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Virus death toll rises

The coronavirus is on pace to become the leading cause of death in L.A. County; it has killed 64 people in Downey.

DOWNEY — The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) reports COVID-19 has killed more than 3,400 people in the first six months of this year, making it on track to be the second leading cause of death in L.A. County.

From January to June of last year, coronary heart disease was the top cause of death, with nearly 6,000 deaths attributed to it. It appears that COVID-19, with over 3,400 deaths during the same time period, is on track to claim more lives in Los Angeles County than any disease except coronary heart disease —killing more people than Alzheimer’s Disease, other kinds of heart disease, stroke and COPD.

For additional comparison, influenza killed 1,521 people during the 2019 flu season from October to May.

On Wednesday, Public Health confirmed 64 new deaths and 3,266 new cases of COVID-19. To date, Public Health has identified 164,870 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 4,213 deaths.

The virus is blamed for 64 deaths in Downey; a total of 2,720 Downey residents have been infected.

New cases continue to be driven by people under the age of 41 years old with 57% of the new cases reported by Public Health today (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena). On June 22, the seven-day average of new cases was 1,763, now the county is averaging 2,952 new cases a day – almost twice as many cases reported just a month ago. This is higher than at any point this entire pandemic.

There are 2,207 confirmed cases currently hospitalized, 27% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 19% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is the fourth consecutive day of over 2,200 hospitalizations.

“The flu is a dangerous virus in its own right, but it is nowhere near as deadly as COVID-19. COVID-19 is on track to become the second leading cause of death in L.A. County and we need to take its strength and power seriously,” said public health director Dr. Barbara Ferrer.

“A lax attitude to this virus can be deadly for someone you love. You could be infected, not know it, and pass the infection to someone you love who may not be as lucky as you. Please be caring of those around you – wear a face covering, maintain physical distancing and practice hand hygiene. It can save lives.”

Data continues to expose disproportionality in health outcomes by race, ethnicity and income level data. African American/Black and Latino/Latinx residents are still twice as likely to die from COVID-19 when compared to White residents.

Communities with high levels of poverty are still four times as likely to die of COVID-19 compared to residents with the highest income.

Griffiths Middle School changes mascot from Indians to Thunderbirds

The change comes amid a nationwide discussion on racism and cultural misappropriation.

DOWNEY — The Downey Unified School District Board of Education unanimously voted to change Griffith’s Middle School mascot name from the Indians to the Thunderbirds on Monday.

According to the district, the transition has been in the works for around two years, starting with then principal Dr. Rani Bertsch and continuing with current principal Dr. Anthony Zegarra.

The new Thunderbird name and logo were formally presented to the board on July 7 before being finalized this week.

The district said in a statement that the decision comes after “months of discussion between the Board of Education and GMS administration over the current mascot and how to honor and respect native populations.”

“To ensure the appropriateness of the Thunderbirds, GMS sought guidance from local native American Tongva tribe leaders as well as the National Congress of American Indians as they moved forward through the process,”

“The announcement is just the latest in what has been a whirlwind couple of weeks for the district, which has struggled to keep parents satisfied with answers as coronavirus cases continue to rise and – subsequently – mandates and



After complaints from staff members and the public, the Downey Board of Education voted to change Griffiths Middle School’s mascot.

the statement said.

The new school logo was created by GMS art teacher, Ed Plant, in partnership with a Downey Unified alumnus. It features GMS’ current color scheme and three feathers, representing the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades that attend the school.

Coincidentally, the announcement comes as other national teams and companies – notably the former Washington Redskins – have elected to change potentially insensitive branding.

However, the announcement does have its supporters as well. Kellie Collier, who says she attended the school in the early 1970’s, said she thought the change was “fine.”

“Sensibilities change, society changes and we need to roll with the changes,” Collier said. “It’s a made-up name at a middle school; life moves on.”

Amanda Juarez, who attended Griffiths in the mid-2000’s, welcomed the new name and logo.

“I don’t see anything wrong with the new name change,” said Juarez. “I actually prefer this logo than when we were students there.”

Garcia said teachers and staff have already started preparations and training in anticipation of the new school year.

Garcia added that the second of the anticipated parent input surveys – which was delayed

It’s official: new school year will begin remotely

With COVID-19 still uncontrolled, students will begin the school year with remote learning.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Downey Unified School District has announced that students would be returning to full-distance learning at the beginning of the school year.

Governor Gavin Newsom announced this past Friday that schools within select counties throughout the state – including Los Angeles County – were ordered not to open their campuses and instead proceed online.

Schools in these counties will

not be able to open until they have met certain public health benchmarks that indicates their county has been off of the monitoring list for 14 consecutive days.

“As of now, we are not a part of that criteria,” said Superintendent Dr. John Garcia. “It has not been met by Los Angeles County.”

“All of those Southern California counties on the watchlist – of which it is the vast majority of Southern California – will continue in a full distance learning mode as the new school year starts. For us, that means in mid-August.”

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Rose Parade cancellation causes heartache in Downey



Alexis Givens with her float design.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — With the announcement of the 2021 Tournament of Roses cancellation, the Downey Rose Float has been left in a state of limbo.

Since 1955, The Downey Rose Float Association (DRFA) has maintained a constant (and often, successful) presence in Pasadena’s annual beginning-of-year parade.

Unfortunately for participants and spectators alike, the current Coronavirus crisis would ultimately pull the plug on next year’s festivities, with parade officials announcing 2021’s parade cancellation last week.

This is the first time since WWII that the parade has been canceled.

According to DRFA President Jeremy Clifton, the lack of a parade next year is a disappointing reality, albeit not

an entirely unexpected one.

“We anticipated that it would come to that,” said Clifton. “We spoke to [parade officials] once, and it was, ‘We will let you know by basically June what our plan is.’ Then it went to, ‘We’ll let you know by July,’...Tournament basically was basing everything off of where the Coronavirus was going and what LA County, Governor of the State, and CDC was recommending.”

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Weekend at a Glance

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ON THIS DAY JULY 23

- 1829:** William Austin Burt patented the typographer, a precursor to the typewriter.
- 1881:** Chile and Argentina signed the Boundary Treaty of 1881, establishing precise borderlines between the two countries.
- 1903:** Ford Motor Co. sold its first automobile.
- 1926:** Fox Film purchased the patent for the Movietone sound system for recording sound onto film.
- 1962:** Jackie Robinson became the first African American inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.



Jackie Robinson

- 1995:** Comet Hale-Bopp was discovered; it became visible to the naked eye a year later.
- 1999:** The Space Shuttle Columbia launched on its 26th mission with Eileen Collins becoming the first female space shuttle commander.

Notable Birthdays

- Actor and playwright **Woody Harrelson** turns 59.
- Guns ‘N Roses guitarist **Slash** turns 55.
- NBA hall of famer **Gary Payton** turns 52.
- Comedian **Marlon Wayans** turns 48.
- Social activist **Monica Lewinsky** turns 48.
- Retired baseball player **Nomar Garciaparra** turns 47.
- “Harry Potter” actor **Daniel Radcliffe** turns 31.

Notable Deaths

- Ulysses S. Grant**, the 18th president of the United States, died on this date in 1885 after a year-long struggle with throat cancer. He was 63.
- Hollywood leading man **Vic Morrow** and two child actors, **Myca Dinh Le** and **Renee Shin-Yi Chen**, were killed in a helicopter accident during filming of “Twilight Zone” in 1982.
- Soul and jazz singer **Amy Winehouse** died of accidental alcohol poisoning in 2011. She was 27.
- Astronaut and physicist **Sally Ride** in 2012, seven months after she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She was 61.



Amy Winehouse died nine years ago today.



July 11 would have marked the 10th annual Mile-Long Yard Sale on Pangborn Avenue. The event, however, has been postponed to next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The yard sale was created in 2000 by a small group of neighbors as a way for the residents of this mile-long street to meet one another. Every year, more than 30 homes along Pangborn Avenue, plus a large number of homes on adjacent streets, have joined in the fun by hosting a yard sale.

This event draws over a thousand people from Downey and surrounding cities to shop or just visit with neighbors.

The event has been promoted every year since its inception by Allensworth Realty. The small organizing committee has also advertised it with large signs posted up and down the street, and more recently via social media as well.

Connie Curtis and Carol Lemucchi, the two originators of this event who keep it going, had hoped to make this 20th year a big celebration, but unfortunately COVID-19 struck.

Carol and Connie hope to continue the tradition next year and celebrate the Big 20. They hope to see you all next year, and urge you to stay safe till then.



Kelley Roberts works on a float in 2017. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Rose Parade cancellation caps rough year

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“Once everything started spiraling out of control, they realized they couldn’t do it.”

Clifton added that it’s a decision that DRFA understands, due to the pandemic.

Still, the announcement comes as more salt in the wound after an already difficult year for DRFA, as COVID-19 has almost completely derailed the organization’s usual fundraising efforts, including the Miss Downey Pageant and Parade of Winners.

