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Former coach faces more charges

■ 11 more women and girls accuse Randy Headley, a former volunteer softball coach, of sexual assault.

DOWNEY — The owner of a T-shirt silk screen printing shop in Paramount and volunteer coach in Downey previously charged with sexually assaulting 12 women and girls now faces charges for assaulting 11 more victims, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Randy Dee Headley, of South Gate, now faces two felony counts of possession of an assault weapon; one felony count each of manufacturing, importing, keeping for sale, giving or receiving a large-capacity magazine; carrying loaded handgun on one's person or in a vehicle not registered; forcible oral copulation; assault with the intent to commit rape; sexual battery; and aggravated sexual assault of a child.

He also faces 10 felony counts of sexual battery by restraint; three felony counts of sexual penetration by use of force; as well as two misdemeanor counts of sexual battery by employer; and one misdemeanor count each of possession of a firearm with temporary restraining order, protective or injunction; and child molesting.

Headley, 55, also is charged with nine felony counts of sexual battery by fraud; six felony counts of sexual battery by restraint; and two misdemeanor counts of sexual battery. The criminal complaint includes an allegation that the crimes were committed while he was out on bail.

The amended complaint was filed on August 31 and Headley pleaded not guilty to the amended charges last week. He is scheduled to return to the Compton Courthouse on Nov. 18.

Headley is charged with sexually molesting and assaulting several of his young female employees from 2012 to 2020, the prosecutors said. Headley's alleged behavior continued even after being charged with the first case in 2019, the prosecutors added.

Headley's t-shirt company operated under several names, including Downey Sporting Goods. He also served as a youth baseball and softball coach in Downey, Paramount and Compton.

If convicted as charged, Headley faces a possible maximum sentence of 125 years to life in state prison. Bail is set at \$5.3 million.



Randy Headley faces life in prison if convicted of the charges filed against him. (Booking photo)

Trujillo, Alvarez appear headed for victory

Pacheco gets second term

■ Mario Trujillo led Carrie Uva in the hotly-contested District 5 race, while Catherine Alvarez held a slim lead in District 3.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Mayor Blanca Pacheco and candidates Catherine Alvarez and Mario Trujillo all maintained comfortable leads on election night, all but securing their spots on the City Council.

Pacheco — the sole incumbent in Downey's 2020 election — carried a comfortable lead in District 1 throughout Tuesday evening with nearly 70% of the vote.

As of Wednesday evening, the mayor had 4,722 (69.66%) votes to Contreras's 1,918 (30.34%).

District 3 was mainly a contest between Alvarez and candidate Eric Pierce.

Alvarez, founder of the Downey Tenants Union, was leading with 4,134 (48.41%) votes, with Pierce trailing at 3,678 (43.18%).

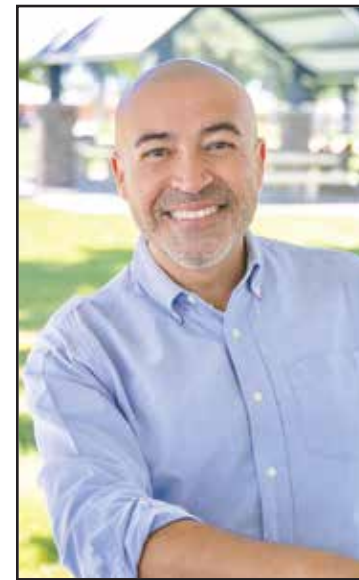
In citywide District 5, Trujillo, a deputy district attorney, maintained consistent distance between real estate broker and attorney Carrie Uva.

He currently sits with 15,284 (46.94%) votes compared to Uva's 11,655 (36.02%).

Trujillo said he was "excited" about the results, adding that "we have a lot of work to do."

"I'm excited about getting to the business of serving and protecting," said Trujillo. "I think what our residents want most from our city government is a government that protects us and provides services."

"I am so thankful to the voters for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve in the capacity of protecting our families and our community, and allow me to continue to use my background and experience in law enforcement...I'm excited



Blanca Pacheco, Catherine Alvarez and Mario Trujillo.

Preliminary Results

Downey City Council (District 1)
Blanca Pacheco: 4,722
Alexandria Contreras: 2,064

Downey City Council (District 3)
Catherine Alvarez: 4,134
Eric Pierce: 3,678
Dalejuan Peevy: 717

Downey City Council (District 5)
Mario Trujillo: 15,284
Carrie Uva: 11,655
Juan Martinez: 4,617
Arturo Gonzalez: 958

Downey School Board (Trustee Area 2)
Jose Rodriguez: 2,270
Cathy Ballon-Godinez: 1,247
Angie Rademaker: 1,221

Downey School Board (Trustee Area 3)
Giggy Perez-Saab: 3,420
Carlos Avalos: 1,107
Ethan Rodriguez: 1,030

Cerritos College District (Trustee Area 1)
Mariana Pacheco: 7,311
Martha Camacho-Rodriguez: 6,911
Mazen Nabulsi: 3,452

about getting to deliver these services and make our city more efficient."

Neither Pacheco nor Alvarez responded to calls for comment in time for publication.

School Board

The two active Downey Unified School Board contests provided clear winners in Jose Rodriguez and Giggy Perez-Saab.

In Trustee Area 2, Rodriguez

earned 2,270 (47.9%) votes.

His opponents Cathy Ballon-Godinez and Angie Rademaker were unable to catch him, coming in at 1,247 (26.3%) and 1,221 (25.7%) respectively.

Likewise, in Trustee Area 3, Perez-Saab collected a commanding 3,420 (61.41%) votes; over 2,100 more than the next highest vote getter, Carlos Avalos.

Avalos tallied 1,107 (19.91%) votes, followed by Ethan Matthew

Rodriguez at 1,030 (18.68%).

At the congressional level, 40th District Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard's return was never in question, dominating her opponent with 96,771 (72.98%) votes.

As of Thursday morning, about 650,000 ballots had yet to be counted throughout Los Angeles County.

Rosalie Sciortino, champion of the arts, dies at 97

■ A talented writer and artist, Sciortino was an advocate for arts and culture in Downey.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — Rosalie Sciortino, an author, painter, and longtime champion of the arts in Downey, died Oct. 28 at age 97.

No services have been scheduled yet, according to an obituary posted by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

Born April 20, 1923, Sciortino and her family moved to Downey when she was only 20 days old.

She helped lead the writing group Writers Workshop West, and her short stories often appeared in the Downey Patriot (and the Downey Eagle before that).

Five years ago, her original artwork was featured in an

exhibit at Stay Gallery.

Carol Kearns, a Downey resident and writer, profiled Sciortino in a 2015 article for the Downey Patriot.

"Sciortino was the youngest of seven siblings, with her neighborhood defined by orange groves, sooty air from smudge pots, irrigation ditches, and the 'magical sylvan retreat' of the Rio San Gabriel river bed," Kearns wrote. "Relatives from Los Angeles described their weekly visits to Downey as 'a trip to the country.'"

"In the 1970's Sciortino was an active member of the Downey Art League when the organization's membership was at its height. She explored a variety of media, including oil, collage, and acrylic, winning numerous prizes. Her subjects range from stylized still-life's to realistic figures and cityscapes"

"Sciortino's impact on the Downey art scene extends beyond

her own writing and painting. Sciortino has contributed years of community service as a member of the Downey Symphony Guild, helping with fundraisers that support the regular season concerts and the Music in the Schools program. The music education program, started in 1995, serves 11,000 local elementary students in the area's public and private schools."

Downey resident and civic leader Stacy Brabant called Sciortino "a vibrant woman."

"She lived a very full life and she will be missed," Brabant said. "I enjoyed surprising her with a poinsettia or two on her porch after Thanksgiving."

"My daughters remember when Rosalie sent them a formal invitation for Tea. I wasn't invited, just the girls. Special time for just the three of them."



Rosalie Sciortino died last week at age 97. No information regarding funeral services has been announced.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 72°

Saturday 60°

Sunday 61°

ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 5

1872: Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for trying to vote in the presidential election.

1912: Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating incumbent William Taft and former president Theodore Roosevelt.

1935: Parker Brothers began marketing the board game Monopoly.

