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Hurlock is new fire chief

■ A 1983 Downey High grad, Dan Hurlock will take over as fire chief next month.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Dan Hurlock will officially take over as chief of the Downey Fire Department next month.

Hurlock is no stranger to Downey, as he is a hometown member of Downey's community already.

After graduating from Downey High School in 1983, he would go on to Long Beach City College and get his degree in electricity before transferring to Cal State Long Beach and earning a degree in Business Management.



Dan Hurlock

His career in fire fighting would not begin until 1997 when he was invited on a Downey Fire ride-along.

"I went on a ride along; loved it," said Hurlock. "I saw how much he loved his job, and the other guys how much they loved their job. So, I found this is right up my alley."

He was 32 years old when he began at the academy. He would later be hired by Downey Fire in 2000.

"I got involved early with teaching community CPR and first aid," said Hurlock. "I got involved with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), teaching there, and became the coordinator for that program."

In 2012, Hurlock was promoted to Captain. A subsequent promotion to Battalion Chief came in 2014.

With the announcement of current Chief Mark Gillespie's retirement, Hurlock will now take the reins at an exciting and critical time for both the department and the city.

Hurlock inherits four newly remodeled fire stations, two of which are complete and already moved into.

"The city definitely has taken care of our facilities with their commitment to remodeling all four stations," said Hurlock.

"It's definitely exciting. I got hired by the fire department almost 21 years ago, and they were talking about replacing facilities then."

"To live in those facilities for 20 years, it's definitely exciting to have brand new facilities... The new facilities have definitely addressed some long overdue needs that needed to be addressed, and I'm grateful and excited for it."

He also steps in at a time where the city looks to navigate its way through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our operations have changed since the pandemic hit," said Hurlock. "It's required us to stock up on hard-to-get supplies, and make sure that we're going to be covered for as long as this pandemic lasts."

"It's caused us to kind of rethink how we do things..."

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Hospitals exceed capacity as doctors, nurses plead for common sense

■ Hospital workers received COVID-19 vaccinations this week as hospitals dealt with an influx of patients.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Hospital workers at two of Downey's largest hospitals received COVID-19 vaccinations this week as both medical facilities struggled with an influx of sick patients that exceeded hospital capacity limits.

Staff members at PIH Health Hospital Downey and Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center received their vaccinations at a critical time with COVID-19 cases surging across the county.

At Kaiser, COVID-19 patients were being treated inside hallways, conference rooms, and outdoor tents.

The number of local residents infected with COVID-19 has surged over the past several weeks, as people continue to congregate with others outside their households.

"The virus has spread across the entire county and everyone, employers and residents, need to be extra vigilant in their precautions to protect themselves and others," said LA County health director Barbara

Ferrer. "This is not the time to crowd at stores, to attend parties and gatherings, or to travel. If every person can find it in themselves to celebrate the meaning of the holidays by protecting each other from the virus, we have a chance to stop the surge."

In a joint press conference Tuesday, officials with some of the state's larger hospital systems, including Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health and Dignity Health, as well as officials with California Health and Human Services Agency, and others, pleaded with Californians to continue to take precautions against COVID-19.

"As hospital bed count continues to dwindle, we will not be able to keep up if [coronavirus hospitalizations] continue to increase," said Greg Adams, the chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente.

As of Tuesday, 113 people were hospitalized at PIH Downey for COVID-19. That is up from 53 on Dec. 9.

California has recorded a half-million coronavirus cases in the last two weeks and in a month could be facing a once-unthinkable caseload of nearly 100,000 hospitalizations, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's top health official said Monday.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's secretary of Health and Human Services, said it's feared entire areas of the state



Alexandria Dionisio, RN, a nurse at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center, was the first person to receive the vaccine at the Downey hospital. (Courtesy photo)

may run out of room even in their makeshift "surge" capacity units "by the end of the month and early in January."

California is averaging almost

44,000 newly confirmed cases a day and has recorded 525,000 in the last two weeks. It's estimated 12% of those who test positive end up in the hospital.

Kaiser staff donate to food bank

DOWNEY – The East Side Riders received two truckloads full of non-perishable food and a \$5,000 donation from employees and physicians of Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center last month to support the organization that provides thousands of hot meals to children and families in the Watts community.

