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Nursing home deaths climb

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — The total number of Downey residents infected with the COVID-19 virus climbed to over 1,300 this week as health officials implored the public to obey social distancing guidelines and wear masks in public.

As of Wednesday, the virus had killed 44 Downey residents and infected 1,332.

Nursing homes are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus outbreaks: Downey Community Health Center reported 126 of its patients tested positive for COVID-19. Twelve of those patients died.

Another 10 patients have died at Brookfield Healthcare Center, and eight died at Downey Post Acute.

Lakewood Healthcare Center reported 107 infections and four deaths, while three patients died at Lakewood Park Manor.

Public health officials said three people at the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant tested positive for COVID-19 but survived.

Pico Rivera mayor charged

PICO RIVERA — The owner of an education consulting firm and the mayor of Pico Rivera have been charged with improperly reimbursing family and friends for donating money to a candidate running for a seat on the Montebello school board, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Luis Diaz Rojas (dob 11/14/64) and Gustavo Camacho (dob 9/23/71) were each charged with one felony count of conspiracy to commit improper identification of a campaign contributor and one misdemeanor count of making a campaign contribution under a false name or improper identification of a campaign contributor.

The case was filed for warrant on April 21. Arraignment was continued Tuesday to October 8.

Rojas, owner of the DelTerra Group, and Camacho are accused of engaging in a scheme to launder contributions to Joanna Flores, a board member of the Montebello Unified School District.

Between December 2015 and April 2016, donors allegedly enlisted by the two defendants signed checks to the Flores campaign and received reimbursements for their contributions.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face up to three years in county jail.

Downey congresswoman celebrates DACA ruling

Last week's Supreme Court ruling keeps DACA in place but a path to citizenship is still far from certain.

DOWNEY — Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard is celebrating the Supreme Court's ruling last week preserving DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

The 5-4 ruling was written by Chief Justice John Roberts and joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor.

The ruling emphasizes that the administration failed to provide an adequate reason to justify ending the DACA program.

"We do not decide whether DACA or its rescission are sound policies," Roberts wrote in the majority opinion. "The wisdom of those decisions is none of our concern." We address only whether the agency complied with the procedural requirement that it provide a reasoned explanation for its action.

Below is Roybal-Allard's statement in full, released June 18, the day of the Supreme Court's ruling:

"Today is a happy and historic day for America and our Dreamers. With the Supreme Court upholding DACA, thousands of Dreamers can breathe a temporary sigh of relief. The Court has done the right thing and protected DACA recipients from the Trump Administration's arbitrary and



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capricious effort to destroy the DACA program.

"The Obama Administration's creation of DACA in 2012 was a historic step to provide safety and security to hundreds of thousands of Dreamers who call America their only home. When the Trump Administration tried to terminate DACA, that sense of safety and security was ripped away.

"I am relieved that the Supreme Court has seen the illegality of President Trump's actions, and validated the promise and patriotism of our Dreamers. I thank all those who were a part of this victory, especially the Dreamers across the country who bravely shared their stories during this fight. I also thank the litigators who saw

the injustice of the President's actions and built a compelling case to honor these young Americans, and I thank all the leaders and advocates who have fought to defend DACA.

"As original co-author of the Dream Act, I have been privileged to meet and hear from Dreamers across the country for the last twenty years. In these Dreamers, I see hope for a brighter tomorrow. I see how they strengthen our communities and our country. They are our educators, community leaders, medical care professionals, students, neighbors, and family members.

"As America battles COVID-19, I'm especially grateful for the many DACA recipients who have selflessly placed themselves on the

frontlines in essential jobs, including those working as medical professionals to save lives across our country.

"Today is a day for celebration and gratitude, but our work is not over. I continue to call on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to honor the sacrifices, talents, and patriotism of America's Dreamers by holding a vote on H.R. 6, my Dream and Promise Act.

"My bill provides a path to citizenship for 2.1 million Dreamers, who are American in every way but on paper. The Senate must pass this bill to ensure that no administration can upend Dreamers' lives out of prejudice or political gain."

Downey mayor has challenger in City Council race

Alexandria Contreras says Downey needs more protections for renters and bicyclists.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Downey resident Alexandria Contreras has announced her candidacy for city council.

Contreras, 26, will make her bid for District 1, going up against sitting mayor Blanca Pacheco.

A Warren High School graduate, Contreras briefly moved away for work purposes after having been raised in Downey.

"I started off doing non-profit fundraising in Boston," said Contreras. "Then that job took me into different organizing, community engagement type positions that took me everywhere from Arizona, to Virginia, New Mexico."

Eventually, however, Contreras says that she decided that she wanted to come back home and "bring everything that I learned."

"I've been keeping up with local news, and what's going on," said Contreras. "I got a job here as regional organizing director with California YIMBY,

to work in housing advocacy state-wide."

Contreras acknowledged she may not be familiar to many residents in the traditional sense.

Instead, she has spent her time focused on volunteer work, mainly centered around homelessness and housing.

"I did the homeless count. I work with a couple of organizations - more Greater LA County organizations - to work around housing," said Contreras. "I've done volunteer work with Ktown for All, SELA, and then a couple other LGBTQ groups where I just attended the membership type things and donate where I can."

Contreras added that she felt that there were not many of these types of groups within Downey, and that many of her organization efforts were to bring similar opportunities to younger people.

"I guess I wouldn't be involved in the traditional volunteer model that most people expect to see people in, because the things that I'm looking for - and that I know a lot of other people are looking for - just simply aren't here," said Contreras. "I want to bring them here, so that way people can get involved."

She says that it was a "lack of leadership in City Council"



Alexandria Contreras

that motivated her to run.

"After organizing here for a year - also growing up here, being loosely involved with things that are going on - not a lot has changed," said Contreras. "I wouldn't describe Downey as 'this is a happy city, this is a great place for us young people to do things.'"

"There wasn't a lot for us to get involved with. I want that to change, because Downey has a huge potential to be a happy city, and there is a huge potential for us to grow that way. But in order to make that happen, we have to be more of an inclusive city..."

Contreras's platform is one of making Downey just that: "a happy city." Her main points are split between public safety, community engagement, environment, and housing.