1968: Richard Nixon won the presidency, defeating Vice President Hubert Humphrey and third-party candidate George Wallace.

1974: Ella Grasso of Connecticut became the first woman elected governor in the United States without succeeding her husband.

1994: Former President Ronald Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

1994: George Foreman became boxing's oldest heavyweight champion at 45 by knocking out Michael Moorer in the 10th round of their WBA fight in Las Vegas.

1996: President Bill Clinton won a second term over former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

1999: A federal judge declared Microsoft a monopoly.

2006: Saddam Hussein was convicted and sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for crimes against humanity.

2009: A shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead. An Army psychologist was charged in the worst mass killing on a U.S. military base.

Notable Birthdays

Businesswoman and reality TV star **Kris Jenner** turns 65.

Musician and band member **Kevin Jonas** turns 33.

Football player **Odell Beckham Jr.** turns 28.

Rock singer **Bryan Adams** turns 61.

PGA Tour golfer **Bubba Watson** turns 42

Retired basketball player **Jerry Stackhouse** turns 46.

Academy Award winning actress **Tatum O'Neal** turns 57.

Basketball hall of famer **Bill Walton** turns 68.

Notable Deaths

Bobby Hatfield, one-half of the Righteous Brothers who sang lead vocals on the 1965 recording of "Unchained Melody," died on this date in 2003 after suffering a heart attack. He was 63.

Holidays

November 5 brings no shortage of holidays in the United States:

American Football Day

International Stout Day

National Hot Sauce Day

National Love Your Red Hair Day

Bonfire Night

Bank Transfer Day

Dia de los Muertos in your casa

■ With zero budget and zero sponsors, the Downey Theatre pulled off a virtual Dia de los Muertos celebration.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY — On the kind of a Sunday that Downeyites have come to expect, blue skies and constant sunshine, the Dia de los Muertos was celebrated on November first with a virtual website fiesta.

Remembering the excited throngs of families with children in costumes and painted faces roaming the open expanse between City Hall and the plaza in front of the Downey Theatre, the visitor to the website was greeted with the trumpet flourishes of the Mariachi Divas. But not in person — as captured in videos.

The Downey Theatre sponsored all this as a virtual Feast and Fiesta, with a full menu of events. As with all fairs and fetes, it was hard to choose which ones to see. Amber Vogel and her staff, without a budget and with no sponsors, pulled off

a spectacular day.

Dia de los Muertos, a holiday from southern Mexico, is more of a cultural holiday than a religious one. To understand this, first and foremost was the Avenue of Altars, built by families to invite their dead to come back and enjoy the favorite foods, with their families. Through art, cooking, music, building *ofrendas*, or altars, and doing activities with children, a person's life, not their death, is remembered.

As Carolina del Toro said at the 2018 fiesta, the altars are the most important feature in a Dia de los Muertos celebration. The altars that Carolina curated for the Downey Arts Coalition were nestled in the green space in front of City Hall. Carolina, who was born in Nyarit on Mexico's west coast, said, "Altars are created to show the souls of the dead that they haven't been forgotten, by displaying many of the good things the loved one liked while she or he was alive."

Death in Mexican culture is portrayed as a part of life, not to be feared as in some cultures, not prettified as in others. Many families spend up to two month's earnings on the food and decorations for their

ofrendas. The entire family will work together in the decoration much the same as other Norte Americans decorate a Christmas tree together.

Bottles of soda, stacks of handmade tortillas and *pan de muertos*, special turkey in mole sauce, nuts, tamales, and special personal items of the *muerto* adorn the altar, to induce them to return. According to "How To Build an Altar," in Southern Mexico, several things are a must: an arch made of sugar cane, candles, copal incense, a glass of water for the weary traveling spirit, flowers — especially orange marigolds (*cempasuchil*) and red cockscomb — and special foods like tamales and mole, skeleton decorations and sugar skulls.

For centuries in Mexico, Catholic and pagan rites have shared one characteristic, skulls, or *cavalos*. Mounds of these colorful sugar skulls are sold by Indian vendors in open air village markets during the week preceding the holiday.

Artist Diego Marcial Rios gave a workshop on the art of making sugar skull and decorating them. Labor intensive and made in very small batches in the homes, sugar skulls are sometimes eaten, but

their main function is to adorn the altars for the visiting spirits.

Perhaps the most unsettling to a *gringa*, an outsider, these sugar skulls are a traditional folk art from Southern Mexico. Made with big happy smiles, colorful icing and sparkly tin and glittery adornments, with bejeweled eye sockets, bones dressed in bonnets and sombreros, they parody how the poor saw the rich cavorting, and a reminder that death comes to rich and poor alike.

Mexico was abundant in sugar production and too poor to buy fancy imported European church decorations, so the friars taught how to make sugar art for religious festivals. Kits selling at \$75 show that this is an expensive project, not just ink on S&W cubes. Skulls can be made in plaster too, good for *ofrenda* builders who must leave their altars outside in cemeteries in variable weather where sugar skulls would be getting moist.

The Arts and Crafts Section link showed how to make *papel picado*, an art that originated in Mexico. Meaning "punched paper," the tradition of using *papel picado* originates from the practices by Aztecs. The Aztecs covered a bark textile called *amatl* (paper) with melted rubber and paint on it. They used it to decorate religious sculptures, shrines and burials.

Many traditions were on display but my program was filling up: Classic Car Parades with Los Vetrans Car Club de SVG — San Gabriel Valley. And Folklorico Dancers on the Theatre stage. Dressed in black tights with stark white skeleton bones painted on them performed intricate patterns in frilly costumes and plumed hats.

Recipes in LA Cocina section showed sweet *pan de muerto*, and *mole negro*. Champurrado is a warm thick beverage treat whose

ingredients include star anise, a cinnamon stick, a whole clove, 3/4 cup pinole (brown sugar), and 2 tablets Mexican chocolate, heated with milk and stirred well.

Opening at Stay Gallery in downtown Downey, "Ofrendos" features a live collection of works by Los Angeles County-based artists. Director Gabriel Enamerado curated this exhibition "to honor the lives of loved ones who have passed and celebrate the unifying gifts of love, connection and remembrance."

Art works are for sale, and can be viewed, as well as artist information, by clicking on works at the online site. November 1 and on display until December 31.

A pop-up encounter, The Casa Calaveras Experience looked tempting: a colorful series of dioramas that "uncover the heart-filled tale of the happy skeleton couple, José and Gloria" described as "a great way to introduce kids to Día de Muertos." It involves a small group of artists of disciplines including architecture, sculpture, painting, narrative writing, and costuming.

For armchair viewers wanting to contemplate the theme, the Festival offered a 1960 classic feature, "Macario," from the Mexican Golden Age of Cinema. In dramatic black and white, this Oscar nominee tells the parable of a poor and hungry woodcutter whose desperate whim is to eat a whole turkey all by himself.

The wish comes true — but with a provision. He is visited by the Devil and by God, but he refuses to give a leg or a wing to either. But when Death comes, Macario instantly takes his machete and cleaves the turkey in two.

After they have shared a meal, Macario tells Death he broke his resolve to eat it all by himself because, as he tells Death, "I

know when you come, you take someone right away. I thought if we shared you would wait at least till I finished my portion too."

Because Macario has made Death laugh, he grants the woodcutter a gourd filled with water that can heal the sick — but only if he, Death, appears at the sickbed and agrees that this will not go against "The Supreme Order."

As in Greek myth, not even Death, God or the Devil can change the decisions of the independent fates.

Macario grows so rich with his gift that his children get lost in their big new house. In trouble when the dread Inquisition comes to destroy him, although he is innocent of being charlatan or a sorcerer, Macario flees to the forest where he meets the three tempters again, lastly Death whom he now calls *amigo*. He is found by his wife, dead, in his original peasant clothes, with a turkey leg, this time uneaten, in his hand. Make of that what you will.

For hours on end at this virtual Fiesta of spices and flowers, mariachi music, bright colors and laces, I forgot about the coming impending election, the economy, and the pandemic. I was immersed in a culture that knows how to laugh at Death and honor it at the same time.