“We were going to have our pageant in September - which is when we change our court, which was postponed indefinitely,” said Clifton. “We have our Parade of Winners which comes up in October which we most likely won’t be able to do.”

“The only major fundraiser that we’ve been able to have this year was the fireworks stand, and that was successful, thank God. That’s the only thing that’s keeping us afloat.”

If there’s any silver lining with the parade’s cancellation, it’s that there wasn’t any major construction done for the upcoming float yet.

Downey’s 2021 float was entitled “Reading: It’s an Adventure” and featured three storybooks coming to life. Its concept was that of current Little Miss Downey Alexis Givens. The final rendering was done by Thom Neighbors.

“It was based off of education,” said Clifton.

It remains uncertain if Rose Parade officials will carry over the 2021 theme to 2022, and by extension, if DRFA will be able to use the same concept later on.

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Obituaries

John Lewis

John Lewis, the long-serving U.S. representative from Georgia who was one of the most prominent leaders of the American civil rights movement, died July 17, his family announced in a statement.

Lewis died at the age of 80, months after announcing he had stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Lewis was one of the original 13 Freedom Riders, and he was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1963 to 1966. Lewis was one of the primary organizers of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and he led the famous 1965 march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.



First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986, Lewis represented Georgia's 5th District, encompassing much of Atlanta and some of its suburbs, for 17 terms.

"It is with inconsolable grief and enduring sadness that we announce the passing of U.S. Rep. John Lewis," his family's statement said. "He was honored and respected as the conscience of the US Congress and an icon of American history, but we knew him as a loving father and brother. He was a stalwart champion in the on-going struggle to demand respect for the dignity and worth of every human being. He dedicated his entire life to non-violent activism and was an outspoken advocate in the struggle for equal justice in America. He will be deeply missed."

Among Lewis' most notable moments as a leader of the civil rights movement was the "Bloody Sunday" march across Edmund Pettus Bridge. Intended to be a march from Selma to the Alabama state capitol of Montgomery, the march was cut short when the marchers were met on the far side of the bridge by state troopers and a posse of civilians who had been hastily deputized by the County Sheriff in order to stop the marchers.

Ordered to disperse, the marchers stood their ground and began to pray. The troopers and their posse attacked, first with tear gas and then with violence.

Lewis was one of the marchers who was severely beaten, receiving a fractured skull and scars that would stay with him all his life.

It wasn't the first time Lewis had been injured in the pursuit of equal rights; as a Freedom Rider, he was beaten more than once by angry civilians who felt threatened by his peaceful attempt to integrate public transportation.

Lewis was unique among the major leaders of the civil rights movement as the only one to go on to a career in national politics. He was one of the most liberal congressmen to represent a Deep South district, and over the course of 17 elections, he only once got less than 70 percent of the vote - when he received 69 percent in 1994.

He was Senior Chief Deputy Whip and served on the Committee on Ways and Means. Among the successful legislation he sponsored was the bill establishing the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

C.T. Vivian

Rev. C.T. Vivian, one of the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, who worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to organize sit-ins and marches in the pursuit of equality, died July 17 at age 95.

Vivian joined his first protest well before the Civil Rights

Movement was on the national radar - in 1947, he began participating in sit-ins at a restaurant in his home of Peoria, Illinois, which didn't allow Black customers.

While studying to become a minister at the American Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Vivian became more deeply involved in the movement, joining the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and participating in Freedom Rides.



In Selma, Alabama in 1965, Vivian protested for voting rights, gaining nationwide attention when local Sheriff Jim Clark punched him in the nose in front of national news cameras, knocking him down. Vivian quietly got back up and continued speaking about democracy.

Vivian became a leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference alongside Dr. King. In the 1960s, he developed an educational program to send Alabama students to college with scholarships - this program, Vision, evolved into the federally-funded Upward Bound.

Vivian helped found organizations including the Black Action Strategies and Information Center, the Center for Democratic Renewal, and the Black-owned Capitol City Bank and Trust Co.

He wrote the 1970 book "Black Power and the American Myth," and in 2008 he organized a fundraiser that saved the struggling Atlanta HBCU Morris Brown College.

In 2013, Vivian was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.

Joanna Cole

Joanna Cole, a children's author best known for her "The Magic School Bus" series, died July 12 of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. She was 75.

Cole published the first book in her Magic School Bus series, "At the Waterworks," in 1986. Her words, along with illustrator Bruce Degen's pictures, brought science to children in a fun and appealing way.



Many more magic School Bus books followed, and each book had students taking a fantastical field trip with their teacher.

"The Magic School Bus" was adapted into an animated television series that ran for four seasons into the 1990s and starred Lily Tomlin as wacky teacher Ms. Frizzle, as well as a 2017 Netflix adaptation starring Kate McKinnon, "The Magic School Bus Rides Again."

Cole wrote many other books for children, including "Bony-Legs," "Best Loved Folktales of the World," and "How You Were Born."

Her most recent Magic School Bus book, "The Magic School Bus Explores Human Evolution," is scheduled to be published in 2021.

Travell Mazion

Travell Mazion, the current champion for the WBC-NABF super welterweight division with an undefeated record of 17-0, died July 15 from injuries sustained in a traffic collision. He was 24.



According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Mazion's car veered across a median in Austin, Tex., and crashed head on with a car driven by 61-year-old Richard Salter.

Mazion died at the scene, while Salter died in hospital that night.

Mazion, who was known as "Black Magic," won the NABF super welterweight title in January when he knocked out Fernando Castaneda 58 seconds into the fight.

He was undefeated in his professional career, going 17-0 with 13 knockouts.

Mazion was currently boxing in the junior middleweight division and signed to Golden Boy Promotions.

"We at Golden Boy are deeply saddened by the tragic passing of Travell Mazion last night," the company said in a statement. "Mazion was a kind, charismatic young man who lit up every room he walked into and brought excitement to fans inside the ring. We send our heartfelt prayers and thoughts to his family. May he rest in peace."

Tony Elliott

Tony Elliott, founder of Time Out, the print and online magazine that offers entertainment and dining recommendations in cities across the world, died July 16 after a long illness. He was 73.

Elliott founded the first Time Out magazine in London in 1968, when he was just 21 years old and a university student.



In 1995, Time Out New York was launched, and over the years, it further expanded to reach 328 cities in 58 countries. While Time Out launched as a print magazine, it's largely offered online now.

Elliott remained the company's chairman and part owner.

"I think people often think they can't start small, you have to be of some size," Elliott said of starting a business. "I've always advised people to aim for a niche and establish yourself in that niche and then build from there. I think the era is over really where people have an idea that goes national and becomes enormous. It's more a question of small and good."

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

We are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, and it has changed our world. Predictions about the near future are difficult to make. Still, let's remember that this isn't the first time! What can we learn from the Spanish Flu pandemic of 102 years ago?



The 1918 flu was caused by an H1N1 virus that probably originated in birds. In this country, it was first seen in members of the military. Thought to have begun in Spain (it most likely did not), the name Spanish Flu stuck.

Over nearly three years, this

virus infected an estimated 500 million people. That came to roughly one out of every three people on the planet! It killed some 675,000 people in the United States alone, with a much higher mortality rate than we are seeing today with COVID-19.

Much like COVID-19, it was transmitted through respiratory droplets, and older adults were most at risk of developing severe symptoms. However, in stark contrast to today's pandemic, the Spanish Flu more seriously impacted children under the age of five, and adults aged 20-40.

Today's world is far more densely populated than the world of 1918 - the population has grown from less than 2 billion then, to 7.5 billion

today. We are far more mobile today, making the spread much faster. People in 1918 tended to live in closer quarters, did not fully understand the value of hygiene, and did not have access to the medical care that we have today. As today, in 1918 there was no vaccine to prevent the disease, but today we do have the benefit of antibiotics, steroids, and antiviral agents to lessen the severity. The world of 1918 was at war, with large numbers of troops traveling to distant locations, and this aided the spread. Malnutrition was a factor for both soldiers and for civilians, and this made victims more susceptible to disease.

Back in 1918, officials downplayed the significance of the first cases. Mass gatherings continued and schools remained open. After the first cases appeared, Philadelphia waited some two weeks to implement physical distancing and other measures. In contrast, St. Louis moved to implement physical

distancing measures within two days of its first reported cases. Philadelphia ended up facing a considerably larger epidemic than that of St. Louis.

Let's look at how two countries have handled our current pandemic: the United States and South Korea. Coincidentally, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 was found in both countries on the same day, January 20.

The government of South Korea immediately banned mass gatherings and implemented extensive testing, contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine. South Korea contained the spread of the virus, and has had, very roughly, 14,000 cases and 300 deaths. The United States is, of course, far larger, but we currently have experienced nearly four million cases and close to 150,000 deaths.

Governments have a responsibility to prepare for a pandemic. They have an obligation to invest in public-health systems

that will protect us from the likelihood of the next pandemic. Our government reacted neither quickly nor adequately back in January, and early action is critical because a contagion spreads exponentially. Every day counts. Our government officials have a responsibility to create a consistent message in order to help prevent the spread of disease and to keep us as safe as possible.