"I'm not going to promise to make problems erase overnight, but what I can promise is that I will work my best to make Downey a happy city for everyone to live in and enjoy living here," said Contreras.

One of her ideas she hopes to bring to the table if elected is to reimagine how residents move through city space.

"I bike everywhere now...it takes about 25 minutes for me to bike from one end of the city to the other," said Contreras. "Now imagine if we had the infrastructure in place that allowed people to walk and bike safely...imagine if City Council had made that a priority a decade ago."

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 79°

Saturday 78°

Sunday 74°

ON THIS DAY JUNE 25

1876:
Native American forces led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull defeated U.S. Army troops in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.



Sitting Bull

1900
A monk discovered the Dunhuang manuscripts, a cache of historical texts of great historical and religious significance, inside Chinese caves.

1938:
Dr. Douglas Hyde, a scholar and academic, was installed as the first president of Ireland.

1947:
"The Diary of a Young Girl," better known as "The Diary of Anne Frank," was published.

1950:
The Korean War began when North Korea, supported by the Soviet Union and China, invaded South Korea.

1975:
Prime Minister Indira Ghandi declared a state of emergency in India. Several human rights violations were reported over the next 21 months, including a mass sterilization campaign to reduce the country's population.

1978:
The rainbow flag representing gay pride was flown for the first time during San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Notable Birthdays
Singer-songwriter **Carly Simon** turns 75. Supreme Court Justice **Sonia Sotomayor** turns 66. Comedian and producer **Ricky Gervais** turns 59. Retired basketball player **Dikembe Mutombo** turns 54. Actress and author **Busy Philipps** turns 41. TV personality and author **La La Anthony** turns 39. Actress and model **Lele Pons** turns 24.



Sonia Sotomayor

Notable Deaths
Richard Harrison, the family patriarch on "Pawn Stars," died on this day in 2018 of Parkinson's Disease. He was 77. Pop icon **Michael Jackson** died in 2009 of a prescription drug overdose. He was 50.

Actress and model **Farrah Fawcett** died on this same day of cancer. She was 62.

Holidays
Today is **Global Beatles Day**, a celebration of The Beatles and their impact on music history and pop culture. Also celebrated today is **National Work From Home Day**, a holiday that perhaps will be revisited after this year.

Downey watchmakers are a story of survival

By **Lorine Parks**
Society Columnist

DOWNEY — “I can’t stay away.” Ten days ago, Garo the watch repairman reopened the door to his shop.

“My uncle, he learned this when he was a boy of fifteen, in Damascus.

And he’s been doing it for 60 years,” said Rita, Garo’s young niece.

Garo the watchmaker was born in 1944 in Syria, where his grandparents had fled from the Armenian genocide.

“That disaster must have been a hundred years ago,” I said. “1915,” said Rita. “Survivors don’t forget.”

Garo, who goes by his first name, drives here daily from Montebello and before the coronavirus, Rita, also born in Syria, came here from Tujunga. She is apprenticing in her new profession, a family business now being handed down from uncle to niece.

Downeyites will remember another well-loved Armenian family in Downey, Harry and Sarah Garo. “We are all cousins,” says Garo.

“I learned watchmaking from watching my uncle,” Rita said. Garo, she said, knows all kinds of time pieces, including the big standing clocks with pendulums, not batteries.

“He used to go to houses,” Rita said, “to wind them. But he’s

getting older now, and doesn’t do it, so I can’t learn that. I have to see him work, to learn. If you can’t see it, you can’t do it.”

I spoke to Rita back in early April. “My uncle used to have a booth in the Paramount Swap Meet,” said Rita. “He was busy there. But he thought he would like to be secure in a building, and lock up his wares at night and leave them there. So he came here.”

But about six months ago, at 1:45 am, Downey police responded to an early morning solo-vehicle crash in the 8000 block of Paramount Boulevard.

“Fiery Crash into Downey Strip Mall Leaves Driver, Passenger in Hospital” said the KTLA headline. Witnesses said

a red car was going at speeds up to 80 mph. The car was sent crashing through the watch store, where it landed on its side and caught on fire. Officers managed to rescue two men by cutting their seatbelts.

Undaunted by broken windows and smoke damage, Garo moved his goods into an empty storefront next door to his shop, so the business could continue without closing for even a day. Surviving runs in the family.

Now rows of wristwatches, from elaborate chronograph sport watches to dainty lady’s wristlets, fill the glass cases. On the walls hang intricate wall clocks with pendulums, some with their inner works visible,

“We don’t have any really expensive watches,” Rita said. “No Rolexes, with diamonds and gold, we don’t carry those. People today are starting to wear watches again, all kinds, so business is steady. People like to be able to say, ‘my father gave me this watch on my wrist.’”

Downey is lucky to have a genuine watchmaker, who knows



Garo at work inside his Downey store. Photo by Lorine Parks

the mechanisms of timepieces, open again and he stands behind the display counter filled with gleaming watch faces, welcoming new business.

Garo is located in a small strip mall on the southeast corner of Paramount and Telegraph Road where he practices his almost lost art, right here in Downey.

In spite of political persecution, a vehicle that crashed into his storefront, the coronavirus and now the threat of looting in the wake of George Floyd’s death, Garo’s door is

In Memory of



Ophelia “Tiny” Todd

March 14, 1927 - May 18, 2020

Dearest Tiny (Ophelia) Todd passed away peacefully Monday, May 18th, at the age of 93 in her Downey home of 70 years. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and mother-in-law. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Chuck Todd. She is survived by her children, Michael Todd (Peggy), Vicki Gunderson (Dave), Steven Todd (Linda) and Patrick Todd (Nancy), and by her grandchildren, Crystal Ticknor, Michelle Miller, Erick Todd, Leah Scott, Kevin Todd, and Rigo Todd. She so enjoyed her 12 great grandchildren.