The excitement of sharing a live experience was missing. But in my imagination the Civic Center Plaza was filled with dancing, laughter and food; face painters and glass blowers, vendors selling tamales.

Chocolates for the children, silver spurs for the men, dangling golden skeleton earrings for the ladies, and marigolds, mescal, and *ofrendas* for the departed ones.

And always, skeleton figurines and sugar skulls to decorate the altars and poke fun at death.

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CRIME REPORT

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

At approximately 4:35 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Rosecrans Ave. and Lakewood Blvd. regarding a traffic collision. Officers were advised of an assault taking place at the scene. Officers located two vehicles with their airbags deployed and a subject with minor injuries. Several subjects on scene were uncooperative. Based on witness statements, several subjects were detained for investigation. One male subject was later arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

Detectives are investigating an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred at about 8 p.m. in the 8500 block of Telegraph Rd. The suspect and victim were involved in a verbal argument over the suspect's reckless driving. The suspect left the location and returned moments later in his vehicle. The suspect exited his vehicle holding a glass beer bottle and struck the victim's right wrist area. The suspect entered his vehicle and fled the location. The victim sustained minor injuries to his right wrist.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

At approximately 4:05 p.m., officers responded to a traffic collision in the 9300 block of Hall Rd. The juvenile driver and juvenile front passenger were driving eastbound on Hall Rd. from Coldbrook Ave. The driver rear ended a tractor trailer parked to the front of 9350 Hall Rd. The passenger suffered major injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Downey Fire Department.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Detectives are investigating an attempted robbery that occurred at about 9:25 p.m. in the area of Imperial Hwy. and Benedict Ave. The adult male victim and his fiancé were walking westbound on the north sidewalk of Imperial from Benedict. An unknown male approached the victim from behind and attempted to take the victim's cell phone. The victim and suspect struggled momentarily and fell to the ground. The suspect stabbed the victim's right leg with a knife during the struggle and fled westbound on foot. The victim sustained a laceration to his leg and was transported by the Downey Fire Department to St. Francis Medical Center. The suspect fled the area on foot.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

At 2 p.m., the Downey Police Department participated in the National Drug "Take-Back" event. The event was held in the west parking lot of the police station. In total, the department took in 643 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Free car wash for veterans

DOWNEY — Unique Auto Spa is offering veterans a free deluxe car wash on Veterans Day.

POETRY MATTERS

On the Road

Windows lowered, spring breezes
with fragrance fill the car
Sinatra singing to me
the road smooth and straight
Perhaps soon I shall turn back

Right now the road beckons
"Night and day, you are the one"
Sing it, Frankie

Scented breezes and Sinatra
The road stretches before me
flat and inviting
I sing along with him
These are my songs and
this is my road

Rosalie Sciortino

Downey has lost an accomplished poet and artist. Rosalie Desimone Sciortino died Oct. 28 at age 97. She passed away peacefully on a Wednesday morning after having coffee at home with a dear friend. "She was a bright sparkling gem," said Shirley Johnson.

Rosalie contributed so much to the arts scene in Downey. A gifted painter, she also produced a book of poems, The Gift (Los Nietos Press), in 2014 at age 91. When she read her poems at the monthly Poetry Matters gathering, the largest literary crowd in Stay Gallery history, over 90 friends, spilled out onto the sidewalk.

Rosalie came to live in Downey when she was only three weeks old — almost a pioneer — and was proud of her Sicilian heritage. She was the youngest child of Rosario Desimone, whom she always referred to as Poppa, and his second wife, her adored mother Rosalia, whose petite wedding dress with its many intricate buttons she lovingly preserved.

Vivacious and quick witted, Rosalie was a world traveler, and a member of Writers Workshop West, a Guild member and supporter of the Downey Symphonic Society, and a board member of the Downey Art League. She often contributed poems to The Downey Patriot, and before that the Downey Eagle. She and Downey personality John Vincent were contemporaries and good friends.

Her poem, On the Road, written when she was 90 and published in Westways, reminds us of a time gone by too soon. Arrivederci, mia cara amica.



OLPH Women's Guild "Adopt A Family" Committee (left to right): Armida Lugo, Paula Mayfield, Lucy Solares and Dianna Hampton.

OLPH collecting donations to help struggling families

DOWNEY — The Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Women's Guild, together with OLPH Rectory and School, has identified a number of parish families, including 24 children, who have been profoundly affected by the pandemic and are in dire financial need.

The Guild is seeking monetary donations, which it will convert into gift cards, to assist these struggling families.

Families will receive gift cards of their choice for necessities such as food, children's needs, etc.

All donors will receive a tax receipt for their records. In addition, each donor's name will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card. The raffle will take place the first week of 2021.

Deadline for donations is Dec. 8. To help these families, please send your check, made out to "Catholic Women's Guild", to OLPH Catholic Women's Guild, 10727 S. Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

On the memo line, write "Adopt a Family" and include contact information for the raffle.

For questions, call Dianna Hampton at (323) 228-2329.

Stauffer Foundation presents merit awards to Warren High students

DOWNEY — The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation continued its tradition of awarding scholar-athlete \$100 merit awards to the Warren High students who maintained at least a 3.5 GPA and lettered in a sport as a 9th, 10th, or 11th grader during the 2019-20 school year.

After receiving the list of qualified students from Warren, the foundation sent off 121 award checks valued at \$100 each to the school for distribution to the students.

In the past, these students were presented their awards at a Warren football game. This year the coronavirus protocols did not allow the traditional recognition, so the foundation celebrates them publicly in the Patriot.

The Downey High Scholar-Athletes and Warren seniors received their awards last May and were published in June. The community can be proud of these students.

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With a safe reopening underway, California must avoid another shutdown

By Dr. David Gonzalez Jr.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, California quickly became one of the nation's outbreak epicenters. This forced countless businesses to suddenly close down, as Californians remained at home and awaited further public health guidance.

Unfortunately, as the virus spread through local communities, it took its toll in more ways than one. Unemployment soared across the state due to the economic pressures of the statewide shutdown, in turn risking a worse homelessness crisis than the one that was already facing our state. Now, questions still linger as to how California will manage to get back on stable ground, with some estimates pointing to a years-long recovery process.

Thankfully a promising sign arrived at the end of September, as Los Angeles County permitted nail salons, indoor shopping malls, and several other indoor businesses to begin the reopening process. Now, as we continue to use everything we have learned about the virus this year to continue fighting the pandemic, it is vital that California's leaders at both the state and local level create policies that make use of proven methods for limiting the spread of the virus without putting the economy in further danger.

One of the key insights health officials have shared is that a large percent of recent surges in new COVID-19 cases are due to small household gatherings, and that Americans are being more careful about taking precautionary measures in public spaces. This knowledge helps to reaffirm that California's recent moves towards reopening safely are the right steps to take. To date, no evidence suggests that indoor businesses and retail locations are the reason for the new growth in COVID-19 cases and, in fact, they are some of the places where health officials' guidance is most strictly observed.

From the start of the pandemic, indoor businesses showed

remarkable adaptability, quickly implementing social distancing protocols to ensure shoppers and employees could go about their business safely.

Working in lockstep with recommendations from public health experts, businesses implemented protocols like requiring customers and employees to wear masks and shoppers remained socially distanced in stores. With these efforts, indoor retail and other businesses across the country laid out the blueprint for a safe reopening of our economy.

These efforts are being recognized by policymakers here in California, with local officials such as Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and even statewide lawmakers like Governor Gavin Newsom giving more and more businesses permission to reopen safely.

These are smart moves that will allow us to continue getting the virus under control while alleviating the economic damage that has been felt by families across the state this year.

Now, lawmakers' primary aim should be to continue this reopening without imposing broad new restrictions on indoor businesses or forcing them to close their doors once again. They have shown us that a safe reopening is possible, and we already know what another shutdown would bring.

The retail industry saw record store closures this year, and shutting them down again ahead of the holiday season would only cement their fate, causing the economy to spiral even further out of control.

In shaping the path to recovery, lawmakers must follow the lead of public health experts. Targeted action that addresses the true sources of outbreaks will put us in the strongest position to bring COVID-19 to heel in California, while broad shutdowns that impose



restrictions on the businesses that are working hard to keep people safe will only bring more difficulties.