Deaths from the 1918 pandemic came in three major waves. The second wave proved to be the deadliest. Today's health experts nervously study that pattern. Just like then, we have all grown tired of physical distancing, masks, and other safety mechanisms, and want to return to our pre-pandemic lives. Will history repeat itself with a much larger second wave?

Keep in mind that the major treatment for the Spanish Flu was aspirin. After three years of misery, the virus disappeared. This was likely due to the eventual herd immunity as enough

people got infected and either recovered...or died. Pandemics do eventually end. While human nature and behavior have not changed in 102 years, medical science certainly has. Despite a complex geopolitical situation, we are not in the midst of a raging world war. We have unprecedented global communication and the ability to share information. Drug and vaccine trials are being conducted worldwide. I am praying, like all of you, that this modern pandemic ends soon, so that we can learn from it and resume the life we choose. Let's all work together on this mission.

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.

Crime Report

July 13

Detectives are investigating a grand theft that occurred around 12 a.m. at the Downey Unified School District bus yard (12300 block of Woodruff Ave). Officers responded to the bus yard regarding a subject seen on video surveillance stealing diesel fuel. Officers arrived on scene, set up a containment and searched the yard but did not locate any suspects. The suspect used a box truck containing six 300-gallon fuel containers that were almost full. It was later discovered the box truck was reported stolen.

July 15

At approximately 4:30 p.m., officers responded to the 9900 block of Parrot regarding an apparent suicide. The adult victim, who suffered from depression and health issues, was found hanging in the garage. Family indicated that he attempted suicide days earlier but it was not reported. Downey Fire Department responded and pronounced him deceased. Detectives and Forensics responded to assist with the investigation.

July 16

Detectives are investigating a vehicle burglary that occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m. in the 7700 block of Firestone. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a parked U.S. Mail truck. The suspect(s) took an unknown amount of mail.

July 18

At approximately 12:20 p.m., officers responded to the 11900 block of Old River School Rd. to assist the Downey Fire Department with a possible explosion. It was discovered the homeowner was using multiple bug bombs in their apartment to exterminate pests, but failed to shut off the gas pilot light. This resulted in an explosion that broke several windows. No other damage or injuries occurred.

Huntington Park man accused of stealing a dozen cars after release from jail

HUNTINGTON PARK — A Huntington Park man has been charged in four separate felony cases with stealing more than a dozen cars in Los Angeles and surrounding areas between March and June after getting re-arrested and released.

Jose Enrique Esquivel, 24, faces a total of 14 felony counts.

On March 30, Esquivel was arrested for allegedly driving a stolen truck and released per the COVID-19 emergency bail schedule, aimed at reducing the jail population during the pandemic. He was charged with one count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent.

He was again arrested for either driving or attempting to steal a truck but released on April 28, May 8, twice on May 14, May 20, May

23, May 27, June 6, June 8, June 13 and June 15.

Esquivel was charged with 11 counts of driving or taking a vehicle without consent and with one count of second-degree burglary of a vehicle for his second May 14 arrest.

On June 23, Esquivel was arrested for allegedly stealing another truck but held on bail because the emergency bail schedule had ended. He was charged with one count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent.

Esquivel has pleaded not guilty to the charges and bail is set at \$550,000. He is scheduled to return on July 27 to Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

Whittier man sentenced for driving car into gym

WHITTIER — A 34-year old man has entered a no contest plea for purposely driving a vehicle into a La Mirada gym last year.

Sergio Gabriel Reyes, of Whittier, entered the plea Monday and was immediately sentenced to nine years in prison.

In March 2019, Reyes' gym membership was terminated due to alleged inappropriate behavior. Reyes had disputes with gym personnel and stated he would return, the prosecutor said.

On March 19, 2019, Reyes took a relative's vehicle, drove to the gym and crashed through the front window where an employee was standing at the reception desk, nearly hitting the employee.

Reyes fled the scene and was arrested shortly thereafter.

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The AMAAD Institute, The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation, and Keeping Our Lungs Safe have all joined forces to create The Collective, a coalition of organizations and community members advocating for more comprehensive and progressive policies around secondhand smoke. Our policy campaign focuses on protecting outdoor air spaces within the jurisdiction of Downey.

To learn more about the campaign and how to get involved, please contact us at yohaun@amaad.org or jamar@amaad.org

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Who will get the COVID vaccine first?

By Froma Harrop

Will there be a vaccine against coronavirus? Eventually, we pray. But in this age of unreason, undue attention is already being paid to those who may refuse protection against this often-fatal disease.

We hear paranoid talk of shadowy government figures coming to your home to “force-vax you.” Never mind that. When a credible vaccine finally comes out, the crush for it will be immense. The anti-vaxxers could helpfully shorten the lines by getting out of the way of those who want it.

Hostility against vaccinations fits no neat political category. Vaccine hesitancy, the polite term, has grown on the left and the right and on whatever planet Rand Paul lives on. Some reflexively reject anything anyone in the government wants them to do. What these groups tend to have in common is a childlike acceptance of quackery infecting the internet.

The one valid concern is that the vaccine would be phony. President Donald Trump does need something to balance the impression of his total incompetence managing this pandemic. A magic shot to make it all go away would be his great hope for reversing a collapse in public support.

And so, though Trump has played vaccine skeptic in the past, he’s now doing the hard sell on there being a vaccine by the end of the year. Many Americans who stay carefully up to date on their shots fear that Trump will push a vaccine that doesn’t work and may cause

harm, to boost his dwindling chances of reelection.

Hyping a fake cure would be entirely in Trump’s character. Recall his peddling of hydroxychloroquine as a means to prevent COVID-19. The Federal Drug Administration says that hydroxychloroquine, helpful for treating malaria, is useless against the coronavirus. And it can cause dangerous side effects, among them serious heart problems.

Trump went so far as to say he personally took it. I was not alone in dismissing that claim as a mere distraction from some negative news story. I have full faith in Trump’s science-based approach where his own health is concerned.

No, I will not believe there’s an effective vaccine because Trump announces it. Whom do I believe? I believe Dr. Anthony Fauci. When America’s top infectious disease expert gives the green light, I roll up my sleeve.

Those who trust Trump and not Fauci can do so at their own risk. Trump world seems intent on undermining public confidence in Fauci for the dual sins of delivering bad news on the virus and winning the public’s respect.

There was that nutty piece in USA Today by Peter Navarro, Trump’s trade adviser, declaring that Fauci was “wrong about everything I have interacted with him on.” Navarro also put in a plug for hydroxychloroquine. “Bizarre” was Fauci’s own understated term for it.

Self-humiliation has become a common means to curry favor with a displeased Trump. (Ask Ted Cruz and Jeff Sessions.)

Navarro made the mistake of writing a memo in January that warned of the health disaster coming our way. “The lack of immune protection or an existing cure or vaccine would leave Americans defenseless in the case of a full-blown coronavirus outbreak on U.S. soil,” it read.

Navarro’s timely memo created a great inconvenience for the White House by calling for action the president didn’t feel like taking. (Trump says he never read it.) What better way to do penance than making a fool of oneself beating the dead horse of hydroxychloroquine?

This talk about Americans’ refusing to take a reliable vaccine, meanwhile, is mostly talk. We’re seeing three-hour lineups of cars in Texas, California and Virginia just to reach a test for the coronavirus. Imagine the waits if there’s actually a vaccine to prevent it.

So here’s a plea to the anti-vaxxers who won’t listen to our reputable medical experts: Do us all a favor and let us go first.

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John Lewis helped win the civil rights war. Why are we still fighting it?

By Larry Elder

Civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis, a top aide to Martin Luther King Jr., died last week. In 1965, Lewis suffered a fractured skull when he led 600 civil rights workers on a peaceful protest that turned violent as Lewis and the protesters were attacked by the police on the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

Ten years earlier, Rosa Parks famously challenged the Jim Crow segregation laws by refusing to give up her seat in the front section of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. The Supreme Court, a year earlier, unanimously struck down “separate but equal” school laws. Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. King’s birthday is now a national holiday.

Today, there are more Black elected officials in Mississippi (the state where three civil rights workers were brutally murdered in 1964) than in any other state in America. About 12% of the House of Representatives is Black, close to the percentage of Blacks in America.

There have been Black CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, including McDonald’s, Merrill Lynch and American Express. Voters have elected Black senators. A Black man was elected governor of Virginia, one of the states of the Confederacy. We have had back-to-back Black attorneys general and back-to-back Black secretaries of state. Virtually every major American city has or has had a Black mayor, including New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago, whose current mayor is a Black, gay female.

In 1964, King said that the country was making such racial progress — “changes,” King said, “that surprise me.” King predicted, based on our rapid progress, “We may be able to get a Negro president in less than 40 years.” In 2008, America elected Barack Obama.