Tiny was a most energetic homemaker and mom. Her backyard was filled with flowers and fruit trees, her house and bedroom are covered in her hand-crafted oil paintings, and the inner side of her house was adorned with an extensive and beautiful pastoral mural. Even her kitchen cupboards were painted in flowers. Despite a 4th grade polio diagnosis, from which she recovered, she took up tap dancing in her later years. Next, she formed two dance acts, the Dancin’ Grandmas, who all retired before she was ready, so she gathered a second group, Tiny’s Troupers. The two dance acts generously performed for schools, hospitals, and organizations for 35 years. An accomplished seamstress, she not only stitched various items for her kids through the years, she also made the costumes for her dance group, sewing sequins and feathers onto their leotards. In between her other activities, she took up doll making as well, and has left behind a lovely array of doll babies with exquisitely painted faces.

A lover of swing and social dancing, Tiny traveled each week to the Mayflower Ballroom to dance, dance, dance. There she met her soon-to-become companion, Slim Tanner, who passed in 2017, and with whom she laughed and enjoyed another 30 years.

Tiny is greatly missed by her family and her many friends, who all wish her Godspeed.

Robert Cauley was the winner of the first ever Rancho Foundation Art Contest.

The foundation held an art contest for artists from Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, asking them to submit a new work of art inspired by recent events and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ten staff members from various Rancho departments voted on the submissions, declaring Cauley the winner.

Cauley’s art piece is available for purchase, as are works by the runner-ups. For more information, call the foundation at (562) 385-7053. Proceeds are treated as donations and are tax deductible.



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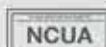
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OPINION: Downey Police have earned our trust and respect

Police departments are being criticized around the country, but Downey PD has proven to be a community partner.

By Mario A. Guerra

DOWNEY — In the past several weeks since the tragic killing of George Floyd we have heard a lot about police reforms and defunding police departments. Some changes have been needed throughout the country and hopefully are being addressed.

Which has made me reflect on our own Downey Police Department and how they have served us. It was especially pertinent last Friday as I patrolled the streets with one of our new young officers. I wanted to share first hand from my perspective about our Downey Police Department.

I have been a Chaplain for the Downey Police Department for the past 18 years. I am proud to be their Chaplain, proud of what they do and the people I know them to be.

My views and perception come from a unique place; from being with them, seeing them regularly and knowing what is in their hearts. I have been here through five different police chiefs and have seen their leadership and the benefits we enjoy as a community. As a resident, I feel safer because of them.

I have celebrated many joyous occasions with our officers (I have met their families, married several of them, baptized many of their kids and enjoyed some great moments together, both personally and professionally).

Unfortunately, we have also been together for many tragedies too. From suicides, to homicides to terrible domestic cases. I have been with officers in the middle of the night when we had to notify a family of the passing of their loved one. The officers' professionalism at these times is paramount, but just as important is the human interaction and decency they offer.

I have seen firsthand their compassion, empathy, love, pain, sympathy, service and duty to our community by a department that has always cared.

Our residents know it and our officers feel it. Our city is better and safer because of their efforts and they have earned the goodwill we afford them. We ask for perfection of them in dealing with so many tough issues, from mental health to criminal activity to drug abuse and homelessness.

They are made up of every race, color and gender. They are moms and dads, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, friends and family to many.

We saw how our community rallied around them after the murder of Marine and fellow Officer Ricky Galvez. We all felt that pain and our DPD remembers every day.

Our Downey Police Department is special to us and have shown us that they are here for us. They have been doing community policing for many years and they have earned our trust. They have earned the credibility and respect of our city and residents. Because we have our own Downey Police Department, we have also been

able to always be on cutting edge technology and updating our training. Our Downey city leaders have always made our public safety a priority and it shows.

They are always out in our city and have been very transparent in everything they do (Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Watch Groups, school resource officers, National Night Out, Street Faire, Christmas Parade, Citizens Academy, food distribution, kids toys give away, mental health professionals, K9 Units and much more).

I am so proud of who and

what they are and represent. Our culture is a positive one and we are a better community because of that. We are safer because of you and you are such a big part of why Downey is such a special place. Thank you Downey PD for all you do. We appreciate you very much.

Mario A. Guerra is a chaplain of the Downey Police Department, former mayor of Downey and current Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He can be reached at www.marioaguerra.com



Mario Guerra, left, and Officer Lopez on a recent ride-along.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Like most of you, I've been hearing some very funny jokes about the coronavirus. However, last time I checked, there was nothing humorous whatsoever about a lethal pandemic that has changed our daily lives so completely. Isn't it interesting how we cope with difficulties and stress during these surreal times? It turns out that jokes, gallows humor, and just laughter in general can be very healing - and a legitimate way of dealing with stress, alleviating depression, and improving our general health.



A good sense of humor is certainly not a cure-all, but a steady flow of preliminary scientific data suggests positive benefits. Our laughter not only helps us, but like the coronavirus, can be infectious.

A good laugh lightens the load mentally and also induces physical changes. It increases oxygen intake, thereby stimulating the heart, lungs and muscles. Laughter fires up and then cools down the stress response, and increases and then decreases the heart rate and blood pressure. It stimulates circulation and aids in muscle

relaxation, which can help ease some of the physical symptoms of stress. It increases the release of endorphins, which make us feel better by binding to our opioid receptors. The more opioid receptors one's brain has, the more powerful the effect. Highly addictive opioid drugs, like heroin, also bind to these receptors, suggesting that laughter induces a euphoria that is not unlike a narcotic. By the same mechanism, it reduces pain as well. Clearly, this way is safer!

Laughing activates the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin, the same brain chemical affected by the most common types of antidepressants. It's not clear from the research how long this mood-improving effect lasts, but the burst of brain activity triggered by laughing is effective, at least for short periods.

Laughter can protect the heart. Research has shown that laughter may act as an anti-inflammatory, protecting blood vessels and heart muscles from the damaging effects of cardiovascular disease. The mechanism of this is unclear, but the body's stress response is indeed directly linked to increased inflammation.

Laughter forms social bonds. When a group laughs to-

gether, it spreads the endorphin release and promotes a sense of togetherness and safety. Each person in a social group who laughs can transmit those feelings. This may explain why some will genuinely laugh even if they're not quite certain what everyone else is laughing about. In essence, laughter helps make difficult situations easier; acting as a natural icebreaker and as a way to connect with others.