California's policymakers are on the right path now, and I trust that it is one they will continue to follow.

Dr. David Gonzalez Jr. is a professor of Public Administration and Leadership.

The government's lust to spy

By Andrew Napolitano

In 2019, agents of the federal and state governments persuaded judges to issue 99% of all requested intercepts. An intercept is any type of government surveillance — telephone, text message, email, even in-person. These are intercepts that theoretically are based on probable cause of crime, as is required by the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution.

The 2019 numbers — which the government released as we were all watching the end of the presidential election campaign — are staggering. The feds, and local and state police in America engaged in 27,431,687 intercepts on 777,840 people. They arrested 17,101 people from among those intercepted and obtained convictions on the basis of evidence obtained via the intercepts on 5,304. That is a conviction rate of 4% of all people spied upon by law enforcement in the United States.

Here is the backstory.

Readers of this column are familiar with the use by federal agents of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to obtain intercepts using a standard of proof considerably lesser than probable cause of crime. That came about because Congress basically has no respect for the Constitution and authorized the FISA Court to issue intercept warrants if federal agents can identify an American or a foreign person in America who has spoken to a foreign person in another country.

Call your cousin in Florence or a bookseller in Edinburgh or an art dealer in Brussels, and under FISA, the feds can get a warrant from the FISA Court to monitor your future calls and texts and emails.

This FISA system is profoundly unconstitutional; the Fourth Amendment expressly requires that the government — state and federal — can only lawfully engage in searches and seizures pursuant to warrants issued by a judge based upon a showing under oath of probable cause of crime. The Supreme Court has ruled consistently that intercepts and surveillances constitute searches and seizures.

The government searches a database of emails, texts or recorded phone calls and seizes the data it wants.

Thus, when the feds have targeted someone for prosecution and lack probable cause of crime about that person, they resort to FISA. This is not only unlawful and unconstitutional, but also it is corrupting, as it permits criminal investigators to cut constitutional corners by obtaining evidence of crimes outside the scope of the Fourth Amendment. The use of the Fourth Amendment is the only lawful means of engaging in surveillance sufficient to introduce the fruits of the surveillance at a criminal trial.

If the feds happen upon evidence of a crime from their FISA-authorized intercepts, they then need to engage in deceptive acts of parallel construction. That connotes the false creation of an ostensibly lawful intercept in order to claim that they obtained lawfully what they already have obtained unlawfully.

Law enforcement personnel then fake the true means they used to acquire evidence — even duping the prosecutors for whom they work — so the evidence will appear to have been obtained lawfully and thus can be used at trial. At its essence, parallel construction is a deception on the court. If the deception is perpetrated under oath, it is perjury — a felony.

This corruption of the Constitution by those in whose hands we have reposed it for safekeeping happens every day in America.

The FISA-induced corruption has regrettably bled into the culture of non-FISA law enforcement, and even into the judiciary. The statistics I cited above are not from FISA — those numbers are secret. Rather, the statistics reflect the government's voracious appetite for spying that now pervades non-FISA law enforcement. This is so because judges accept uncritically the applications made before them for intercept or surveillance warrants.

Thus, even though the Fourth Amendment permits judges to issue warrants only upon the probable likelihood of evidence of a crime in the place to be searched or the person or thing to be seized,

the attitude of what constitutes probable cause has been attenuated by both the law enforcement personnel who seek warrants and the judges who hear the applications. We know this because we have not seen a number like 99% of all warrant applications — every one supposedly based on probable cause of crime — granted. Nor have we seen only 4% of those intercepts resulting in convictions.

The rational conclusion is that the government's appetite for surveillance remains voracious, and judges — whose affirmative duty it is to uphold the Constitution as against the other two branches of government — have done very little to abate this.

So, what becomes of the remaining 96% of those on whom the government spied? That depends on whether the government charges anyone. If a person is charged and acquitted, and law enforcement unlawfully obtained evidence against that person, his remedy is either persuading the court to suppress the evidence thus resulting in the acquittal, or suing the law enforcement agents who unlawfully spied on him.

Yet, under current Supreme Court decisions about who can sue the government, if the government has spied on you and not charged you and not told you, you have no cause of action against the law enforcement agents who did this.

Stated differently, in 2019, at least 760,739 people in America were spied upon pursuant to judicial orders allegedly based upon probable cause of crime and were neither charged nor informed of the spying.

My Fox colleagues often deride my attacks on those who fail to safeguard our privacy because they argue, we have no privacy. Yet, as Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, the most comprehensive of rights is the right to be let alone. If we forget this, my colleagues will have the last laugh. If we expose its violation, we might know the joys of unmonitored personal fulfillment.

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Trump, Biden more similar than you think

By Veronique de Rugy

Once again, Election Day in America has come and gone with some lingering questions as to when the results will be certified. In the run-up to the presidential contest, each side overflowed with hope about the many wonders its guy, once in power, might bring about. Unfortunately, for those of us who prefer smaller government — for those of us who value individual liberty as an end in itself — neither candidate really promised fiscal solvency or less government interference in our lives.

Despite corporate tax reform, deregulatory efforts, some

criminal justice reforms and an anti-socialist rhetoric, President Donald Trump has shown little interest in free market policies. His administration promised and failed to get rid of the Affordable Care Act and would have likely replaced it with what is best described as Obamacare Light. With the Republicans' support, Trump opened wide the spending spigot for the Pentagon and its defense contractors. Ditto for other kinds of spending, much of which was irresponsibly funded with debt.

And don't forget: Although the prepandemic economy was growing steadily and wages were increasing, the government's budget deficits almost doubled on Trump's watch. This fiscal incontinence is inexcusable.

Further, Trump's trade policy has been notoriously ignorant and destructive. His administration erected harmful barriers to trade, which — as any competent economist could tell you — increase prices for consumers. And the president's tariffs failed to achieve their stated goals of bringing manufacturing jobs back to the United States. Of course, Trumpian immigration policies have been horrendous and even inhumane.

A second Trump term could bring more of this bad stuff, along with additional layers of likely government interventions. One could anticipate an intensified push for industrial policy — that is, government picking industrial "winners." Also on tap would be the attempted arbitrary repatriation of medical and other supply chains.

As demonstrated during the past four years, rather than draining the swamp as candidate Trump promised during his 2016 campaign, he and his team have filled it. He hasn't hesitated to indulge — at taxpayer expense — all manner of cronies, from Boeing executives to steel moguls. In a second Trump term, such cronyism would surely continue, along with his chaotic style of governing, his narcissism and his un-presidential tweets. And let's not forget that, like Presidents Barack Obama and George Bush before him, Trump would continue his first-term abuse of executive powers by ruling arbitrarily through executive orders.

Joe Biden, on the other hand, should also scare small-government types. He never really cared about enhancing freedom in the almost 50 years he served in the Senate and White House. If elected president, he'd want to implement an "ambitious" agenda to grow government's size enormously. The Manhattan Institute's

Brian Riedl calculates that the Biden plan could raise national government spending over the next decade by an additional \$11 trillion. It would do so chiefly by expanding the Affordable Care Act, reducing Medicare eligibility to 60, further increasing spending on climate issues and infrastructure, and pouring more government largesse into college and K-12 programs, among other things.

Biden would also likely be as protectionist as Trump. For evidence, note that this darling of the left supports "buy America" requirements. Also, there's no doubt that his administration would indulge cronies. I'm willing to bet that this fact could be on display, if a Biden administration is sworn into office, with the new president putting his signature on a bill to extend bailouts to airline shareholders and creditors while being cynically marketed as assistance for workers.

There are many other similarities between both men. They both have anti-freedom and anti-choice agendas. Nick Gillespie of Reason puts it best. He writes: "If Donald Trump wins, anti-immigration, anti-abortion, and protectionist Republicans will continue pushing their largely unpopular agenda in Washington. If Joe Biden wins, then anti-capitalist, anti-school choice, and pro-regulation progressives will rush to pass legislation similarly out of sync with America's more centrist electorate."