Recognizing the need, with 42% of low-income households in Los Angeles County experiencing food insecurity, the physicians and staff at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center wanted to offer their support.

More than 2,000 pounds of food were unloaded in Watts on Nov. 20—just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pictured is Jim Branchick, senior vice president and area manager Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center, and Maria Aguirre, director of the Kaiser Permanente Watts Counseling and Learning Center, present a \$5,000 donation to John Jones, president/CBO of East Side Riders, which will be used to provide hot meals to families in the Watts community.



Bank of America adopts 25 Rancho Los Amigos families

DOWNEY – While this year's celebration may have looked a bit different, there was still plenty of holiday cheer and smiles as Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation partnered with Bank of America for their annual holiday Adopt-A-Family donation and celebration.

More than 25 families – 83 adults and 43 children – were adopted by Bank of America and participated in Rancho's first socially distanced drive through Adopt-A-Family event on December 17, 2020. Patient recipients and their families drove through to pick up their holiday gifts from Bank of America, as well as a full box of non-perishable foods.

In addition to receiving gift cards from Target, Walmart or Amazon to help with their holiday shopping, the families each received a special surprise, gift cards to their favorite local restaurants thanks to an additional \$2,500 from Bank of America.

The 26th annual Adopt-A-Family program brings hope for the holidays to families in need at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. This year, support is even more critical given the challenges of 2020. Bank of America has helped hundreds of families as a partner of the Rancho Los Amigos community for the past 87 years.



Twenty-five families from Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center received Christmas presents in the form of food and gift cards thanks to Bank of America.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 66°

Sunday 64°

ON THIS DAY DECEMBER 24

1814: The War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.

1851: Fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

1865: The Ku Klux Klan was founded as a private social club by several Confederate Army veterans in Pulaski, Tenn.

1871: Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

1906: Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass.

1943: President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces during World War II.

1968: The crew of Apollo 8 entered into orbit around the Moon, becoming the first humans to do so.

1992: President George H.W. Bush pardoned former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five others in the Iran-Contra scandal.

2002: Laci Peterson was reported missing from her Modesto, Calif., home, by her husband, Scott, who was later convicted of murdering her and their unborn son.

2009: The Senate passed health care legislation, 60-39, in the chamber's first Christmas Eve vote since 1895.

Birthdays
Physician **Dr. Anthony Fauci** (80), director and producer **Lee Daniels** (61), pop singer **Ricky Martin** (49), TV and radio personality **Ryan Seacrest** (46), and British pop singer **Louis Tomlinson** (29).

Deaths
Jack Klugman, the three-time Emmy Award winner who starred in the television adaptation of "The Odd Couple," died on this date in 2012 of prostate cancer. He was 90.

Martha Erika Alonso Hidalgo, the first female governor of Puebla, Mexico, died on this date in 2018, just 10 days after her inauguration. Hidalgo and four others were killed when the helicopter they were riding in crashed into a hill near Puebla. She was 45.

Book Recommendation
"The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club.

When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

New fire chief will have vacancies to fill

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Hurlock says that with many facility-needs now addressed, his goals for the department lie within more employee needs and

development.

“Some of those things would be personal development in terms of leadership and professional growth, and succession planning,” said

Hurlock. “One of my goals is to implement training that leads to that, so that we have qualified people that can back-fill all the ranks as people move on and retire, and that they be skilled

and qualified.”

In fact, Hurlock will likely be spending much of his first few months as chief by manufacturing his own leadership team and chain of command.

“The fire chief is leaving. I’m going to be filling his spot, which creates a vacancy in the battalion chief rank,” said Hurlock. “Our assistant chief is going to be leaving; he announced his retirement at the end of the year also. That creates another vacancy in the battalion chief rank. There’s potential the other two battalion chiefs could retire...I don’t know what their plans are yet, but I’m sure I’ll be finding out soon.”

“There’s potential for four promotions in the Battalion Chiefs’ rank. If that happens, the people who fill the battalion chiefs are captains, so that means there’s going to be holes in the captains’ ranks...I’m going to be busy filling a lot of vacancies that are created through attrition and people retiring.”

On a personal level, Hurlock says his goal is to be “the same person I’ve always been.”