Laughter can be a key to relationship success. It's interesting that women tend to laugh more than men, although men appear to instigate laughter the most. Women rate a sense of humor as a top three trait for a potential mate, and men rate a woman who laughs higher than women who don't.

Most of us can find a way to laugh about the situations we find ourselves in. Spend time with friends who make you laugh. Share stories and jokes. While the research on the benefits of laughter to our health may be limited, it is clear that feeling a bit more positive doesn't hurt. There is more than enough news out there to bring us all down. Let's work on daily laughter, and help one another to feel a little bit better as we emerge from these challenging times.

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.



Council candidate advocates for young people

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"We wouldn't be experiencing the same kind of frustration I believe we are experiencing right now, and we would also help foster more of a sense of community, because people are not stuck in their cars.

"We give so much public space to cars, that we forget about the people in them."

Of course, housing is also a

major part of her campaign.

"Every 10 years, the Southern California Association of Governments - which basically makes up all of LA County and a little bit more - basically they create a formula, they get data from all the various cities, they plug the data into this formula, and then they get the regional housing needs allotment," said Contreras.

"Every city gets 'X' amount of homes that they then have to build within the next eight years, essentially. The city of Downey has a number of almost 7,000 homes that we have to build within the next eight years.

"Part of my platform is with all these homes that are going to be brought, how do we smartly plan in the city for these homes to bring smart growth...and also with all those new homes, we're going to need better protections for the renters who live here.

"Downey is almost a majority renter city...and we don't have enough protections for renters here in the city. That's a shame, because renters are community investors; just because you rent, doesn't mean that you are not invested in the community you live in."

While COVID-19 is preventing Contreras from hitting the campaign trail in a traditional sense, she does have virtual events planned for the near future.

She can also be found on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as at her website alexfordowney.com.

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George Floyd’s death changed my mind

By Mona Charen

For many years, I was skeptical about accusations of racism in the criminal justice system. Yes, I knew that blacks comprised only about 12% of the population yet represented 33% of the prison population. But that data alone did not prove that police are racists or that courts are tougher on blacks than others. The relevant criterion is not the percentage of the population, but the percentage of the criminal population, and when you consider the higher rates of offending among African Americans, the seemingly disproportionate rates of incarceration make sense.

Well, some countered, if you look at who winds up on death row, you can see the racism at work. Less than half of murder victims in the U.S. are white, yet a 2003 study found that 80% of inmates on death row had killed white people. I wasn’t convinced. It might be evidence of racism, or it could be that when people kill others of their same race, they are more likely to know them. These could be crimes of passion and therefore less likely to draw the death penalty. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, between 2001 and 2005, nearly 78% of blacks were murdered by other blacks, and nearly 70% of whites were killed by other whites.

I thought Michael Brown’s death at the hands of a cop in Ferguson was tragic, but the Obama Department of Justice investigation found that the forensic evidence supported the officer’s version of events.

My views have changed though, bit by bit, over the past half-decade. Was it the sheer accumulation of cases? Eric Garner was choked to death. Yes, he was resisting arrest, but for what? For selling “loosies” — untaxed cigarettes. Freddie Gray, 25, was taken into custody in Baltimore. Handcuffed but not belted to his seat, police took him for what they called a “rough ride.” Somehow, he snapped his spine in the police van. He lapsed into a coma and died a week later.

Walter Scott was stopped for a defective taillight. After initial questioning and a quick scuffle, Scott fled the officer (perhaps fearful because he owed back child support). Officer Michael Slager shot Scott in the back, killing him. He filed a police report saying that Scott had grabbed his Taser, but a bystander video showed that after the shooting, Officer Slager ran back to the site of the initial scrap, picked something up and dropped it next to Scott’s body.

Laquan McDonald was a 17-year-old with PCP in his system and a knife in his hand. But contrary to the police report suggesting that McDonald was shot after lunging at police, the autopsy showed that he was hit 16 times, nine of them in the back.

Ahmaud Arbery was out jogging and was tracked and trapped by a two-car posse that included a former law enforcement officer. The

last words Arbery heard before he died were “f--- n---.”

And, of course, there’s the depraved murder of George Floyd, crushed to death under the knee of a pitiless cop while three others stood by.

I know there are videos of whites being shot by police. And as John McWhorter argues, it’s likely that we haven’t seen those videos because they don’t fit the narrative of racist white cops.

And yet, I think of the testimony of black men that they are routinely pulled over and hassled for “driving while black.” Is that their imagination? Can we dismiss Neil DeGrasse Tyson, who recalls a meeting at which one man after another recounted his experiences of being stopped by police, only to reveal that it was a conference of black physicists? What about Senator Tim Scott? He was stopped seven times in one year driving in his own neighborhood.

There’s data about those traffic stops. A study looked at 95 million traffic stops by 56 different police agencies between 2011 and 2018. They found that blacks were far more likely than whites to be pulled over — but the disparity declined at night, when it’s harder to detect the race of the driver.

A study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research in February 2020 looked at responses to 2 million 911 calls in two cities. It found that white officers were five times as likely to use force, including deadly force, in minority neighborhoods than African American officers.

There’s a lot more where that came from.

Some conservatives object that African American men are far more likely to die at the hands of other African American men than at the hands of police and demand to know where the outrage is about deaths in Chicago. But criminals are criminals. The police, by contrast, are hired, trained and armed by all of us. They are sworn to protect and to serve. There is no equivalence between the acts of Derek Chauvin and a Chicago gang member.

I’ve long believed that police have a difficult job and deal with the worst of the worst on a daily basis. I’m grateful for their protection. And there’s a lot of crying wolf in the race business. See Smollett, Jussie. But I’ve come to believe that mistreatment of African Americans is not a myth and is not uncommon. I’m glad that so many Americans are signaling their dismay at these outcomes. People’s minds can change. Mine did.

Mona Charen is a senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center. Her new book is “Sex Matters: How Modern Feminism Lost Touch with Science, Love, and Common Sense.”

Tulsa showed us a path to November

By Froma Harrop

What didn’t happen in Tulsa last weekend was gratifying and a relief. The protests against racism were overwhelmingly orderly. President Donald Trump’s rally also proceeded without serious incident and, notably, without much of an audience.