Finally, this quote from the great H.L. Mencken comes to mind: "Government is a broker in pillage, and every election is a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods." So, the question is, which candidate will let you keep more of your stuff. Or maybe in this particular election, it was mostly about competence and character. Either way, it is depressing.

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Food for thought

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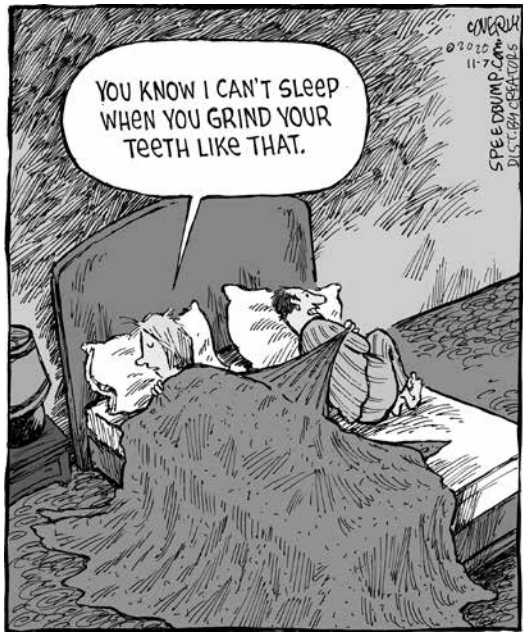
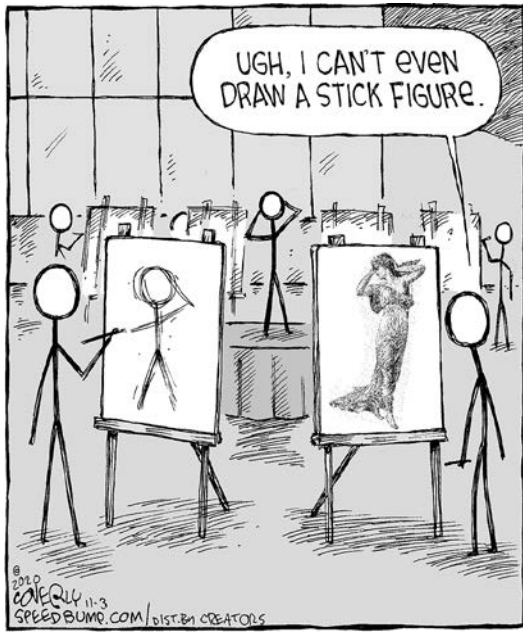
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Downey Community Calendar

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 William Medina 413-3447.
 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.
 1st 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.
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 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister 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 Noon.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 412-7192.
 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.

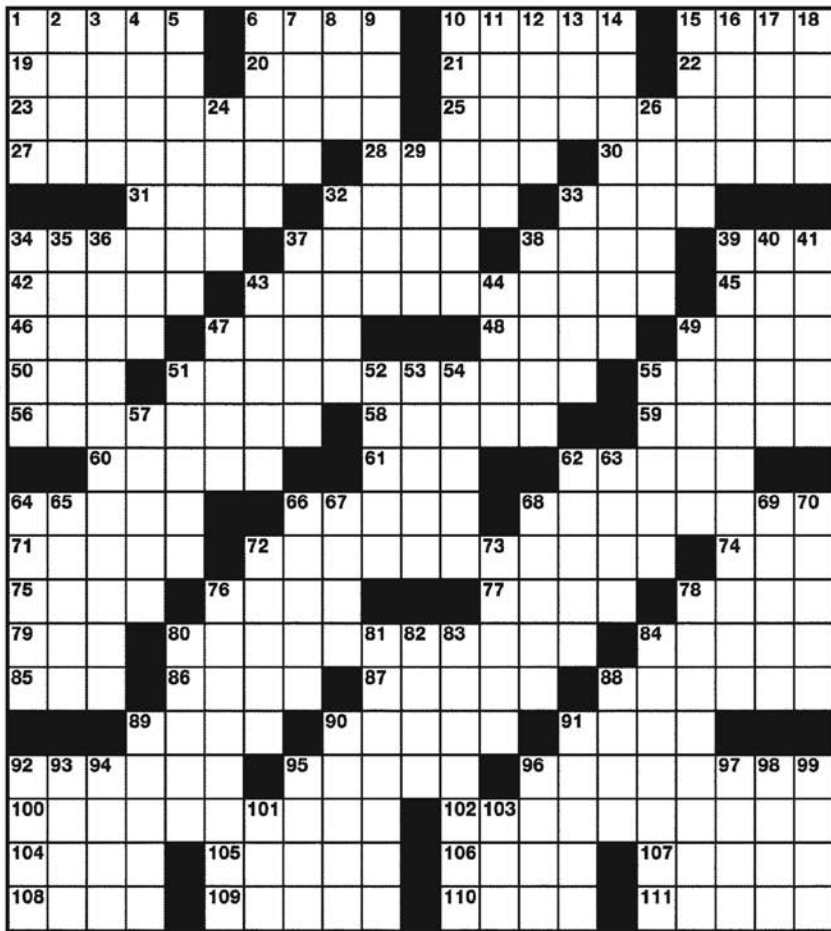
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Why we celebrate Veterans Day

Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on

November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA’s General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee’s chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays



on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Cerritos approves new tract of single-family homes

CERRITOS — The Cerritos City Council has approved a proposal by Clarkdale Estates Homes, LLC to build a new residential tract of five single-family homes.

The development site, located at 17200 Clarkdale Avenue, is bordered on the south by Aclare Street and on the east by Juarez Elementary School. The property combines two existing vacant parcels and will be divided into five residential lots. Aclare Street will be permanently closed to accommodate the construction of a new 8-foot high perimeter wall along the east property line and one of the five residences.

The two-story homes will feature a gated courtyard at the front entrance to each residence and attached 1-car and 2-car garages. Each lot size is slated to be greater than 6,500 square feet and each home measures approximately 3,205 square feet.

The contemporary architecture will feature beige-colored stucco, dark brown trims, stone veneer, concrete wainscot, decorative garage doors, wall sconces and wrought iron gates.

The properties will also feature water-efficient landscaping and a variety of trees, shrubs and groundcover in the front yards.

Because the site is currently vacant and undeveloped, the developer will be required to install all underground utilities, including gas, electric, sewer, water and cable. The developer will also be responsible for constructing public sidewalks, parkways,

curbs and related street improvements.

The project is estimated to be completed in 2021.

Kia Dealership

The Cerritos City Council has approved a proposal from Kia of Cerritos to locate its automobile restoration operations to a 1.35-acre plot of land at 10742, 10750 and 10754 Artesia Boulevard.

The City Council also approved changing the General Plan land use and zoning designations of the two adjacent parcels from light industrial to industrial/commercial.

With minor improvements to the building and landscape, the amendment allows Kia to use the property for auto repairs, re-conditioning, preparing pre-owned cars for resale, offices, warehousing of automotive parts and automobile restoration for pre-owned vehicles to be sold at the Kia dealership.

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Downey High club hosting virtual turkey trot

DOWNEY — A virtual turkey trot relay to benefit Downey High School’s Thirst Project Club is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 8 a.m.

The relay is a 4-person team event. Participants will complete a 1-mile loop through any route of their choice. The team closest to their predicted time will win a turkey for each team member and many more prizes.

Anyone wishing to walk or jog is welcome to participate.

Registration is \$10 for K-12 students, \$15 for college students, and \$20 for adults. To register, or to make a donation, visit linktr.ee/thirstprojectclubdowney

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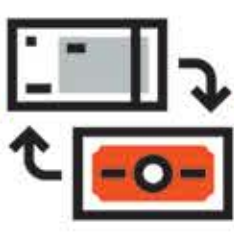






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Grandson of Downey's first fire chief faced evacuation of own home

■ Jeff Roe, a firefighter in Fresno, spent the summer battling wildfires, including some that hit close to home.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — It's one thing to face California's wildfires as a firefighter. It's an entirely different thing to return home and find yourself needing to evacuate.

But that is the exact situation that firefighter Jeff Roe found himself in this fire season.

Roe is part of a legacy of firefighting; his grandfather, Robert Gain, was the first fire chief of Downey.

Roe left Downey and began his own career in the fall of 1996, when he was hired into Fresno

Fire Department.