“I’ve had an attitude of service basically my whole life,” said Hurlock. “That didn’t change when I got into the fire service; obviously the fire service is a service organization. My goal and my message is to continue providing the level of emergency service for the citizens that they expect and they deserve.”

“My policy is open door; I welcome anybody to come in and chit chat and have a conversation with me. The only way you solve problems or realize that there’s an issue is by talking about them, so I welcome open conversation with anybody who needs information from here.”

THE PET SPOT

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet’s eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations

- Oh, Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn’t tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.
- Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- Tinsel-less Town: Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching “toy” that’s easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It’s best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.
- That Holiday Glow: Don’t leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!
- Wired Up: Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws’ reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet’s mouth and digestive tract.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

- Skip the Sweets: By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.
- Leave the Leftovers: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won’t lead to costly medical bills.
- Careful with Cocktails: If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- Selecting Special Treats: Looking to stuff your pet’s stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kong’s that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline’s dream, but the riskiest toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that’s too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.

Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

- House Rules: If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you’re busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.
- Put the Meds Away: Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.
- A Room of Their Own: Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.
- New Year’s Noise: As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat’s intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

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An open letter to Santa Claus

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Dear Santa,
I haven't written to you in years, but this year I'm calling an audible.
As I reflect on the past year, it's hard to be jolly on what is

usually my favorite season in Downey.
This year has been extremely difficult, so that's why I'm writing to you now.
This season, I am not asking for a toy or a gadget from your big burly sack. Instead, I submit my holiday wish list for the city of Downey in the upcoming year.

These types of requests are usually reserved for the last week of December or first week of January, but seeing as this week marks the penultimate Patriot of 2020, I figured I might try and tap into some of your holiday magic.

First and foremost, I wish for a safe and speedy road towards the end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is heartbreaking to think about the over 100 individuals that our community has lost; devastating to think of the businesses that are struggling to stay open or who have already shuttered. I hurt for our students, our teachers, and our school district board and staff. And even with the glimmer of hope that a handful of vaccines brings, I still fear for our essential workers and the healthcare professionals in our community's pharmacies and three hospitals.

My hope is that our community can work together and do its part to bring this nasty disease to its bitter end. May our residents – regardless of their beliefs, politics, or other biases – unite under the banner of humanity and goodwill and continue to look out for the health of themselves and their neighbors.

Secondly, I wish that our city council be able to work together.

Part of the difficulty of this year was that the election cycle was – at least in recent

memory – one of the nastiest; it left me with more than a few trepidations on how (or if) the newly formed council will operate as a unit.

Let the new members grow, learn, and mature into their newfound responsibilities. Let tenured members err on forgiveness. Where there may be fracture and division, let both not be stubborn, instead choosing to dialogue and compromise. Let cooler heads prevail, and the city be less sensitive when criticized.

Let all members – Mayor Claudia M. Frometa, Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco, and Council Members Sean Ashton, Catherine Alvarez, and Mario Trujillo – remember that though they may not always agree, they need one another just as much as we all depend on them to guide our city as a whole.

Onto a couple of less serious notes.

Downey is in desperate need of more “family outing” type businesses and entertainment, like a Dave and Busters or a trampoline park. Something other than our movie theaters (not that they aren't great as well).

Wrapping up, I hope to see the return of the Downey Pod.

I bet a lot of our residents didn't even know there was a podcast all about Downey. Well, there is...uh...was... I don't know, it's complicated (I just noticed that they uploaded their “last and final” episode, and I



am DEVASTATED!).

The thing is, the show put on by Warren High School teachers Justin Muller and Greg Elsasser is exactly the kind of thing Downey needs.

Sure, we have a weekly paper that covers a lot of the nuts and bolts. But listening to Justin and Greg is genuinely entertaining. It's informative. Sometimes, it actually gets you to think about the issues in our city and explore ideas for what could make it even better.

Sometimes you just want to listen to two average dudes talk about their city.

If their most recent episode is indeed their last hurrah, then I will kick myself for not writing about them sooner. They really should reconsider; they were a hidden gem in our community.

On a similar note, Downey Memes on Instagram has been slacking, and their Onion-esque website is no longer active. A

little satire is healthy and can break-up some of the humdrum news.

He knows who he is. Yes, I'm calling him out.