And this didn’t happen for lack of provocation. Trying to whip up excitement for his revived rally schedule, Trump started the weekend with a bloodcurdling threat against protesters should they step out of line. Oklahomans, he opined, would not treat protestors in Tulsa with the same delicacy allegedly afforded those in liberal New York, Seattle and Minneapolis. The tweet doubled the offense by lumping protesters with “anarchists, agitators, looters or lowlives.”

To further stir up the cauldron of racial tension, he had originally scheduled his rally for Freedom Day, which commemorates the date in 1865 that the last enslaved blacks in Texas learned they were free. And this in the city where, almost 100 years ago, white mobs rampaged through a thriving black commercial district, massacring hundreds and burning down businesses and homes. All that was piled on enduring embers of nationwide anger over the death of George Floyd.

But the people of Tulsa didn’t go where some tried to lead them. The Tulsa police and National Guard troops kept the sides apart so protesters and Trump rallygoers could both exercise their right to assemble. And they kept their cool. For example, when an attention-seeking demonstrator demanded to be arrested, the police officer smartly ignored him.

Mareo Johnson, a pastor and founder of Black Lives Matter Tulsa, organized a disciplined demonstration in a park not far from the president’s rally. Tykebrean Cheshire, founder of Peaceful Rally Tulsa, kept her group away from the BOK Center. “I wanted to do the old school MLK thing,” she said.

A thumbs-up goes to Tulsa’s Republican mayor, G.T. Bynum, who posted on Facebook: “The world is watching, Tulsa. Let’s show them what love looks like. They need it.”

And a round of understanding is due to those Oklahoma

Republicans who gave the rally a pass, leaving empty rows of blue seats. The Trump campaign boasted that 1 million had signed up to attend. Only about 6,200 people actually showed at the 19,000-capacity BOK Center.

What happened? The poor attendance may have partly reflected melting support for Trump. But much of it certainly indicated a serious concern about the coronavirus.

It’s true that many young people on TikTok and fans of the K-pop school of music registered for the event with no intention of participating. That may have inflated the numbers the Trump campaign said would be present. (An area was set outside for an expected overflow crowd.) But people were admitted to the arena strictly on a first-come, first-served basis, not registrations.

Fact is, COVID-19 cases were spiking in Oklahoma, and informed people know that a hollering crowd in an enclosed space was going to produce a steaming stew of pathogens. They also knew of Trump world’s hostility toward face masks that would help protect them and others from the virus.

Would someone please explain the definition of courage that elevates refusing to wear a mask during a pandemic to an act of heroic defiance? Kudos, meanwhile, to the few brave attendees who did wear masks in the face of social pressure to be stupid.

More flashing red lights took the form of demands that rallygoers sign waivers absolving Trump of any legal responsibility should they contract the virus. If Trump is good at anything, it’s looking out for Number One.

Tulsa, you rose to the occasion by not rising to the bait. Congratulations, and may the rest of America follow your example.

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Climate change action

Dear Editor:

In an on-line conference with local environmental citizen-lobbyists on Wednesday, June 17, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, who represents Congressional District 40 (Downey, Bellflower, Commerce, East LA, and surrounding communities) expressed her continued concern about climate change and its impact on working and immigrant families and others in the district.

Although Congress must make dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic its priority, she emphasized the need to deal with climate change as an urgent concern.

Citizens’ Climate Lobby volunteers Anita and Guido Rivero, Sal Cervantes, and Lita Cervantes of Downey; Filiberto Palacios of Bellflower; and Ken Bodger of Whittier requested the meeting to express their continued alarm at the climate crisis and to thank Rep. Roybal-Allard for cosponsoring the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 763, which places a steadily-rising fee on fossil fuels and then returns all of the proceeds, except for administrative expenses, equally to American families via a monthly dividend.

Professional economic studies have shown that the approach embodied in the Act will reduce CO2 emissions by 40% in twelve years while creating jobs and saving 295,000 lives in ten years due to reduced air pollution.

“It is urgent that this bill, which I have co-sponsored, be approved,” said the congresswoman, noting that H.R. 763 now has 80 cosponsors from all over the nation, including neighboring Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-Norwalk) and herself.

Filiberto shared the results of a recent Harvard University study (not yet peer-reviewed) which showed that air pollution increased COVID-19 death rates by eight percent, and an economic study which projects that 89% of all households and 96% of low-income households will receive more from H.R. 763’s dividends than they pay in increased costs for fossil fuels and the goods and services

Griffiths Middle School mascot

Dear Editor:

With our country undergoing a nationwide reckoning of our ideals, and racial stereotypes and insensitivity at the forefront of our minds, now seems like a good time for the Downey school board to reconsider Griffiths Middle School’s Indian mascot.

The school romanticizes the mascot as a “brave” warrior but the truth is that Native Americans were brutally murdered by invading forces that stole their land.

The National Congress of American Indians has long advocated for the removal of Native Americans as logos and mascots. This is what they write on their website: “The intolerance and harm promoted by these “Indian” sports mascots, logos, or symbols, have very real consequences for Native people.

Specifically, rather than honoring Native peoples, these caricatures and stereotypes are harmful, perpetuate negative stereotypes of America’s first peoples, and contribute to a disregard for the personhood of Native peoples.”

I hope the school board recognizes that an Indian mascot is dangerously outdated and considers a change. Now is the time.

Polly Contreras Downey

Random kindness

Dear Editor:

It’s been a tough year so far. If political unrest and coronavirus wasn’t enough, the love of my life passed away at the end of March.

The UCLA staff was wonderful and helped him pass with someone at his side when we were advised to stay home due to our own health conditions.

Fast forward to last evening at the corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Telegraph Road. My daughter and I used the drive-thru at Starbucks around 9 PM.

The wait was a little long but when we arrived at the window, our cashier said, “You can put your card away because the car ahead of you already paid for your order.”

May I say to whoever touched our hearts that what you did felt like a healing touch to our weary souls. Please accept our thanks for a surprise such as we have never before received.

We will pay it forward in honor of your thoughtfulness.