"It's kind of been the family business for a lot of us, for quite some time," said Roe.

When fire season kicked up this year, Roe found himself moving up and down the state for almost the entire month of August.

"I started off in early August going down to the Apple fire, and I was there for I think 10 or 12 days," said Roe. "I went down there as an overhead position, as the line EMT, which although not generally actively fighting the fire I was there to care for firefighter injuries that would occur out on the line."

After that shift ended, Roe says he came back and got one day off before being sent out to another series of fires. His last assignment before coming home lasted 20 days.

Unfortunately, there was no rest waiting for him when he got

there.

"I came home and had to immediately evacuate from my house the next day," said Roe.

Roe says that his first concern was aiding some of his elderly neighbors in their evacuation processes.

"For the first three, four, five days, I was literally relaying all the information I could to try to help with their fears," said Roe.

Unfortunately, Roe says that there's really nothing anyone can do once a fire comes.

"You realize once you're done and evacuated — even had you not evacuated — there's really nothing you can do to stop that fire," said Roe. "It's gonna go where it wants, it's gonna come through, and it's gonna burn what it wants, and there's nothing that's gonna stop it."

Roe's wife works for the forest service and was busy on

the fire at the time, leaving Roe to do the prep work himself.

It's a sobering feeling when you find yourself on the other side of the blaze.

"There was definitely that worry," said Roe. "It's like, 'Hey, is my house going to make it, is my neighborhood going to make it?'"

"Living up there and knowing what I know with my background in fighting fire, that was a constant thing, always keeping things relatively fire-ready."

Roe said he had contacts among the boots on the ground who helped keep him as informed as possible. His own knowledge also helped settle the nerves.

"I was able to look at fire maps, and the information that was coming through, and kind of put that all together and realize 'Okay, right now, we're looking good,' and pass on that information as well as kind of

quell my own fears for the most part," said Roe.

Fortunately, this story has a good ending; despite flames coming within 100 to 200 yards, Roe's neighborhood remained intact.

"We were by far one of the luckiest ones up on that side of the fire," said Roe. "There are entire neighborhoods up there that are just gone."

Roe was likely set to return to his home shortly after interview, and he is likely long-since home, if not already deployed once again.

Still, this is likely an experience he won't soon forget.

"It was definitely an interesting experience going through that," said Roe. "You know, as you shut that door and get ready to drive away, you look back at your house and wonder 'is this the last time I'm gonna see it.'"



"It was one of those, it's like I know what's going on, I know I've done the best I can, and now it's out of my hands; all I can do is hope and pray."

Downey Councilman Alex Saab presented a recognition from the City of Downey last week to recent West Point graduate Aaron Romero.

Aaron's grandparents, 30-year Downey residents Raul and Norma Romera, accepted the recognition on behalf of their grandson.

Raul and Norma's son, Raul Jr., an alumnus of Downey High School, also graduated from West Point in 1997.

"What an impressive family," said Saab. "Thank you to the Romero Family for your service to our country."



Lynwood schools return to limited in-person instruction

LYNWOOD — Three-year-old Bruce Naranjo safely exited his vehicle for a temperature check on Oct. 27 before excitedly walking through the Lindbergh Elementary School entrance to begin his Early Childhood Education program.

Bruce isn't old enough to understand the significance of attending school during a pandemic, but as Lynwood Unified has reopened its doors to small groups of high-needs students and families, he shares in the renewed optimism felt in the community.

"It's his first year, so he's happy to be at school — he comes home to show me his work and tell me about his new friends," said Virginia Naranjo, Bruce's mom. "It's such a different experience for the students to be at school. They miss a lot at home."

Following the county's progression to allowing small and specialized groups to return to campuses, Lynwood Unified opened limited slots of ECE at Lindbergh for families of essential workers. Three classrooms are available to

students, with 10 per class, for a maximum school capacity of 30.

The District has also restored limited in-person elementary education for RSP students and those in need of speech services. Classrooms are available at nearly all of the District's 12 elementary school sites.

Sports for Learning, a non-profit organization, provides instruction, outdoor play, and social-emotional learning for ECE pupils, while Think Together will be providing enrichment for K-6 children in the coming weeks.

Los Angeles County remains at a tier 1 purple rating on the state's four-tiered system that ranks the severity of each county. The county would need to advance to tier 2 for a period of two consecutive weeks to consider the process of larger reopening.

All LUSD school sites have taken extra precautions to adhere to safety guidelines, including masks and social distancing. Each school is also provided a COVID kit that includes hand sanitizer, masks, shields, gloves, thermometers, and disinfectant wipes.

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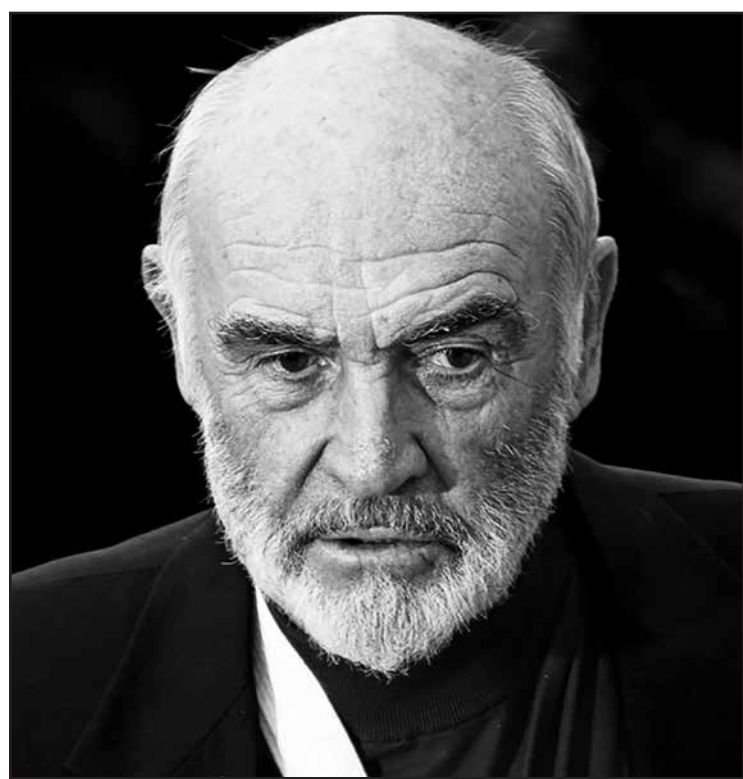
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Sean Connery, legendary James Bond actor, dies at 90

Sean Connery, an actor who became a superstar for his portrayal of James Bond in “Dr. No” and six other films in the classic spy series, died in his sleep Oct. 31. He was 90.

So iconic was Sean Connery’s portrayal of the famous gentleman spy James Bond that 1960s audiences didn’t always even know the actor by his name. He was simply Bond, as the first to play the character on the big screen, leaving big shoes to fill for the actors who would follow.

Connery was Bond in the first five film adaptations of author Ian Fleming’s enduring character: “Dr. No” (1962), “From Russia With Love” (1963), “Goldfinger” (1964), “Thunderball” (1965), and “You Only Live Twice” (1967). He returned for two more Bond outings in later years: “Diamonds Are Forever” (1971) and “Never Say Never Again” (1983).

The ruggedly handsome Scotsman wasn’t exactly what all of Fleming’s readers had pictured in their minds as they read his books. He wasn’t who Cubby Broccoli and Harry Saltzman, the producers of “Dr. No,” pictured either. They wanted Cary Grant, whose debonair and refined British good looks seemed the essence of Bond. But Grant didn’t want to commit to a series of films – and Connery, though he was none too thrilled about the idea of a series either, was willing.

Connery reportedly showed up to his meeting with the producers looking scruffy and rumped, quite the opposite of anyone’s vision of Bond. But his physical presence, one that has been called magnetic more than once, sealed the deal. And as it turned out, Connery cleaned up extremely well when the time came to don a suit and embody Bond.