Finally, as always, my final wish as I head into the new year is that I am able to continue in the profession that I love, writing for a paper and staff that I adore, in the community that raised me.


I hope that whether our readers have agreed with me or not, that they see that every word I have written this year has been in service to Downey.

I hope that in 2021, I will continue to grow and hone my craft, and that I continue to improve in my effort to keep my community educated and informed.

I love my city. It's a great one worthy of your nice list.

Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. God Bless you.

In Memory of



Josephine Shasha
Josephine, (Jo, Josie, G-Ma), Marie Patronite Shasha passed away on December 12 at 7:11 PM in Long Beach CA. She was born in Cleveland Ohio in 1925, and moved to California in 1943, the day after she graduated from high school. She met her husband, Anthony, (Tony), Shasha of 54 years in 1944. They married in 1945. He preceded her in death in 1999. She lived in Downey CA for 56 years.
She worked for Safeway Stores from 1948 until 1980. She was the first woman to whom they offered the position of store manager! (she did not accept).
Loved by all she knew for her kindness and beautiful nature; she was an amazing artist and cook. She loved to travel, which she did in her later years as her “Tony” would not fly!
She had 5 children, Richard, (married to Sue), Marilyn, (married to George Hernandez), Kathy, (married to Jim Davis), Joe, (married to Ana) and Anthony Jr, (married to Debbie), She has 8 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.
Due to current social restrictions a memorial service is deferred.



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Will a Biden presidency finally end the death penalty?

Despite a shift by the American public against the death penalty, the U.S. government under President Donald Trump has carried out the most federal executions ever in a single year.

Three more executions were scheduled before Christmas. President-elect Joe Biden, however, made eliminating the death penalty part of his criminal justice reform platform, marking a reversal from his past support for capital punishment.

How will a Biden presidency affect the death penalty, and what are the issues about it that continue to cause debate and controversy?

“Executions are a form of torture that violate the Eight Amendment, which prohibits the federal government from imposing cruel and unusual punishment,” says David Dozier (www.DavidDozierBooks.com), a professor emeritus in the School of Journalism & Media Studies at San Diego State University and author of *The California Killing Field*, a novel about the death penalty.

“The death penalty is a barbaric and sadistic violation of human rights that should be eliminated in the U.S. and around the world. The U.S. has a disgusting record for a nation that sees itself as a beacon for human rights. But the momentum of states abolishing the death penalty, and the growing bipartisan consensus against it, make Biden’s goal of ending capital punishment a stronger possibility.”

A 2019 Gallup poll on capital punishment showed that 60% of

Americans favored life in prison while 36% preferred the death penalty when they were asked, “Which do you think is the better penalty for murder?” Public support for the death penalty has dipped near a 48-year low.

Dozier explains some key points about the death penalty heading into the Biden presidency:

Legislative possibilities. Biden supports ending the death penalty through legislation and incentivizing the remaining death penalty states to do likewise. There are conservative lawmakers on board with ending the death penalty, but Dozier says a 6-3 conservative majority in the U.S. Supreme Court means “it is unlikely the Court will reconsider the death penalty anytime soon.”

Reversing recent party history. “The Democratic Party leaders have been shameful cowards with regard to human rights in general and the death penalty in particular,” Dozier says. “The Clintons, Barack Obama, and Biden were pro-death penalty when it was still popular in the 1990s. Vice president-elect Kamala Harris, on the other hand, refused to seek the death penalty for an accused cop killer when she was the district attorney of San Francisco.”

High costs of the death penalty process. A study in California revealed that the cost of capital punishment in the state has been over \$4 billion since it was reinstated in 1978, or \$308 million for

each of the 13 executions since then.

Other financial facts about the death penalty show capital cases in some states costing far more than non-capital cases and being much more expensive than life imprisonment.

“The complexity of seeking the death penalty and carrying out the execution is a long and expensive process,” Dozier says. “Many capital cases are appealed. Incarceration on death row can span 10, 15, or 20 or more years. Capital punishment costs are an economic burden on government budgets. It’s more cost-effective to commute death penalties to life imprisonment sentences without parole.”

Demographics of death row. “The death penalty is often a poor man’s punishment, and it is systemically racist,” Dozier says. “Underpaid public defenders often defend the poor. District attorneys are more likely to go after defendants with few resources to fight their prosecution.”