Obama got a higher percentage of the white vote than did John Kerry four years earlier. And despite getting elected with 52% of the vote, President-elect Obama walked into office in January 2009 with

a nearly 70% approval rating. Why? Voters, even those who did not vote for Obama, thought they hired the presidential candidate they saw on “60 Minutes.” Asked by correspondent Steve Kroft whether his race could cause him to lose, Obama, not yet the front-runner for the nomination, said, “No.” He said that if he fails to win, “it will be because of other factors,” such as failing to show “the American people a vision for where the country needs to go that they can embrace.”

This is not your grandfather’s America.

What today’s social justice warriors complain about has little to do with “equal rights” and more to do with unequal results. In 1991, Orlando Patterson, a Black Harvard sociology professor, wrote: “The sociological truths are that America, while still flawed in its race relations ... is now the least racist white-majority society in the world; has a better record of legal protection of minorities than any other society, white or Black; offers more opportunities to a greater number of Black persons than any other society, including all those of Africa.”

There is a crisis within the Black community, and it’s the unconscionably high dropout rate at many of our urban high schools. Baltimore, in 2017, had 13 public high schools where 0% of kids could do math at grade level, and another half-dozen where only 1% could do so.

A white friend, who, in the 1990s, taught at the University of Chicago, recently told me a sad but all too common story. In a Borders bookstore, my professor friend saw a Black boy, approximately 10 years old, sitting and reading a book. My friend does not recall the book but said it was a serious book, not a children’s book or a picture book.

But another Black kid, about the same age, walked up to him and said: “Why are you reading that? You’re trying to be white.” The reader promptly closed the book, put it down and began walking away. My friend, however, rushed over to them and said: “Wait. Don’t stop reading. Reading is important to be successful in life.

Lawlessness in Portland

By Jacob Sullum

Donald Trump, whose 2016 presidential campaign was consciously modeled after Richard Nixon’s 1968 run, seems to think he can win reelection by emulating his predecessor’s appeal to a “silent majority” disgusted by raucous anti-war protests. Trump is offering voters a choice between his firm hand and the pusillanimity of “liberal Democrats” who let “violent anarchists” run wild in the streets.

Notwithstanding Trump’s pose as “your president of law and order,” his heavy-handed reaction to the protests triggered by George Floyd’s death represents neither. In response to largely peaceful demonstrations against police brutality that have been punctuated by criminal behavior, he has deployed his own brand of lawlessness, including arbitrary arrests and the disproportionate, indiscriminate use of force.

Billy Williams, the U.S. attorney for Oregon, is well aware of the crimes committed by some people drawn to the protests Portland has seen every day since May 28. Williams’ office is prosecuting seven people for participating in riots at the courthouse during the first week of July and has accused a Texas man of attacking a U.S. Marshals Service deputy with a hammer on July 11. But Williams also understands that government officials charged with enforcing the law do not have a license to break it.

Two weeks ago, Williams noted that the Justice Department’s inspector general is investigating a July 11 incident in which a protester was severely injured by “less-lethal munitions” that the Marshals Service allegedly fired at his head. Last week Williams asked the Department of Homeland Security’s inspector general to investigate allegations that “federal law enforcement detained two protesters without probable cause.”

Williams was referring to reports that camouflage-clad federal officers, identified by nothing more than generic “police” patches, have been driving through the streets of Portland in unmarked rental cars, grabbing protesters for no apparent reason and detaining them without charge. Although that sounds like the sort of thing that happens in tinpot dictatorships, some of the incidents were caught on video.

“We cannot give up liberty for security,” Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., warned on Monday. “Local law enforcement can and should be handling these situations in our cities, but there is no place for federal troops or unidentified federal agents rounding people up at will.”

Trump is in fact threatening to deploy federal agents, who are ostensibly in Portland to protect federal property, in Chicago and other cities “run by very liberal Democrats,” whom he equates with “the radical left.” Like Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, who describes the Trump administration’s tactics in his city as “abhorrent,” local officials elsewhere do not want his “help.”

Partisan acrimony aside, that is hardly surprising. In addition to illegally detaining Americans who were exercising their First Amendment rights, federal agents in Portland — who according to an internal memo were not trained in controlling riots or mass demonstrations — have been accused of firing tear gas at peaceful protesters and shooting journalists with rubber bullets.

The officers who work for Trump have the authority to guard federal property and enforce federal law. But they do not have an open-ended license to “quell” protests, fight crime, or impose Trump’s idea of “order” while flouting the wishes of local officials and treating the Constitution as an optional obstacle to the reelection of an increasingly desperate president.

You should read as much and as often as you can, if you want to be successful.” The Black kid who was critical about reading turned to his friend and, “See, I told you it would make you white.” The kid who had been reading nodded in agreement with his friend and continued walking away.

Where is Black Lives Matter when you need them? One cannot pin this on racism. This is Black self-sabotage.

Again, equal rights and equal results are two different things. And we should not understate the astonishing progress of Blacks since liberation from slavery, when most Blacks could neither read nor write. Economist Walter Williams said, “Black Americans have come a greater distance, over some of the highest hurdles, in a shorter period of time than any other racial group.” Thomas Sowell, responding to a statement that Blacks haven’t “caught up” with whites, noted, “Well, whites haven’t stood still.”

Larry Elder is a bestselling author nationally syndicated and talk radio host.

Time for layoffs?

Dear Editor:

Since there will be no in-school attendance, I’m sure that the Downey Unified School District will contract the California Department of Education to provide professional guidance to all the Downey students from their Sacramento headquarters.

There will be no need for most of the district staff or classroom teachers since there will be no classroom instruction. One teacher for each grade level will be able to communicate with all of the students through the internet, at not only the Downey schools, but to all of the students in all of the schools in the state.

This would be a great way for the state to stabilize our educational system. We also need to eliminate the food distribution program since child nutrition will be again assumed by parents in their homes.

Donald Souza
Downey

In times of crisis, let’s come together

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Veronique de Rugy’s, “Local Governments Can Learn From Crises” (7/16/20),

regarding how local governments are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under normal circumstances, I agree with Veronique: state and local governments should be responsible for the money that they manage on behalf of their citizens.

Unlike the federal government, state and local governments must balance their budgets. The federal government does not. It can print money, while state and local governments cannot.

In her introduction, Ms. de Ruby stated that, “There’s no doubt that this pandemic-induced recession is hitting states hard. But that’s no reason to bail them out, especially when many failed to prepare for emergencies, which are inevitable.”

This is unrealistic since it does not take into account the immensity of our country’s pandemic-caused economic crisis, which has led to Great Depression-level decreases in economic activity, employment, wages, and tax revenues; in turn, these have cut state and local government revenues to the bone just as these same governmental entities must incur extra expenses to care for the ill, provide testing and contact tracing, etc. If state and local governments must cut employees such as teachers, librarians, police, firefighters, and many other public servants to balance their budgets, that will further depress economic activity and tax revenues.

Without incomes, there are no taxes to collect, and without taxes, these governments cannot serve and protect the people.

In this time of crisis we should all be working together to help each other and not finding fault with our fellow citizens.

Now is the time to see the humanity in each of us. To see what unites us, not what divides us. Together we are stronger.

That is why we are happy to see that Republicans and Democrats in Washington are working together to pass a second bailout for state and local governments.

Isn’t it better to maintain our necessary public services and work to protect the lives of our fellow citizens, rather than destroy America and then try (if we even can) to build it back from the ashes?

I think the former makes more sense.

Guido Rivero
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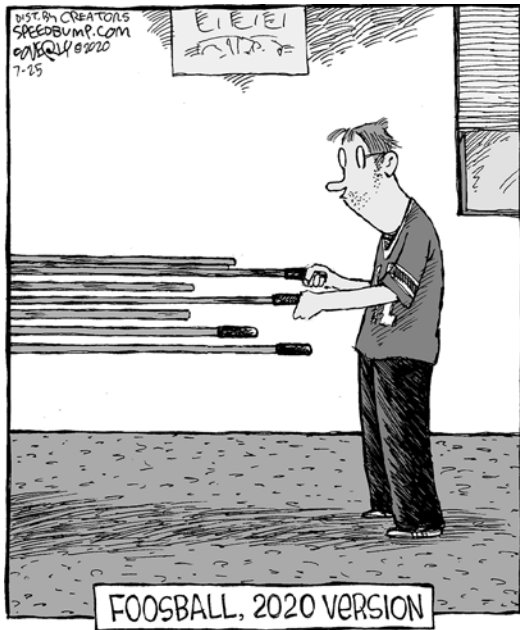
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Downey Community Calendar