Roseanne Hernandez Downey

Enough with fireworks

Dear Editor:

What can we do as a community to stop the constant barrage of fireworks we are experiencing on a nightly basis?

It is worse than it has ever been and it’s only early June! I can’t imagine what early July is going to sound like.

I know our PD and FD have their hands full. When the explosions sound close I want to call, but on the other hand I don’t want to add to the tremendous amount of calls they surely must already be receiving.

Unless someone actually sees someone light one there isn’t much that can be done. By the time PD arrives on a street, it’s too late.

What type of person thinks this is fun or funny? Some really lonely, sad and deranged individual who isn’t getting enough attention I guess.

Lighting fireworks and disturbing entire neighborhoods is like scum hiding in the shadows. My hope is that when our awesome Police Department does catch some of these morons, no warnings are given. Take whatever the law allows to the max.

And our poor pets! My dog is going nuts and is scared to death. Somehow this has to stop.

John Zander Downey

Government responsibility

Dear Editor:

I admire Judge Andrew Napolitano’s consistent commitment to Constitutional liberties. But in last week’s column (June 11), he went a bit off the tracks.

There is no parallel whatsoever between Governor Newsom ordering Californians to wear a mask outdoors and a police officer kneeling on the neck of a prisoner until he kills him. A few moments’ reflection will remind anyone of multiple laws and executive actions with the force of law to protect public health and safety. No one has a Constitutional right to expose other people to a dangerous and potentially fatal disease.

The government certainly has the right and indeed the obligation to protect people’s lives from the irresponsible and unreasonable negligence of others.

As Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson wrote long ago, if we don’t temper our dogmatism with some common sense, we will turn the Constitution into a suicide pact.

Don Marshall Fullerton

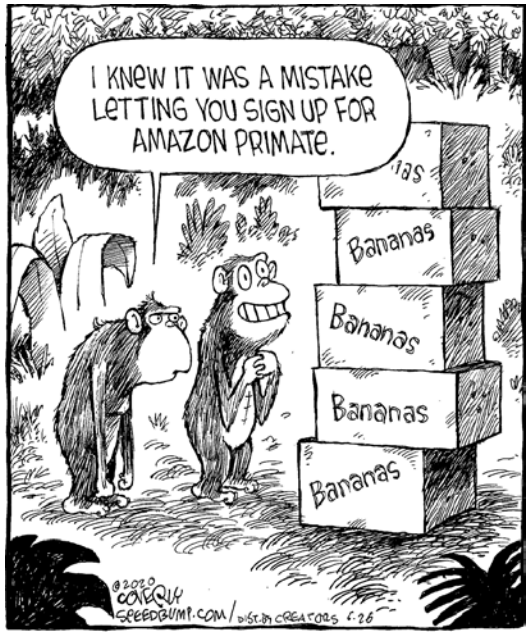
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Downey Community Calendar

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.

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.: Sorooptimist 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.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

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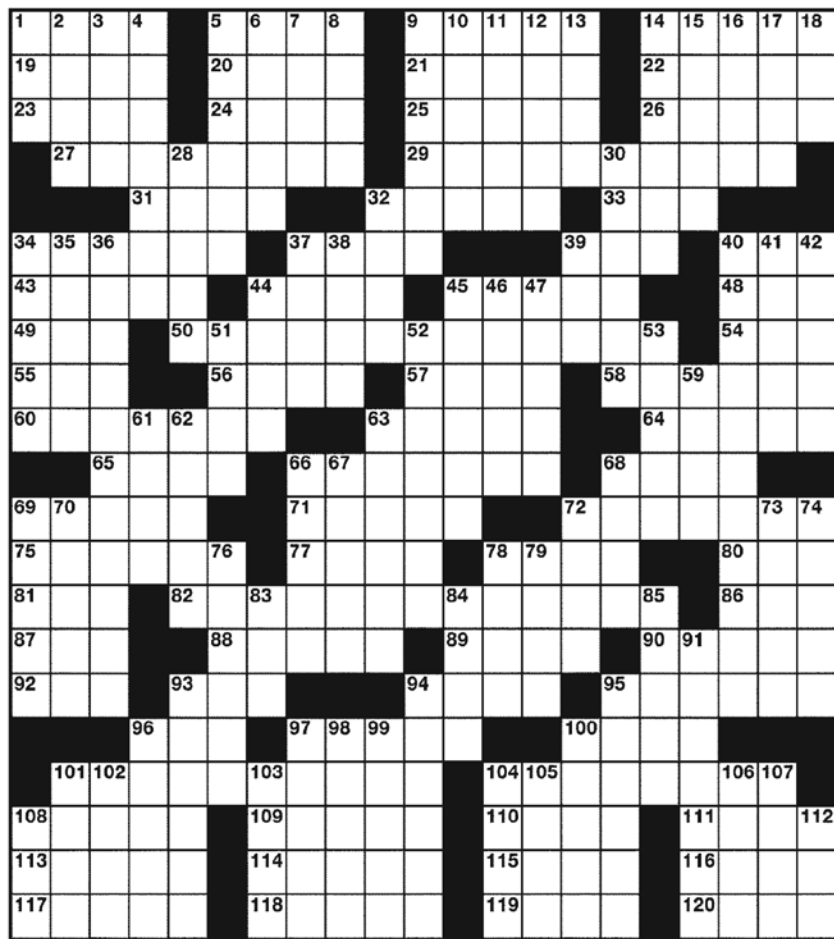
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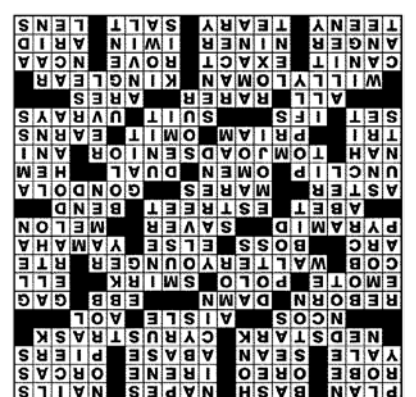
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Things you didn't know about Downey: Incorporation

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY — What was Downey like on the morning of Dec. 18, 1956?