Contemporary reviewers weren’t sure, when “Dr. No” arrived, whether they liked Connery for the part or not. The Guardian thought Connery, “though he very nearly looks right, sounds all wrong (with his slightly Irish, slightly American accent).” The Daily Telegraph asserted, “Sean Connery plays this prize phoney

as convincingly as any actor could who does not stand 6ft 6in in his socks.”

Of the contemporary British reviewers, Penelope Gilliatt at the Observer was the most on-board with Connery: “Sean Connery plays Bond, lean and lecherous. It sounds like a piece of miscasting, but he does it with the right sophisticated self-will and takes a good deal of the greed out of the character.”

All in all, not bad reviews for a man with no formal training, who didn’t begin acting until he was in his twenties. He tried a lot of other things first: He was a milkman, a sailor, a lifeguard, an artist’s model, even a coffin polisher. He was a bodybuilder who competed in a Mr. Universe competition, and he was a talented footballer who was offered a contract with Manchester United.

But he was also pulling in some extra money helping out backstage at Edinburgh’s Kings Theatre. The job led to an interest in appearing on the other side of the curtain. He auditioned for, and won, a small role in a production of “South Pacific.” The experience led to larger stage roles where he worked on his acting chops and made connections, and acting started seeming like a better bet than sports. Connery eventually found his way to the movies, with his first credited role in 1957’s “No Road Back.”

Other early films include Disney’s “Darby O’Gill and the Little People” (1959), “Tarzan’s Greatest Adventure” (1959), and “The Frightened City” (1961). And then he found his way to Broccoli and Saltzman, and two legends – Bond and Connery – were made.

The Rise of Bond

“Dr. No” was a moderate success, but James Bond wasn’t yet the household name he’d become – neither was Connery – and a Bond film wasn’t a guaranteed blockbuster. That would begin to change when “From Russia With Love” was released the following year. Fans and critics liked it, and it did well at the box office.

“From Russia With Love” would come to be seen by many as the best of the Bond films, even more than half a century later. It was Connery’s own favorite, as well as the favorite of Daniel Craig, the most recent actor to play Bond. The film was stylish, sexy, and exciting, all with tongue firmly in cheek, a formula that was repeated many times over the years but achieved a certain height in 1963.

Others would argue that Connery’s next outing as Bond was the best of all time. “Goldfinger” was the first Bond film to include the wide variety of gadgets that would become the spy’s trademark, and critics and fans loved its glitzy style. The stage was set for “Thunderball” and “You Only Live Twice” to be massive hits, and they were, both smashing previous box office receipts. And then Connery bowed out.

Stepping away from the role

Connery, as he told it, never loved Bond. In fact, he told Playboy he was “fed up to here with the whole Bond bit” and the Guardian reported him as saying he had “always hated” Bond. The role had brought him fame, but it also wedged him into a tight, typecast box. Fleming had written a dozen Bond novels before his death, and as “You Only Live Twice” hit the big screen, Kingsley Amis was taking over the character to write the first of what would become dozens more. The idea of playing Bond over and over forever must have begun to seem more like a sentence than a job.

So Connery walked, leaving Eon Productions to find someone else to play Bond in 1969’s “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service.” The role went to George Lazenby, but he only wanted to do a single Bond picture. A few other actors were considered for “Diamonds Are Forever,” but the men with the money wanted Connery, and they got him – though it took quite a bit of that money to entice him to return. But with “Diamonds” behind him, Connery was quite sure he was done with Bond. He’d never play him again, he said.

Notable roles of the ‘70s and ‘80s

Connery continued this effort throughout the ‘70s, taking on varied roles in films including “The Wind and the Lion” (1975), “The Man Who Would Be King” (1975), and “Robin and Marian,” for which he received positive reviews playing a romantic lead opposite

Audrey Hepburn. In “Murder on the Orient Express” (1974), he was the first actor to be cast, playing Col. Arbuthnot. He played an Army man again in “A Bridge Too Far” (1977) and a thief in “The Great Train Robbery” (1978).

Connery had continued to work throughout the ‘70s after his exit from the Bond franchise, but his greatest successes – and a return to his breakout role – were awaiting him in the 1980s. It started with “Outland” (1981), a space western that gained Connery his first nomination for a screen acting award. He didn’t win the Saturn Award for Best Actor, losing to Harrison Ford for his work in the “Indiana Jones” franchise (which Connery himself would join a few years down the road), but greater recognition was yet to come.

Connery Learns Never to Say Never

Recall that Connery had vowed, after “Diamonds Are Forever,” that he was absolutely, positively, done with Bond. He’d never play the role again, he said. But when work began on a retooling of “Thunderball,” done outside of the Eon Productions Bond franchise that had Fleming’s official blessing and had come to annoy Connery greatly over the years, he found his way to it. Initially he was helping tinker with a script, never intending to appear on the other side of the camera.

Then he was offered a paycheck with a lot of zeros and a percentage of the profits, and playing Bond at age 52 began to seem a lot more attractive. Connery took the role, and his wife, Micheline, offered a title suggestion, playing on his earlier vow. “Never Say Never Again” was a go.

To some, “Never Say Never Again” isn’t part of the Bond cinematic canon, not coming from Eon Productions as most other Bond films have. But to others, the fact that it’s got James Bond – and Connery playing him, no less – makes it canon and a classic, and never mind the legal wrangling that went on behind the scenes.

Its non-Eon status meant that Connery went up against an “official” Bond film, “Octopussy,” released just a few months earlier in 1983 and starring Roger Moore, who had succeeded Connery in the Bond role after “Diamonds.” In a head-to-head match, Connery seemed to win out: “Never Say Never Again” had a bigger opening weekend than “Octopussy” and gained better reviews. Connery was, according to the Times, “still outclassing every other exponent of the role,” and according to the Guardian, he was “the best Bond in the business.”

It’s an opinion that’s still widely held. Of the six actors to play Bond, Connery is considered by most to be the best. As reviewer Roger Ebert put it, “The other Bonds were not wrong in the role (even Lazenby has his defenders), but they were not Connery, and that was their cross to bear.” His status as the first big-screen Bond surely didn’t hurt that reckoning, but the physical presence and animal magnetism that got him the role in the first place had a lot to do with it, too.

Bond became an international icon under Connery’s watch. The novels had been popular in the UK but hadn’t gained a lot of ground in the US. They were genre novels, but as films, they quickly caught broad attention outside the audience for spy adventure books. They couldn’t have done it with a less perfect actor for the role, and Connery boosted the character’s success as much as the franchise boosted his own career. By the time the American Film Institute created its “100 Years... 100 Heroes & Villains” list in 2003, Bond was such an indelible part of the cultural landscape that the character was named the third greatest movie hero of all time.

Later career

In the 1990s, Connery began producing films as well as acting in them. His career was slowing down, though, driven in part by his exasperation with the film industry. He told the BBC, “I’m fed up with the idiots... the ever-widening gap between people who know how to make movies and the people who green-light the movies.” It was a view that led to his retirement in his 70s, an age when many actors are still looking for juicy roles.

Before he retired, Connery turned in a few more well-regarded performances, particularly in “Finding Forrester” (2000), playing a Salinger-esque reclusive writer. In 2003, he made his last film before retirement, “The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen,” portraying hunter and adventurer Allan Quatermain.

Connery officially confirmed his retirement in 2006 while receiving the American Film Institute’s Lifetime Achievement Award. But having previously learned his lesson about saying never, Connery returned to provide the voice of the main character in the 2012 animated film “Sir Billi.”