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

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
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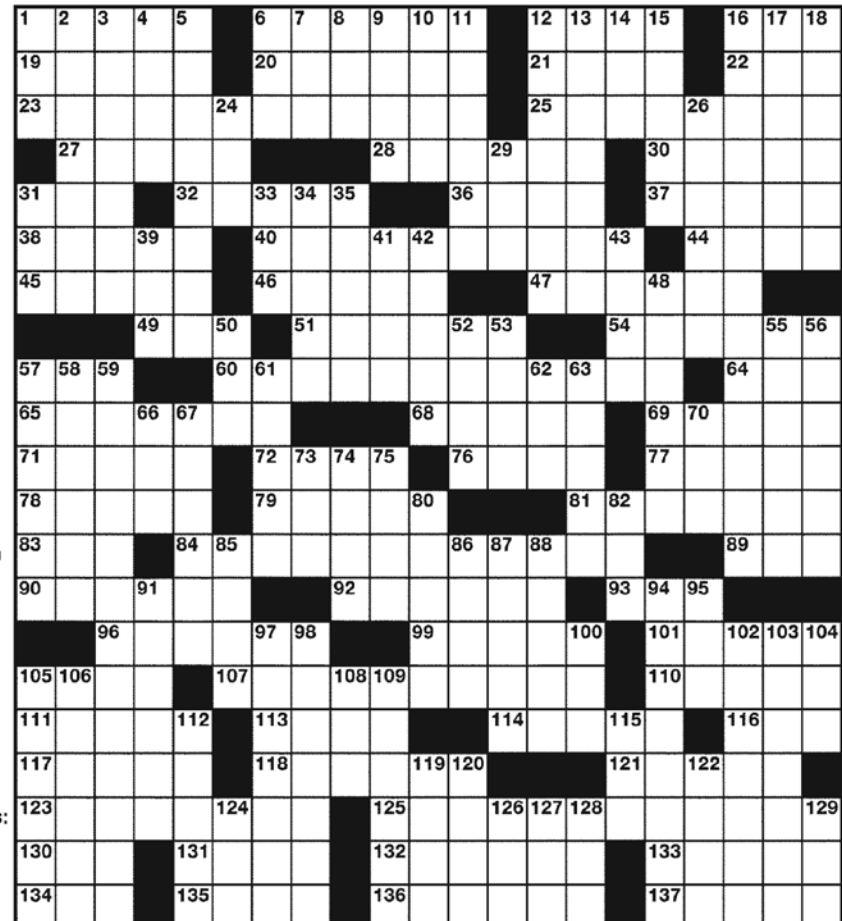
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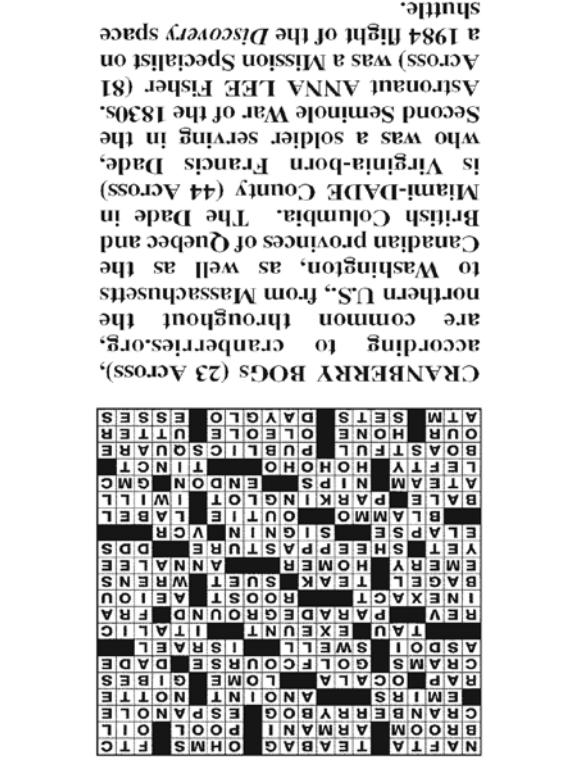


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Eyes on our Schools

Downey Unified will succeed together

By Donald LaPlante
Downey School Board President

DOWNEY — Thank you for your patience and cooperation over the last several months. In early March, I was busy attending Dr. Seuss Read Across America events at our elementary schools, when our schools went from full in-person instruction on Friday, March 13, to full distance instruction on Monday, March 16.

At the beginning, the closure was going to be for two weeks, then it was extended to five weeks, then to the end of April, and finally to the end of the school year in May. All of these closures were driven by directives from the California and Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health.

The Board of Education, district and school administrators, faculty and staff have spent the summer creating a variety of plans to allow students a safe return to school in August. This has been done amid the constantly changing intensity of the outbreak of COVID-19.

Over the last several months, districts have received varying guidance documents from the United States Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Education, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health along with many other public agencies and private organizations.

Based upon the requirements for physical distancing of students in classrooms, it was clear that most of our regular classrooms would not be able to accommodate more than 15 students at a time, in conjunction with requirements for students and teachers to all be kept six feet apart.

Full time return to classrooms was simply not possible under those public health regulations.

With these protocols as the foundation, Downey Unified had planned to start the school year giving families the option to start the school year in one of two program models. There was to be a full-time distance learning model for families that preferred to not have their child(ren) return to the classroom for any reason or a hybrid model where students would be in school two days a week and learning from home the other three days.

Then on Friday (7/17/20), Governor Gavin Newsom released new public health orders that prohibit all schools (including traditional, charter AND private/parochial schools) in any counties that are included on the state monitoring list, from reopening for in-person instruction in any capacity.

With these new regulations, schools will not be allowed to reopen for any in-person instruction until the county has been off the state monitoring

list for 14 days.

Based upon all of this background, Downey Unified will be opening in August with full-time distance instruction, through at least the end of the first quarter, which ends on Friday, October 9. When Los Angeles county schools are allowed to start opening, Downey Unified will begin with a plan to reopen in a methodical manner that allows students and adults to safely return to campus.

The District will continue to advise parents and the community of the plan as it is developed, but everyone must understand that it will be subject to change and adjustment based upon the course of the COVID-19 virus in Los Angeles county and the regulations from the California and Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health.

A parent survey will be coming sometime next week to ask for your input on what did and did not go well for your child during distance learning in the spring. As we understand the importance of getting our students back into

the classroom, the goal is to return students to full-time, in-person instruction, as soon as feasible; however, this decision will ultimately be controlled by state and local public health department regulations.

On Monday of this week, the CIF announced that all competitions for the fall have been postponed and sports will be rearranged from the normal fall, winter and spring seasons to just a winter and spring season, with all sports being condensed into the two seasons. Students will continue to be able to participate in skills and conditioning activities following all physical distancing and other safety procedures.

A special thanks to our Food Services staff, who pivoted within days of providing cafeteria meals to thousands of students to providing grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches to any student in need. Our dedicated staff has served these meals at seven different sites and fed over 3,000 students a day. During the COVID-19 period, over 625,000 meals have been provided.

As Downey Unified continues distance instruction into the fall

semester, all students from TK-12 will have access to district-provided devices. From TK-8, students will have brand new iPads, as part of the next step of our technology plan. To assist students who don't have Wi-Fi available at home, these devices have the ability to be cellular-enabled allowing students to have a built-in internet connection to their iPads to support their distance learning lessons and schoolwork from home.

High school students will have access to Chromebooks for their studies and students without in-home internet connections will have access to district-provided "hot spots."

Again, thank you to all of the parents, teachers, staff and community members for their support of our students during this most unique and challenging time. We will succeed together because our kids deserve the best.



Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. John Garcia, left, and school board President Donald LaPlante during a recent Zoom meeting.



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Mazen Nabulsi announces candidacy for Cerritos College Board of Trustees

The Downey resident and real estate broker was student body president at Cerritos College.

Degree in General Education from Cerritos College. Upon graduation, Mazen transferred to Pepperdine University where he earned a political science degree.

student at Cerritos College, Mazen served as student body president and student trustee to the Cerritos College Board. The student body voted him Person of the Year and Student Newsmaker of the Year.

for further community college funding. I met with local and state officials to advocate for passage of a bill which helped to bolster funding for K-12, including Cerritos College," said Mazen "When our summer school programs were in danger of being eliminated, I advocated our school administration at Cerritos College to continue funding it for our students."

DOWNEY — Mazen Nabulsi, a Cerritos College alumnus and chairperson of the Cerritos College Foundation, has announced his candidacy for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees seat (Area 1) which covers the City of Downey, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens and South Gate.



Mazen is a lifelong Downey resident, attending the Downey Unified school system including graduating from Downey High School. He received his Associate

Thereafter, he earned a law degree at California Western, San Diego, and practiced in the field of real estate, contracts, and tort law. Mazen currently works in Downey as a real estate broker-associate at 24 Hour Real Estate.

"I am passionate about education and continuing to create successful pathways for our students. I will work tirelessly to create partnerships and opportunities between Cerritos College and our communities" said Mazen.

While he was a full-time

During his tenure, Mazen helped lobby state and national officials to support community college educational funding.

As president, he lobbied school administrators and officials to maintain educational funding levels, which helped to avoid classroom summer cuts, and extended library hours during exam periods. He also supported our students with educational and extracurricular activities.

"As student body president, I lobbied in Washington D.C.



William Medina takes second turn as Rotary president

DOWNEY — The Rotary Club of Downey held a virtual induction of officers and demotion of the 2019-20 board. Instead of the usual banquet the members attended by Zoom.

In a technological first, William Medina took over the leadership of the club for a second time. President-elect is Jesse Vargas and President-elect is Mel Sanchez.