Five men sat down to plan the future of a city just incorporated: James L. Stamps, Hollis W. Peavey, Carroll M. Dunnum, Edwin W. Giddings and Scott E. Temple. This was the first Downey City Council, elected one day before in its incorporation election.

Almost 100 years old, Downey's community had grown up without the unifying influences of city incorporations and was facing many problems. Among these problems were a deterioration of the downtown area, inadequate storm drainage -- which annually flooded Firestone Boulevard -- inadequate street lighting, and most important of all, county services which were geared for rural living and in no sense sufficient for the demands of urban living.

For example, the closest police service was the Norwalk Sheriff's Station. Fire protection was afforded from only two locations: headquarters station near Firestone and Downey Avenue, and another fire station north of the freeway near Lakewood.

Also, citizens desiring building permits, zoning changes or other municipal services were required to journey to the Los Angeles civic center where employees and Boards were unfamiliar with the local conditions and aspirations of Downey.

Among the first actions of the new City Council was the selection of the Personnel Advisory Board to assist in the recruiting and selection of the city manager and other top personnel. The first appointed board included chairman Bert DuMars, Charles Woodworth, Charles Wheeler, Norman Beam and Lee Gauldin.

Other boards required by state law or municipal ordinances were established. Over 200 citizens who had demonstrated high levels of city involvement in the incorporation campaign were appointed to citizen advisory committees.

The City Council obtained a 4 1/2 acre plot including the 26,000 sq. ft. plant of the Downey Elementary School for a city hall. The police department was organized, as was public works and the fire department, and on Feb. 1, 1958, plans began for a library building.

Downey's future and sense of pride and accomplishments were established by an overwhelming vote of the people in a City Charter in 1965.

What else was happening in 1956: The H2N2 avian influenza A virus, known as Asian flu, originated in China and set off a two-year worldwide pandemic, killing almost 2 million people.

The Suez Crisis, initiated when Egypt nationalized the Suez Canal, took U.N. involvement to resolve.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized more than 40,000 miles of interstate highways.

Elvis Presley shook up the music industry with his gyrating pelvis.

New York Yankees pitcher Don Larsen threw a perfect game in the World Series.

The invention of Certs sparked our obsession with minty fresh breath.

New on TV: "As the World Turns" on CBS, "Circus Boy" on NBC, "Queen for a Day" on NBC, "The Edge of Night" on CBS, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" on NBC, "The Price is Right" on NBC, and "To Tell the Truth" on CBS.

We like to think that what is happening in the world is new but in looking at the old newspapers, we find that the current events being reported are very similar to events that

we have experienced.

Early Buildings: With the coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad on April 15, 1874, the business houses of College Settlement and Gallatin united in building a larger and better railroad town. This town was to be named in honor of ex-Gov. John G. Downey.

The present depot was built in 1888 and was painted yellow, built on 10 acres given to Southern Pacific Railroad by the Downey Land Association. By December 1873, the first house in Downey was erected by Mr. J.K. Banks who was the station master when the first train came through Downey in April 1874.

In the Los Angeles Star newspaper in 1874, it was reported that "Downey saw the building of 50 new homes, modern style of architecture built entirely of wood." They replaced the old unattractive adobe buildings.

One of the first commercial buildings was the Central Hotel on the northside of First Street (Firestone) and north of the depot. It housed the Southern Pacific College for a short time. In one room of the hotel, Alonzo Waite began the first newspaper -- The Courier -- which appeared in 1875.

The importance of blacksmith shops were not

forgotten as these buildings were as service stations are today. Horses had to have new shoes and the horse-drawn wagons needed new metal rims on the wheels.

History of the post office in Downey would date back before the coming of the railroad. The first one to actually serve Downey was established in 1867 and was known as "Ten Mile House." It was on the stage route between Los Angeles and Santa Ana. The Overland Stage with its four horses made daily deliveries of mail and passengers until they became outmoded and replaced by the railroad.

The post office was moved to the Gallatin Settlement and was operated from Frankel Brothers General Merchandise Store. By 1874 the Frankel Brothers moved their store to the corner of Firestone and Downey Avenue -- of course, the post office was moved along with the general store to the new location.

On July 3, 1876 the name was changed formally to Downey City Post Office. For the first time in Downey, there were post office boxes for the customers' convenience. The slots for mail were listed alphabetically by name.

Southern Pacific Railroad would not deliver mail the four blocks between the depot and the post office so the post office had to move again to

Firestone Boulevard near La Reina in 1886j -- this made the location only one block from the railway station. Parcel Post was inaugurated in 1912 and rural delivery to the outlying citrus ranches and vegetable farms started on Oct. 15, 1914.

Early Churches: Settlers began to establish churches almost as soon as they arrived in Downey. Churches acted as a magnet in drawing people into the community.

In 1868, Downey's first church, First Baptist Church, began services in the Gallatin School House. The second church in Downey was the Methodist Church a year later.

Camp meetings played an important part in the growth of the Methodist Church in the early years. Worshipers came from miles around, living in their covered wagons, in brush arbors or tents, and attending services for two or three weeks.

The Methodists built their

first church building in 1877. Custom of the day, the sanctuary was divided down the center aisle, the partition separating the women's section of benches from the men's side. It was not until 1897 that this partition was removed.

A notable feature of this building was the 110-ft. Steeple

surmounted by a 10-ft. hand with the forefinger pointing heavenward. The belfry housed an 800-lb. Bronze bell which was cast in Cincinnati and shipped around the horn.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020090372

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KATONYA TURNER, 7864 STEWART AND GRAY RD., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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

S/ KATONYA TURNER, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 29, 2020

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) G AUTO SALES LLC, 13516 TELEGRAPH ROAD SUITE P, WHITTIER CA 90605

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

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S/ G AUTO SALES LLS, MANAGER, GILBERTO YORBA

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RODALIA ROBLES, 11923 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD APT. 9, DOWNEY CA 90242 (3) BEATRIZ AYALA, 11923 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD APT. 9, DOWNEY CA 90242

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2020

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S/ DIANNA AYALA, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 12, 2020

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Code Section 8634 and Downey City Charter Sections 511 and 514 enacting a Temporary Moratorium on evictions of commercial tenants for nonpayment of rent resulting from loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic; establishing a rent repayment period; and setting forth the facts constituting such urgency.