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The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com on November 18, 2020 ending at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
Martin Murguia	1215
Elaine Johnson	1133
Suzanne M. Darias	1111
Ruben Farfan B	2619
Daissy Gutierrez	1574
Leslie Suarez	2043
Shonedia D. Thompson	2183

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 29th day of October 2020 and 5th day of November 2020.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WLH1254152

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00251
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NEIBA MADELYN DE LA ROSA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) NEIBA MADELYN DE LA ROSA to Proposed name (1) LILY MADELYN DELAROSA
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 be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 18, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 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** OCTOBER 21, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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10/29/20, 11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDMENT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030781
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EILEEN COLINA MOSELY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) EILEEN C. MOSELY to Proposed name (1) COBAIN COLINA MOSELY
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: DECEMBER 7, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 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** OCTOBER 13, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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10/22/20, 10/29/20, 11/5/20, 11/12/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00256
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA VALLESTEROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA VALLESTEROS to Proposed name (1) MARIA BELIA BALLESTEROS
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: DECEMBER 30, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 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** OCTOBER 2, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
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: 20NWCP00256
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA VALLESTEROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA VALLESTEROS to Proposed name (1) MARIA BELIA BALLESTEROS
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.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VIRGINIA JACQUELEEN COOK aka VIRGINIA J. COOK
Case No. 20STPB08648
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VIRGINIA JACQUELEEN COOK aka VIRGINIA J. COOK
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by John M. Jones in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that John M. Jones be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal

representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 18, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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11/5/20, 11/12/20, 11/19/20, 11/26/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00238
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BETSY DEL CARMEN HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BETSY DEL CARMEN HERNANDEZ to Proposed name (1) BETSY HERNANDEZ
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: NOVEMBER 30, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 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** OCTOBER 6, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
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10/15/20, 10/22/20, 10/29/20, 11/5/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00235
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOEL AZARCOYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOEL AZARCOYA to Proposed name (1) JOEL ANTONIO DIAZ
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.

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Date: NOVEMBER 30, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 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** OCTOBER 2, 2020
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00235
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOEL AZARCOYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOEL AZARCOYA to Proposed name (1) JOEL ANTONIO DIAZ
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.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00256
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA VALLESTEROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA VALLESTEROS to Proposed name (1) MARIA BELIA BALLESTEROS
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.

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PROBATE

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THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal

representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DALLAL BERTY GHATTAS
Case No. 20STPB08255
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DALLAL BERTY GHATTAS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Monica Ghattas and Christine Hedge in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Monica Ghattas and Christine Hedge

be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 23, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
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Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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CN972920 GHATTAS Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTIN LOPEZ
Case No. 20STPB07570
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTIN LOPEZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Martin Lopez, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Martin Lopez, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 1, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
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Petitioner: **Martin Lopez, Jr.**
MARTIN LOPEZ JR
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CN973159 LOPEZ Nov 5, 12, 19, 2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DALLAL BERTY GHATTAS
Case No. 20STPB08255
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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Monica Ghattas and Christine Hedge

be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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CN972920 GHATTAS Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTIN LOPEZ
Case No. 20STPB07570
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTIN LOPEZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Martin Lopez, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Martin Lopez, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the

Do you need a home warranty?

When you purchase a home, even a home that isn't new, there is a very good chance that you will be offered a home warranty as a safety net against expensive, unforeseen repairs. It may sound like a great form of financial protection—but is it really the safety net that homeowners expect? Let's find out if home warranties are worth it.

What Is a Home Warranty?

A home warranty is not the same thing as homeowners insurance, which covers major perils such as fires, hail, property crimes, and certain types of water damage that could affect the entire structure and/or the homeowner's personal possessions. A home warranty is a contract between a homeowner and a home warranty company that provides for discounted repair and replacement service on a home's major components, such as the furnace, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems. A home warranty may also cover major appliances, such as washers and dryers, refrigerators, and swimming pools.

Often homeowners insurance doesn't cover these components. Or, the cost of fixing them (while expensive) wouldn't meet the policy's deductible—the dollar point at which insurance coverage kicks in.

Most plans have a basic component that provides all homeowners who purchase a policy with certain coverages. Homeowners can also purchase one or more optional components that provide additional coverage at additional cost.

Home warranty companies have agreements with approved service providers. When something that is covered by a home warranty breaks down, the homeowner calls the home warranty company, which sends one of its service providers to examine the problem. If the provider determines that the needed repair or replacement is covered by the warranty,

they complete the work. The homeowner only pays a small service fee, plus the money already spent to purchase the warranty.

What Does a Home Warranty Cost?

A home warranty costs several hundred dollars a year, paid up front (or in installments, if the warranty company offers a payment plan). The plan's cost varies depending on the property type—single-family detached, condo, townhouse, or duplex—and whether the homeowner purchases a basic or an extended plan.

The cost usually does not vary with the property's age, unless the home is brand new, which increases the cost of coverage. The home's square footage also does not affect the price in most cases, unless the property is more than 5,000 square feet. Separate structures, such as guest houses, usually are not covered by the basic policy but can be covered for an additional fee. However, garages should be included as a standard feature of a warranty.

In addition to an annual premium, home warranties charge a service call fee (also called a trade call fee) of around \$75 to \$125 every time the warranty holder requests that a service provider come out to the house to examine a problem. If the problem requires more than one type of contractor to visit (e.g., a plumber and an electrician), the homeowner may have to pay the service fee for each.

Having a home warranty doesn't mean the homeowner will never have to spend a penny on home repairs. Some problems won't be covered by the warranty, whether because the homeowner didn't purchase coverage for that item or

because the warranty company doesn't offer coverage for that item. Also, home warranties usually don't cover components that haven't been properly maintained. (More about this drawback below.) Furthermore, if the warranty company denies a claim, the homeowner will still have to pay the service fee and will also be responsible for repair costs.

The Benefits of a Home Warranty

Like all warranties, a home warranty is supposed to protect against expensive, unforeseen repair bills and provide peace of mind. For a homeowner who doesn't have an emergency fund or wants to reserve it for other things, a home warranty can act as a buffer. Home warranties also make sense for people who aren't handy or don't want to worry about tracking down a contractor when they have a problem. Warranties can also make sense for people with expensive tastes in appliances.

The subject of home warranties often comes up during the sale and purchase of a home. A home warranty can provide reassurance to a home buyer who has limited information about how well the home's components have been maintained or—in the case of new construction—how well the home has been built. A warranty can also be helpful for people who have just depleted their savings to buy a home and want to avoid any additional major expenses.

For home sellers, offering the buyer a paid-up, one-year home warranty with the purchase may provide a measure of protection against buyer complaints about any discovered problems or defects that arise after the sale closes. However, providing a home warranty does not exempt the seller from the

legal requirement to disclose any known problems with the home.

The Drawbacks of Home Warranties

One major problem with a home warranty is that it will not cover items that have not been properly maintained. What is considered proper maintenance can be a significant gray area and is the source of many disagreements between home warranty companies and warranty holders. In a worst-case scenario, unscrupulous warranty companies may use the improper maintenance clause as an excuse to deny valid claims. In another scenario, the homeowner and the contractor who makes the house call may simply disagree over what constitutes proper maintenance.

Another common problem is that when a homeowner purchases a used home, it might come with a 10-year-old furnace that the previous owner did not maintain. At that point, no matter how well the new homeowner tries to care for the furnace going forward, the previous neglect can't be corrected and any damage can't be undone. In addition, warranties have numerous

exclusions, as well as dollar limits per repair and per year.

Home warranties aren't expensive compared to the cost of repairing or replacing most of a home's important components, and this fact is one of a warranty's major selling points. However, there may be many years when nothing at all breaks down or wears out in the home. In these years the homeowner gets nothing (except, perhaps, peace of mind) in exchange for her premium. If that money had been put into an emergency fund, it would've earned some interest at least. Also, a homeowner who tries to use the warranty and has the claim denied will probably feel like the money spent on the premium and the service call fee was wasted.

Home warranties do eliminate the need to find a contractor when something breaks. However, they also eliminate the freedom to choose your own expert—an independent contractor—if you want the warranty to pay for the repair or replacement. If you don't like the contractor or the work that's done, you're stuck. Also, the homeowner may have little or no say in the model or brand of a replacement component, though

the warranty contract should provide for an item of similar or equivalent quality.

Furthermore, the whole process may be more complicated when a third party (the home warranty company) is involved than if a homeowner is dealing directly with a contractor.

The Bottom Line

A home warranty is not a perfect solution to the risks and hidden costs homeowners face. If a seller wants to give you one, it won't hurt, certainly. Before you purchase one, though, read the fine print in the home warranty contract and carefully consider whether the warranty is likely to pay off.

Homeowners/buyers who would feel more comfortable having a home warranty—and home sellers who want to offer a warranty to a buyer—should also do careful research to find a reputable home warranty company that uses reputable contractors and will actually pay for legitimate repairs when they are needed.

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