"I hope you are as excited as I am," President Will said. "We have lots of plans, and there's new blood on the board."

In true club tradition a disrespectful attitude prevailed. President Will was presented with two gavels, "one to use and one to lose."

"If I lose the gavel in my own house, that'd be pretty hard to do," said Will.

"You never know," Treasurer Barbara Lamberth replied.

Outgoing President Nathan Mahoney was demoted and thanked for his year with the presentation of a plaque engraved with his name and year, and a mounted gavel.

Barbara also gave into Nate's keeping for the year the large plaque that has the name of all of Rotary's presidents, beginning with Robert Haas in 1924 and complete with now past-president Nathan, 2019-20.

Lorine Parks

Officials consider parks and libraries as school site alternatives

County officials are studying the possibility of opening parks and libraries for supervised learning.



LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Monday supported a proposal by Supervisor Janice Hahn to explore using county parks and libraries for alternative learning sites for children in the unincorporated area while school campuses remain closed.

"In the middle of this worsening pandemic distance learning is our safest option right now, but this is untenable for parents who can't work from home and some of our most

vulnerable families," said Hahn.

"We have been able to run summer day camps at our county parks safely this year despite the pandemic. I hope we can use a similar model to utilize our parks to provide safe, supervised spaces for kids to do their distance learning while they can't be in the classroom."

Last week, Governor Gavin

Newsom announced that counties on the state's "watch list," which includes LA County, would not be able to return to in-classroom learning this fall. Local school districts have been working diligently to develop distance learning plans that work for all students.

Despite all best efforts, there is a gap anticipated between what schools can provide and what families need, either in terms of technology and internet access, or supervision during the school day.

Hahn hopes that the county can help close this gap by using LA County parks and libraries in unincorporated areas as safe spaces children can spend the school day if they cannot do their distance learning at home.

"Parks have been available to support our county families during this pandemic and are ready to fill the gap for parents who are integrating back into the workplace and looking for a safe, supportive environment for their children," said Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Director Norma E. Garcia.

"We understand that there are limited options for school-age kids, and we are happy to look into our department's capacity to serve as alternate learning locations."

LA County parks have already proven they can run programming safely amid this pandemic and have offered full and half-day camps this summer to help working parents. LA County parks also have WiFi access that would allow students to participate in distance learning.

Local LA County Libraries have been supporting students with online homework support, reading activities, and grab and go summer lunches, while recently exploring additional options for student and parental support utilizing community rooms and outdoor spaces with safety protocols in place.

"I know that this won't be an easy fix," said Hahn. "This has never been done before. But we are in unprecedented times and we need to meet them with unprecedented and creative solutions for our residents."

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IRS releases list of ‘dirty dozen’ scams to avoid

The Internal Revenue Service this week announced its annual “Dirty Dozen” list of tax scams with a special emphasis on aggressive and evolving schemes related to coronavirus tax relief, including Economic Impact Payments.

This year, the Dirty Dozen focuses on scams that target taxpayers. The criminals behind these bogus schemes view everyone as potentially easy prey. The IRS urges everyone to be on guard all the time and look out for others in their lives.

“Tax scams tend to rise during tax season or during times of crisis, and scam artists are using pandemic to try stealing money and information from honest taxpayers,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. “The IRS provides the Dirty Dozen list to help raise awareness about common scams that fraudsters use to target people. We urge people to watch out for these scams. The IRS is doing its part to protect Americans. We will relentlessly pursue criminals trying to steal your money or sensitive personal financial information.”

Taxpayers are encouraged to review the list and be on the lookout for these scams throughout the year. Taxpayers should also remember that they are legally responsible for what is on their tax return even if it is prepared by someone else. Consumers can help protect themselves by choosing a reputable tax preparer.

The IRS urges taxpayers to refrain from engaging potential scammers online or on the phone. The IRS plans to unveil a similar list of enforcement and compliance priorities this year as well.

Here are this year’s ‘Dirty Dozen’ scams:

Phishing: Taxpayers should be alert to potential fake emails or websites looking to steal personal information. The IRS will never initiate contact with taxpayers via email about a tax bill, refund or Economic Impact Payments. Don’t click on links claiming to be from the IRS. Be wary of emails and websites – they may be nothing more than scams to steal personal information.

IRS Criminal Investigation has seen a tremendous increase in phishing schemes utilizing emails, letters, texts and links. These phishing schemes are using keywords such as “coronavirus,” “COVID-19” and “Stimulus” in various ways.

These schemes are blasted to large numbers of people in an effort to get personal identifying information or financial account information, including account numbers and passwords. Most of these new schemes are actively playing on the fear and unknown of the virus and the stimulus payments. (For more see IR-2020-115.)

Fake Charities: Criminals frequently exploit natural disasters and other situations such as the current COVID-19 pandemic by setting up fake charities to steal from well-intentioned people trying to help in times of need. Fake charity scams generally rise during times like these.

Fraudulent schemes normally start with unsolicited contact by telephone, text, social media, e-mail or in-person using a variety of tactics. Bogus websites use names similar to legitimate charities to trick people to send money or provide personal financial information. They may even claim to be working for or on behalf of the IRS to help victims file casualty loss claims and get tax refunds.

Taxpayers should be particularly wary of charities with names like nationally known organizations. Legitimate charities will provide their Employer Identification Number (EIN), if requested, which can be used to verify their legitimacy. Taxpayers can find legitimate and qualified charities with the search tool on IRS.gov.

Threatening Impersonator Phone Calls: IRS impersonation scams come in many forms. A common one remains bogus threatening phone calls from a criminal claiming to be with the IRS. The scammer attempts to instill fear and urgency in the potential victim. In fact, the IRS will never threaten a taxpayer or surprise him or her with a demand for immediate payment.

Phone scams or “vishing” (voice phishing) pose a major threat. Scam phone calls, including those threatening arrest, deportation or license revocation if the victim doesn’t pay a bogus tax bill, are reported year-round. These calls often take the form of a “robocall” (a text-to-speech recorded message with instructions for returning the call).

The IRS will never demand immediate payment, threaten, ask for financial information over the phone, or call about an unexpected refund or Economic Impact Payment. Taxpayers should contact the real IRS if they worry about having a tax problem.

Social Media Scams: Taxpayers need to protect themselves against social media scams, which frequently use events like COVID-19 to try tricking people. Social media enables anyone to share information with anyone else on the Internet. Scammers use that information as ammunition for a wide variety of scams. These include emails where scammers impersonate someone’s family, friends or co-workers.

Social media scams have also led to tax-related identity theft. The basic element of social media scams is convincing a potential victim that he or she is dealing with a person close to them that they trust via email, text or social media messaging.

Using personal information, a scammer may email a potential victim and include a link to something of interest to the recipient which contains malware intended to commit more crimes. Scammers also infiltrate their victim’s emails and cell phones to go after their friends and family with fake emails that appear to be real and text messages soliciting, for example, small donations to fake charities that are appealing to the victims.

EIP or Refund Theft: The IRS has made great strides against refund fraud and theft in recent years, but they remain an ongoing threat. Criminals this year also turned their attention to stealing Economic Impact Payments as provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Much of this stems from identity theft whereby criminals file false tax returns or supply other bogus information to the IRS to divert refunds to wrong addresses or bank accounts.

The IRS recently warned nursing homes and other care facilities that Economic Impact Payments generally belong to the recipients, not the organizations providing the care. This came following concerns that people and businesses may be taking advantage of vulnerable populations who received the payments. These payments do not count as a resource for determining eligibility for Medicaid and other federal programs They also do not count as income in determining eligibility for these programs. See IR-2020-121 for more.

Taxpayers can consult the Coronavirus Tax Relief page of IRS.gov for assistance in getting their EIPs. Anyone who believes they may

be a victim of identity theft should consult the Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft on IRS.gov.

Senior Fraud: Senior citizens and those who care about them need to be on alert for tax scams targeting older Americans. The IRS recognizes the pervasiveness of fraud targeting older Americans along with the Department of Justice and FBI, the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), among others.

Seniors are more likely to be targeted and victimized by scammers than other segments of society. Financial abuse of seniors is a problem among personal and professional relationships. Anecdotal evidence across professional services indicates that elder fraud goes down substantially when the service provider knows a trusted friend or family member is taking an interest in the senior’s affairs.

Older Americans are becoming more comfortable with evolving technologies, such as social media. Unfortunately, that gives scammers another means of taking advantage. Phishing scams linked to Covid-19 have been a major threat this filing season. Seniors need to be alert for a continuing surge of fake emails, text messages, websites and social media attempts to steal personal information.

Scams targeting non-English speakers: IRS impersonators and other scammers also target groups with limited English proficiency. These scams are often threatening in nature. Some scams also target those potentially receiving an Economic Impact Payment and request personal or financial information from the taxpayer.

Phone scams pose a major threat to people with limited access to information, including individuals not entirely comfortable with the English language. These calls frequently take the form of a “robocall” (a text-to-speech recorded message with instructions for returning the call), but in some cases may be made by a real person. These con artists may have some of the taxpayer’s information, including their address, the last four digits of their Social Security number or other personal details – making the phone calls seem more legitimate.

