968: The nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, was last heard from. The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.

Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

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

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

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.

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 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. Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.

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., 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.

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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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George Lopez releasing Netflix special

George Lopez is releasing his community. first comedy special on Netflix on

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While this is the comedian's first special on the streaming service, he's had four HBO specials, the most recent in 2017.

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Lopez released his first comedy album, Alien Nation, in 1996. In 2001, he released his second album, Right Now Right Now. He received Grammy Award nominations for his follow-up albums Team Leader (2003), George Lopez: America's

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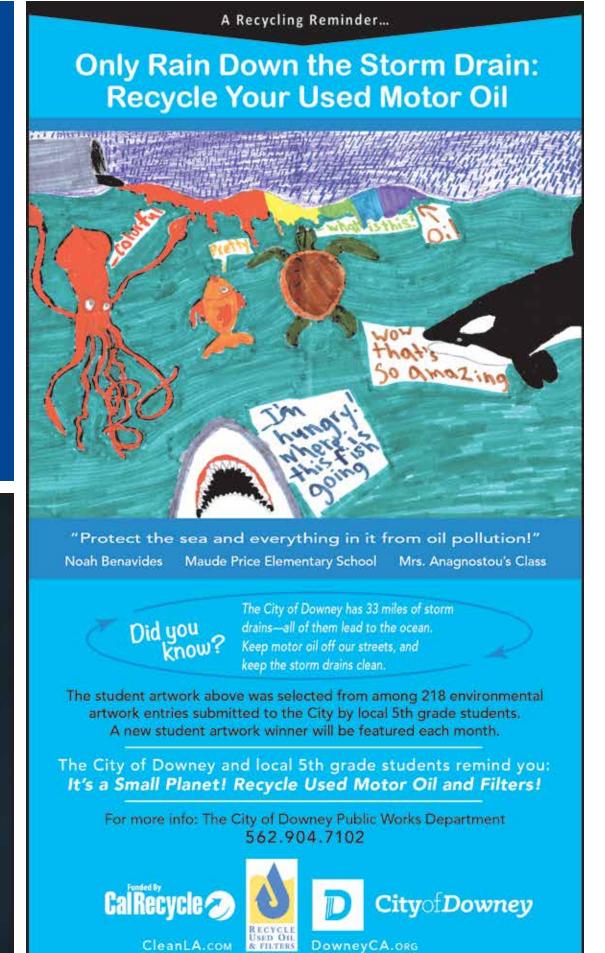
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) D & L
PACKING SUPPLIES, INC., 14512 S.
GARFIELD AVENUE, PARAMOUNT CA
90723

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: 02/2000
I declare that all the information in this 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/D & L PACKING SUPPLIES, INC., VICE PRESIDENT, DANIEL DOHERTY This statement was filed with the County

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020072343

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State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a
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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2020

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S/ BEAR 9 LLC, MANAGER, STEPHEN

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State of Incorporation: CA
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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY PUBLIC **REVIEW PERIOD** CITY OF DOWNEY SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2017-2018, 2018-2019, AND 2019-2020 HOME ACTION PLANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Downey Council Chambers, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241. The purpose of the Public hearing is to solicit citizen participation and public comment on the draft Substantial Amendment to the HOME Partnerships Grant ("HOME") 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Action Plans ("Action Plans") prepared for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). A copy of the proposed documents will be available beginning Monday, May

If you wish to view or obtain a copy of this document please visit the City's website at www.downeyca.org, or contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-714, or the City Clerk's Office at (562) 904-7280.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the public review and written comment period required under runs through Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

The City of Downey is an entitlement

community that participates in the HOME Program and receives HOME funds on an annual basis. Since the adoption of the 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Action Plans, the City is looking to fund the implementation of a Rental Assistance Program utilizing prior year HOME funds derived from projects that have been closed out or generated program income. In order to fund the Rental Assistance Program, the City must provide a 30-day public review period and conduct a public hearing before the City Council.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE **ACTION PLAN:**

The City is proposing to reprogram any unused entitlement and program income funds to its proposed Rental Assistance Program. The available amount to reprogram will be in the amount of \$185,439.60 in CHDO funds and \$412,391.02 of program income for a total of \$597,830.62 towards its proposed Rental Assistance Program. The funds will be come from program

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Accommodation Form located on the
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Director of Community Development

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC Published 5/21/20

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** PLN-20-00026

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 3rd day of June, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the bullowing item: 2020, at 6:30 p following item: (PLN-19-00191) Conditional Use Permit:

A request to allow the operation of a massage establishment (Panda Foot Massage), on property located 8847 Imperial Highway, Suite H and zoned C-2 (General Commercial). Public Participation and Accessibility for June 3, 2020 Planning Commission

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19, this meeting of the Planning Commission will allow members of the public to participate and address the Planning Commission during the public hearing via live stream and/or teleconference only.

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

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If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Associate Planner Irving Anaya at (562) 904-7154, or at ianaya@downeyca.

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NOTICES

Interested persons are invited to comment on the following wireless telecommunications facility named "LA02042A" located at 9040 Telegraph Rd., Downey, Los Angeles County, CA, and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The site consists of a proposed fiber addition to an existing telecommunications facility. Comments telecommunications facility. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by email to kerryWilloughby@AceEnvironmentalLLC.com. Address: 9976 Peak Lookout St. Las Vegas, NV 89178, (702) 614-4431. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the FCC 47 CFR Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C.

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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 epresentative to administer the estate of ne 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 reditor 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

t clerk.