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

Adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 20-1445, an Uncodified Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey pursuant to California Government Code Section 8634 and Downey City Charter Sections 511 and 514 enacting a Temporary Moratorium on evictions of residential tenants for nonpayment of rent resulting from loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic; establishing a rent repayment period; and setting forth the facts constituting such urgency.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Saab, Frometa, Mayor Pacheco
NOES: Council Member: None.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020080284

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE BRAND CO. (2) THE BRAND COMPANY, 11923 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD APT. 9, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PO BOX 14641, TORRANCE CA 90603

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES ADOPTED

On June 23, 2020, the City Council of the City of Downey adopted the following Ordinances:

Adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 20-1444, an Uncodified Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey pursuant to California Government

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Churches rise in Downey

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When the townspeople found it inconvenient to travel to the outlying Methodist Church, they decided to move the church into town. One farmer's property blocked the way and he refused permission to allow the church to pass across his land.

Unable to persuade him to change his mind, the congregation developed a workable alternative: In the black of night they hoisted the church onto a flatbed and rolled it into town.

The bell of the old Methodist Church at 2nd Street and Dolan played an important part in the life of the community. Whenever the tones of the bell echoed from the church, excited citizens took their cue to rush to the church to find out the news.

In 1869, the first Christian church was established. Its building was erected in 1874 at the corner of 4th and New streets and had a bell in the belfry tower which was encased in a stone arch in front of the church.

Members of the Church of Christ built their church on land deeded to them in 1874 by ex-Gov. Downey. Shipped from the eastern shores around the Horn on a sturdy old ship, the lumber for the church spent months on the ocean. When the ship finally arrived off San Pedro, there was no adequate wharfage to accommodate it, so the cargo of lumber was dumped overboard.

The tide finally bore it piece by piece to widely scattered areas on the beach where it was gathered up, placed in wagons and hauled to Downey.

The Holiness Church was founded in 1882 and in 1886 the Presbyterians built their church. The first Catholic church was built in 1908 and during the late 1880's, a few Black families started a Baptist church.

In 1922, St. Mark's Episcopal Church was founded as a mission in Downey. A spired church building was purchased from the First Baptist Church and was moved from 3rd and Dolan to 5th Street. This structure was originally built in 1889 from lumber brought by ox cart from San Pedro.

Later, another church was built on Downey Avenue. The original building was purchased by Mr. Knott of Knott's Berry Farm, who had the building torn down and reconstructed on his showplace in Buena Park.

Nails from the old building were discovered to be the old-fashioned hand-wrought square type.

Downey woman pleads guilty to money laundering

DOWNEY — A Downey woman has pleaded guilty to money laundering charges stemming from a drug-trafficking scheme inside a California state prison, authorities announced Monday.

LaShawn Anderson, 50, was a civilian employee with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department when she agreed to help a convicted murderer hide income made from selling drugs inside Centinela State Prison in 2017.

In her plea agreement, Anderson admitted to helping Lamont Devault, 49, and others to launder illicit proceeds. She faces up to 20 years in prison when she is sentenced Aug. 3.

After a three-day trial in February, a federal jury found Devault guilty of three felonies: conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and other controlled substances, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and possession with intent to distribute heroin.

According to the evidence presented at trial, Devault was an inmate at Centinela State Prison in Imperial County in 2017. Devault recruited his son, co-defendant Lamont Devault II, 26, of Long Beach, to obtain narcotics outside the prison supplied by an associate of another inmate, co-defendant Steve Bencom, 39, a.k.a. "Risky"

and "Risky Business," of East Los Angeles.

Devault's son then supplied the drugs to co-defendant and prison cook Lance Medina, 33, a.k.a. "Droop," of El Centro, so that Medina could smuggle the drugs into the prison by concealing them in his underwear.

Devault, who coordinated the conspiracy by using a contraband cell phone in prison, then oversaw the distribution of those drugs within the prison through other inmates, including co-defendant Deandre McIntosh, 43, a.k.a. "Casper D," of Long Beach.


In November 2017, Medina was caught smuggling nearly 54

grams of methamphetamine into the prison. Medina had another 131 grams of methamphetamine and 91 grams of heroin at his home that he was planning to smuggle into the prison at Devault's direction.


Devault was sentenced to 188 months in federal prison, which will begin if he is paroled

in March 2021. He is currently serving a life sentence on a murder charge.

Each of the other suspects were found guilty at their respective trials and are awaiting sentencing.



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Wrestling practice returns

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY — Downey High School wrestling coach Kyle Acevedo made an announcement on Instagram Monday that summer wrestling practices will begin on Monday, June 29, at 11 a.m.

Athletes must have a signed parent guidelines waiver to participate. All Downey students and incoming freshman are welcome.

Questions may be directed to Kyle Acevedo at kacevedo@dusd.net.

Coach Acevedo, his staff and wrestlers are all looking forward to getting back in the weight room and on the mat this Monday, with limitations in place.

According to the California

Interscholastic Federation (CIF), wrestling is able to do "conditioning, mirror drills with spacing and no contact.

Wrestlers may skill and drill without touching a teammate as long as physical distancing guidelines are adhered to."


CIF went on to say that "as member schools begin planning for the reopening of school, the CIF, in collaboration with the ten sections, will be determining by July 20th if fall sports will continue as currently scheduled."

The CIF further said that it is "prepared to offer alternative calendars if it is determined by July 20th that fall sports may not start as scheduled due to ongoing public health and safety concerns."

To clarify what can and cannot be done, CIF published a 10-page document which

provides guidance for member schools to "consider with their stakeholders in designing return-to-activity protocols in accordance with state and county restrictions."

This document also "allows for a coordinated reopening following the initial stay at home orders and may also be used if conditions dictate the need for increased restrictions in the future."



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Two Months into Coronavirus



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Jim Harrison, Songs of Unreason, Copper Canyon Press, 2011

Harrison lived a Hemingway-esque life hunting and fishing and writing. "A really (halfway) Buddhist," he described himself. "Not practicing, not a busy Zendo but on my own." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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