A common one remains the IRS impersonation scam where a taxpayer receives a telephone call threatening jail time, deportation or revocation of a driver’s license from someone claiming to be with the IRS. Taxpayers who are recent immigrants often are the most vulnerable and should ignore these threats and not engage the scammers.

Unscrupulous Return Preparers: Selecting the right return preparer is important. They are entrusted with a taxpayer’s sensitive personal data. Most tax professionals provide honest, high-quality service, but dishonest preparers pop up every filing season committing fraud, harming innocent taxpayers or talking taxpayers into doing illegal things they regret later.

Taxpayers should avoid so-called “ghost” preparers who expose their clients to potentially serious filing mistakes as well as possible tax fraud and risk of losing their refunds. With many tax professionals impacted by COVID-19 and their offices potentially closed, taxpayers should take particular care in selecting a credible tax preparer.

Ghost preparers don’t sign the tax returns they prepare. They may print the tax return and tell the taxpayer to sign and mail it to the IRS. For e-filed returns, the ghost preparer will prepare but not digitally sign as the paid preparer. By law, anyone who is paid to prepare or assists in preparing federal tax returns must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Paid preparers must sign and include their PTIN on returns.

Unscrupulous preparers may also target those without a filing requirement and may or may not be due a refund. They promise inflated refunds by claiming fake tax credits, including education credits, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and others. Taxpayers should avoid preparers who ask them to sign a blank return, promise a big refund before looking at the taxpayer’s records or charge fees based on a percentage of the refund.

Taxpayers are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of their tax return, regardless of who prepares it. Taxpayers can go to a special page on IRS.gov for tips on choosing a preparer.

Offer in Compromise Mills: Taxpayers need to wary of misleading tax debt resolution companies that can exaggerate chances to settle tax debts for “pennies on the dollar” through an Offer in Compromise (OIC). These offers are available for taxpayers who meet very specific criteria under law to qualify for reducing their tax bill. But unscrupulous companies oversell the program to unqualified candidates so they can collect a hefty fee from taxpayers already struggling with debt.

These scams are commonly called OIC “mills,” which cast a wide net for taxpayers, charge them pricey fees and churn out applications for a program they’re unlikely to qualify for. Although the OIC program helps thousands of taxpayers each year reduce their tax debt, not everyone qualifies for an OIC. In Fiscal Year 2019, there were 54,000 OICs submitted to the IRS. The agency accepted 18,000 of them.

Individual taxpayers can use the free online Offer in Compromise Pre-Qualifier tool to see if they qualify. The simple tool allows taxpayers to confirm eligibility and provides an estimated offer amount. Taxpayers can apply for an OIC without third-party representation; but the IRS reminds taxpayers that if they need help, they should be cautious about whom they hire.

Fake Payments with Repayment Demands: Criminals are always finding new ways to trick taxpayers into believing their scam including putting a bogus refund into the taxpayer’s actual bank account. Here’s how the scam works:

A con artist steals or obtains a taxpayer’s personal data including Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) and bank account information. The scammer files a bogus tax return and has the refund deposited into the taxpayer’s checking or savings account. Once the direct deposit hits the taxpayer’s bank account, the fraudster places a call to them, posing as an IRS employee. The taxpayer is told that there’s been an error and that the IRS needs the money returned immediately or penalties and interest will result. The taxpayer is told to buy specific gift cards for the amount of the refund.

The IRS will never demand payment by a specific method. There are many payment options available to taxpayers and there’s also a process through which taxpayers have the right to question the amount of tax we say they owe. Anytime a taxpayer receives an unexpected refund and a call from us out of the blue demanding a refund repayment, they should reach out to their banking institution and to the IRS.



Payroll and HR Scams: Tax professionals, employers and taxpayers need to be on guard against phishing designed to steal Form W-2s and other tax information. These are Business Email Compromise (BEC) or Business Email Spoofing (BES). This is particularly true with many businesses closed and their employees working from home due to COVID-19. Currently, two of the most common types of these scams are the gift card scam and the direct deposit scam.

In the gift card scam, a compromised email account is often used to send a request to purchase gift cards in various denominations. In the direct deposit scheme, the fraudster may have access to the victim’s email account (also known as an email account compromise or “EAC”). They may also impersonate the potential victim to have the organization change the employee’s direct deposit information to reroute their deposit to an account the fraudster controls.

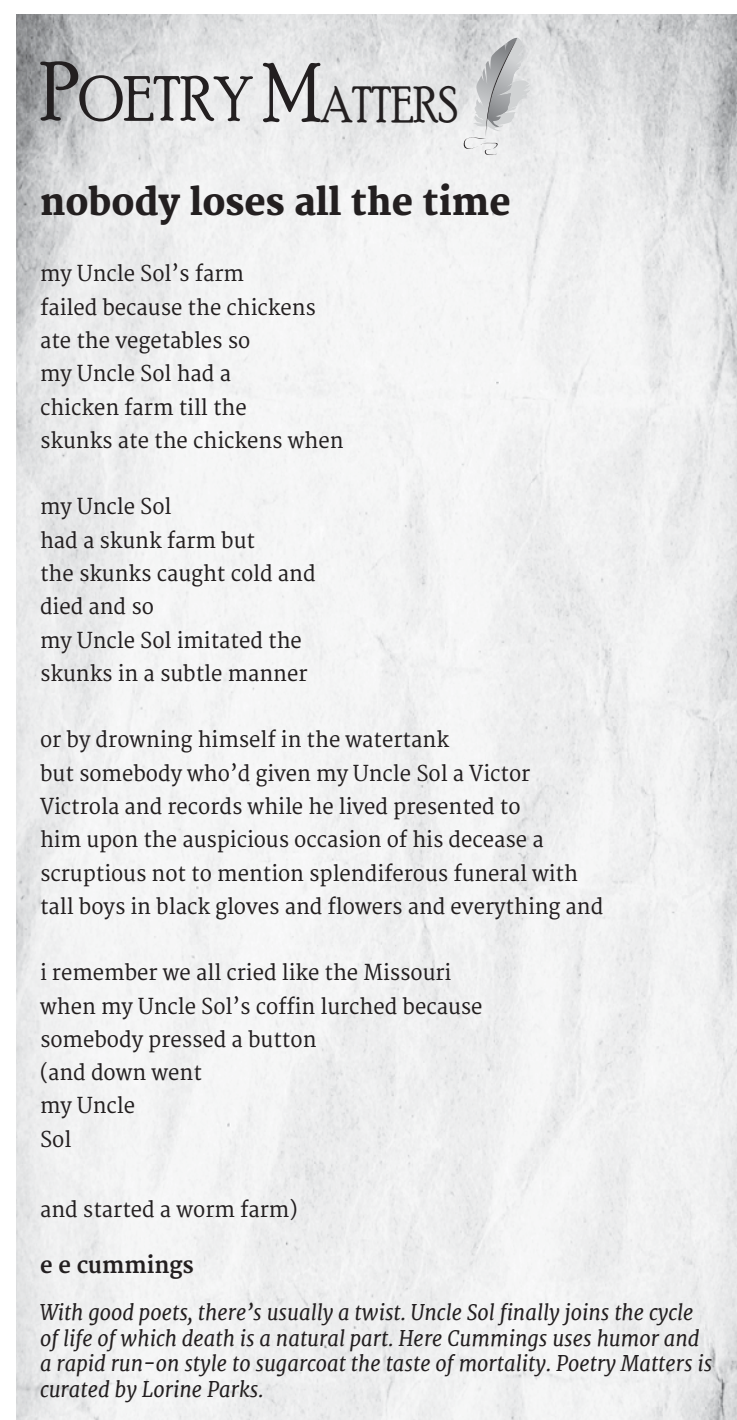
BEC/BES scams have used a variety of ploys to include requests for wire transfers, payment of fake invoices as well as others. In recent years, the IRS has observed variations of these scams where fake IRS documents are used in to lend legitimacy to the bogus request. For example, a fraudster may attempt a fake invoice scheme and use what appears to be a legitimate IRS document to help convince the victim.

The Direct Deposit and other BEC/BES variations should be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) where a complaint can be filed. The IRS requests that Form W-2 scams be reported to: phishing@irs.gov (Subject: W-2 Scam).

Ransomware: This is a growing cybercrime. Ransomware is malware targeting human and technical weaknesses to infect a potential victim’s computer, network or server. Malware is a form of invasive software that is often frequently inadvertently downloaded by the user. Once downloaded, it tracks keystrokes and other computer activity. Once infected, ransomware looks for and locks critical or sensitive data with its own encryption. In some cases, entire computer networks can be adversely impacted.

Victims generally aren’t aware of the attack until they try to access their data, or they receive a ransom request in the form of a pop-up window. These criminals don’t want to be traced so they frequently use anonymous messaging platforms and demand payment in virtual currency such as Bitcoin.