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'It was like a sucker punch.' Businesses adjust to health orders

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LA Buns, serving burgers, fries, and simple sandwiches at all events, is an essential part of the lounge's liquor license. The survival of this eatery during this time of economic turmoil has implications for a cultural legacy that grew unexpectedly along with Devis's business and

When the Epic Lounge, along with all other places dedicated to public gatherings, was closed by government order, Devis says, "It was like a sucker punch." The restaurant portion of his business could stay open if it only offered take-out.

"The restaurant is now supporting both places," says Devis, who still must meet insurance payments, utility bills, etc.

Musing about when the lounge can reopen, he adds, "Entertainment is going to be the biggest challenge because people come in groups, and to get them to wear masks, it's gonna be crazy. So I don't know what's in the future for Epic Lounge, but the restaurant is still standing."

Epic Lounge

Both of Devis's businesses, the Epic Lounge and LA Buns, are modest-looking commercial enterprises that have made a surprising imprint on the cultural fabric of Downey.

The saga of Devis's Epic Lounge coincides with a cultural transition in Downey that began more than a decade ago. A new kind of entertainment was happening at the Epic Lounge before there was a Joseph's on Downey Avenue, before there was a Bastard's, before the Lock & Key Social Drinkery, and before the opening of the citysponsored Stay Gallery.

In time, city residents saw the appearance of more businesses providing night life and serving a younger crowd, and official city support for a changes, but grew from and crowd didn't have to leave their reflected the desire of younger city. generations who wanted to see more cultural events that spoke

Blacked-over storefront windows tell patrons and passersby that the Epic Lounge is not a conventional place. Dark paint inside hides a lot of blemishes. The funkiness signals an affordable venue for non-mainstream artists.

Devis's original vision when he leased the space as a young man in his early twenties was to

open a cyber café. The transition to entertainment was a business Downey decision for Devis, but it also communities, reflected his own creativity Lounge was a hallmark of as a bit of a counterculture impresario; it presaged what would happen to the downtown

Devis was a little late to the cyber café craze. By the time he got his business up and running, the market for cyber cafés shrank as the internet moved into people's homes. So he petitioned the city for a permit to hold concerts as well. There would be no age restriction because no alcohol would be served.

Devis says that some at City Hall doubted that the two different businesses would be compatible, but they allowed him to try.

"The entertainment part of it Enamorado, who is a took off," says Devis. "The Epic photographer and graphic Lounge was so popular that all my dates on the calendar were booked. It was so popular with the kids. Why was it popular? Because the youth in Downey away for other purposes, he had nothing to do.'

Downey has a well-known musical history, being the the band New American, recalls home of the Blasters, the Alvin first attending the Epic Lounge Brothers, James Hetfield, and around the time he graduated Karen and Richard Carpenter. from Downey High in 2010. Devis says this continued to be the case, elven if others didn't

"There were a lot of garage bands in this city. They had nowhere to play," explains Devis. "My place was all ages [over and under 21 years of age], so there was no competition around, meaning, I was the only place hosting all-ages bands and all genres of music. We weren't limited to one type of music." Word spread quickly about this amazing opportunity for seeing and performing live music.

"It got famous overnight," exudes Devis. "I had bands coming from different parts of the country, from New York, from all over the states."

Devis attributes part of the opularity to the fact that the broader range of the arts. The fan base, for many of the bands Epic Lounge didn't cause these was under 21 and the teenage

> "I thought it was good," recalls Devis. "We had no alcohol. Parents dropped off their kids and then picked them up after the concert. It was a controlled environment."

Devis states that his security people also kept fans from loitering afterwards and there were few calls, if any, to the police about disturbances. "My record speaks for itself," he says

and surrounding the adolescence. Gabe Enamorado, photographer and now Executive Director of Stay Gallery, recalls going to the Epic Lounge in 2005.

"The local punk/metal/ hardcore music scene," he writes in an email interview, "was a prominent feature of my youth in Downey.'

In 2007, as a high school senior, Enamorado pitched a different kind of show to Devis. "I approached David about hosting an art exhibition that I was curating featuring art works by two friends and I. It became the first art show that I ever put together. I still have the flyers from the exhibition."

artist, later would become one of the original founders of the city-sponsored Stay Gallery on Downey Avenue. After a time returned as Executive Director.

John Strang, guitarist with

The diversity of the music had a strong appeal for Strang. "You could get a lot of, like, more Chicano bands or you could get more metal and punk, folk rock. It didn't have any limitations to what kind of genre of music they would play there. And that's nice – all different kinds of communities and cultures."

There were other places in the area that featured live music, but for young people, Strang feels the Epic Lounge, "was really the only acceptable place where people could go and watch live music in Downey, and that's a big thing, it's a big part of the community.'

Strang and friends started a band as high school seniors, and



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Epic Lounge themselves. When Stay Gallery opened in 2012, a block away, Strang worked with Epic Lounge has been a big part Enamorado and curated music of the art scene in Downey. events known as Stay Fest featuring six to eight bands.

"We had multiple genres," recalls Strang. "It could be electronic music, or dance music, rock bands, punk bands. And basically anything in between."

Strang's band New American gave its final performance this year on January 25 in order to reform as a new and larger musical group. Unfortunately, the new band, Velvet Kings had not yet started performing when the government ordered business closures in March.

now, Strang's performance career is on hold. Like so many other musicians, he has a day job. He's a golf instructor in Downey and manages a golf shop in Montebello.

"You know as I get older," Strang reflects, "I really enjoy just how great the city of Downey

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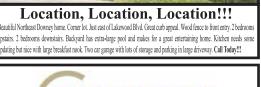


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