Cybercriminals might use a phishing email to trick a potential victim into opening a link or attachment containing the ransomware. These may include email solicitations to support a fake COVID-19 charity. Cybercriminals also look for system vulnerabilities where human error is not needed to deliver their malware.



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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 Principal Planner Guillermo Arreola at (562) 904-7154, or at garrreola@downeyca.org.

court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** JULY 14, 2020

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
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Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00147

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BILLY RAY LOCKHART filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BILLY RAY LOCKHART to Proposed name (1) JERRY THOMAS LOCKHART

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** JULY 1, 2020

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
BILLY RAY LOCKHART
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562-228-5379
JERRY.LOCKHART@GMAIL.COM

successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** MARCH 13, 2020

Judge Olivia Rosales
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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7/2/20, 7/9/20, 7/16/20, 7/23/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00136

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LUCIANO SALVATORE ON BEHALF OF LEAH SOPHIA SALVATORE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LEAH SOPHIA SALVATORE to Proposed name (1) PENELOPE LEAH SALVATORE

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 11, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** JUNE 26, 2020

Judge Olivia Rosales
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 20-0096 Loan No.: *****436 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/08/2006 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) will be held by the duly appointed Trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JAMES FLETCHER AND TARA FLETCHER, HUSBAND AND WIFE Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 02/17/2006 as Instrument No. 06-0365683 in book --, at Page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 08/13/2020 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$586,488.84 estimated - as of date of first publication of this Notice of Sale The purported property address is: 11829 HORTON AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6248-026-007 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication

of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924.g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, 20-0096. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 07/14/2020 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Karen Talafus, Assistant Secretary 5120 E. LaPalma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: (916) 939-0772 Sales Website: www.nationwideposting.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0370918 To: DOWNEY PATRIOT 07/23/2020, 07/30/2020, 08/06/2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020104918

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRITALICIOUS (2) BRITALICIOUSBAKE, 216 S. FIRCHROFT, WEST COVINA CA 91791, LA COUNTY 216 S. FIRCHROFT, WEST COVINA CA 91791

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A# 0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHELLE CORPUS, 216 S. FIRCHROFT, WEST COVINA CA 91791

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2020

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

S/ MICHELLE CORPUS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 14, 2020

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

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

LIEN SALES

Notice of Public Sale at Auction Pursuant to CA Com. Code §7210
Seller: North Bay Distribution, Inc.
Items being auctioned: inventory of new/unused womens' shoes and accessories held in storage for resale, previously owned by A&L Footwear/Lauren Lorraine.
Date of Auction: August 1, 2020
Auction Location: 13545 Larwin Cir., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
Time of commencement of auction: 10:00 A.M. Pacific Time
Terms of Sale: All merchandise is sold as-is and where-is.
Removal must take place within twenty-four (24) hours of conclusion of auction. Seller assumes no liability for the goods following sale, whatsoever.
Winning bidder is responsible for all removal costs, including transportation and any storage costs beginning twenty-four (24) hours following conclusion of the auction, as well as any/all applicable taxes/fees that may be assessed by government authorities. All bids must be made in verified funds, which must be verified prior to commencement of the auction.
Payment to be made in lawful money of the United States, or a cashier's/certified check made payable to North Bay Distribution, Inc. Bidders need not be present but phone or absentee bidders must be approved and register prior to commencement of auction. The seller reserves the right to bid at auction. For more information or to qualify to bid at auction, call seller at (707) 452-9984.

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00148

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ELEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER to Proposed name (1) RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**, 8301 E. FLORENCE AVENUE, SUITE 100, DOWNEY, CA 90240 JULY 2, 2020

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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7/9/20, 7/16/20, 7/23/20, 7/30/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00159

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SILVIA BUENO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SILVIA BUENO to Proposed name (1) SAHMIR BUENO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00152

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADAM SHAFER MCNAMEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ADAM SHAFER MCNAMEE to Proposed name (1) ATTIS PHANTOM SHAFER

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 11, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** JULY 8, 2020

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
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7/16/20, 7/23/20, 7/30/20, 8/6/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00102

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SALLIE JO BROWN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SALLE JO BROWN to Proposed name (1) MARY JO MOPPIN

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 4, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SITE PLAN REVIEW AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-20-00029

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 5th day of August, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit (PLN-20-00029): A request to remodel two existing vacant commercial tenant spaces, in order to operate a bar/lounge with a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 48 License (On Sale General - Public Premises), live entertainment and outdoor seating, on property located at 11002 Downey Avenue and 8304 3rd Street, zoned Downtown Downey Specific Plan (DDSP).

Public Participation and Accessibility for August 5, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer Revising Order Issued June 11, 2020 as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19, this meeting will allow the public to participate and address the Planning Commission during the open sessions of the meetings via live stream and/or teleconference as well as a limited number of in-person attendees within the City-Hall Council Chambers.

Home sales climbed 20% in June

Existing-home sales rebounded at a record pace in June, showing strong signs of a market turnaround after three straight months of sales declines caused by the ongoing pandemic, according to the National Association of Realtors. Each of the four major regions achieved month-over-month growth, with the West experiencing the greatest sales recovery.

Total existing-home sales, completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, jumped 20.7% from May to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 4.72 million in June. Sales overall, however, dipped year-over-year, down 11.3% from a year ago (5.32 million in June 2019).

"The sales recovery is strong, as buyers were eager to purchase homes and properties that they had been eyeing during the shutdown," said Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist. "This revitalization looks to be sustainable for many months ahead as long as mortgage rates remain low and job gains continue."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in June was \$295,300, up 3.5% from June 2019 (\$285,400), as prices rose in every region. June's national price increase marks 100 straight months of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of June totaled 1.57 million units, up 1.3% from May, but still down 18.2% from one year ago (1.92 million). Unsold inventory sits at a 4.0-month supply at the current sales pace, down from both 4.8 months in May and from the 4.3-month figure recorded in June 2019.

Yun explains that significantly low inventory was a problem even before the pandemic and says such circumstances can lead to inflated costs.

"Home prices rose during the lockdown and could rise even further due to heavy buyer competition and a significant shortage of supply."

Yun's concerns are underscored in NAR's recently released 2020

Member Profile, in which Realtors point to low inventory as being one of the top hindrances for potential buyers.

Properties typically remained on the market for 24 days in June, seasonally down from 26 days in May, and down from 27 days in June 2019. Sixty-two percent of homes sold in June 2020 were on the market for less than a month.

First-time buyers were responsible for 35% of sales in June, up from 34% in May 2020 and about equal to 35% in June 2019. NAR's 2019 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers - released in late 2019 - revealed that the annual share of first-time buyers was 33%.

Individual investors or second-home buyers, who account for many cash sales, purchased 9% of homes in June, down from 14% in May 2020 and 10% in June 2019. All-cash sales accounted for 16% of transactions in June, down from 17% in May 2020 and about equal to 16% in June 2019.

Distressed sales - foreclosures and short sales - represented 3% of sales in June, about even with May but up from 2% in June 2019.

"It's inspiring to see Realtors absorb the shock and unprecedented challenges of the virus-induced shutdowns and bounce back in this manner," said NAR President Vince Malta, broker at Malta & Co., Inc., in San Francisco, Calif. "NAR and our 1.4 million members will continue to tirelessly work to facilitate our nation's economic recovery as we all adjust to this new normal."

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage decreased to 3.16% in June, down from 3.23% in May. The average commitment rate across all of 2019 was 3.94%.


Single-family and Condo/Co-op Sales

Single-family home sales sat at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 4.28 million in June, up 19.9% from 3.57 million in May, and down 9.9% from one year ago. The median existing single-family


home price was \$298,600 in June, up 3.5% from June 2019.

Existing condominium and co-op sales were recorded at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 440,000 units in June, up 29.4% from May and down 22.8% from a year ago. The median existing condo price was \$262,700 in June, an increase of 1.4% from a year ago.

"Home buyers considering a move to the suburbs is a growing possibility after a decade of urban downtown revival," Yun said. "Greater work-from-home options and flexibility will likely remain beyond the virus and any forthcoming vaccine."



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average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage was higher, at 3.37 percent.

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Where the Housing Market Stands

Two Months into Coronavirus



Buyers Are Tricking Back Into the Market
When the pandemic first hit in March, sales dropped 8% from the previous month. Now, buyers are slowly getting back into the game, since mortgage rates are at historic lows and nearly 70% of the workforce is still holding secure employment.
Home Prices Will Remain Steady Low housing inventory levels before the COVID-19 crisis mean that it is unlikely home prices will drop. It's still a good time for sellers to consider making their moves.

Real Estate Transactions Are Safer Than Ever
Trying to purchase a home and get the deal done is far safer than visiting grocery stores. Real estate professionals are going above and beyond with social distancing practices and sanitary measures to keep clients and colleagues safe during transactions.

This Is a Pause, Not a Stop
The COVID-19 pandemic has paused real estate activity, not stopped it completely. People's homes have become even more valued during this time. Real estate will continue to be in high demand once the coronavirus subsides.

I'm here to help you in any way I can during these tough times. If there is anything I can do to help you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out - 562-743-2121



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