Black Americans make up 13% of the population but 34% of persons executed since 1976.

“The American public is moving away from the death penalty,” Dozier says, “and it’s time for a new administration to do away with it.”

The need for new antibiotics

By Kenneth E. Thorpe

The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is finally in sight.

Both Pfizer and Moderna have received emergency FDA authorization to distribute tens of millions of doses of their vaccines across the country.

This is fantastic news. Unfortunately, the scientific community can’t rest on its laurels. An even worse pandemic is already looming. And this time, developing treatments will prove much more challenging.

This coming pandemic may not stem from a virus, but from drug-resistant bacteria and fungi known as “superbugs.” These microbes already kill 700,000 people worldwide each year and infect millions more. And unless scientists invent new, more potent drugs, superbugs could kill 10 million people annually by 2050.

Antibiotics normally kill the vast majority of bacteria they encounter. But sometimes, a few microbes survive, reproduce, and pass on their immunity to future generations. Over time, certain strains of bacteria can become largely or completely impervious to even the strongest drugs.

Drug resistance could spell the end of modern medicine. Without effective antibiotics, common operations like Caesarian sections and hip replacements may become too risky, since patients could

contract lethal drug-resistant infections in the hospital.

Public health experts almost universally agree that superbugs pose an enormous threat. But relatively few drug companies are investigating new antibiotics.

It’s not hard to see why: the antibiotics market is fundamentally broken.

Doctors liberally prescribe cutting-edge treatments for diseases like cancer, multiple sclerosis, and diabetes. By contrast, doctors only use new antibiotics in emergencies. They worry about overprescribing new antibiotics, lest bacteria evolve to resist them.

Consequently, manufacturers sell relatively few doses of advanced antibiotics -- and generate comparatively little revenue. In fact, many have abandoned antibiotics R&D. Just four major pharmaceutical companies still have antibiotics programs, down from 18 in the 1980s.

Small biotech firms have taken up that research burden but haven’t fared well in recent years. Startup Achaogen, for example, released a groundbreaking superbug treatment two years ago, but didn’t generate enough sales and ultimately filed for bankruptcy in 2019. At least three other startups have similarly gone belly up.

Simply put, the traditional biotech business model -- invest heavily in R&D, and turn a profit by selling any successful drugs in

heavy volume -- doesn’t work for antibiotics. For the sake of patients worldwide, policymakers need to find an alternative.

Consider the potential of a Netflix-style subscription model, in which insurers -- whether public or private -- pay recurring fees for unlimited access to new antibiotics. A modified version of this model already proved successful with Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine. The U.S. government pre-purchased 100 million doses, with the option to buy an additional 500 million, which gave the company the confidence and funding necessary to develop the drug.

Governments could take a similar approach with antibiotics. Senators just proposed a bipartisan bill, the PASTEUR Act, which would allow the federal government to pay companies up to \$3 billion to provide new antibiotics to doctors and hospitals. Experts think G20 countries will have to provide \$4 billion in subscription-like payments to sufficiently spur the development of lifesaving antibiotics.

Right now, the antibiotics market is fundamentally broken. And unless policymakers fix it, the death toll from superbugs could make COVID-19 look tame by comparison.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is a professor of health policy at Emory University and chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.

COVID’s threat to disabled Americans

By Angela F. Williams

The second wave of COVID-19 has arrived with a vengeance.

But there’s hope on the horizon. Vaccinations from Pfizer and Moderna proved more than 90 percent effective in clinical trials.

People in the highest risk categories -- namely, healthcare workers and those with chronic illnesses and disabilities -- are receiving prioritized access to these vaccines. That’s as it should be. Putting them at the front of the line for a vaccine is a way to collectively acknowledge that their lives matter.

But unfortunately, when it comes to diseases other than COVID-19, society doesn’t show nearly the same level of concern for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses. In fact, many self-styled healthcare experts have proposed “reforms” that would limit these individuals’ access to treatments. That’s wrong, plain and simple.

By now, it’s well known that COVID-19 disproportionately harms people with pre-existing conditions and disabilities. Of the roughly 250,000 Americans who’ve lost their lives, 94 percent had another condition listed as a factor in their cause of death. COVID-19 patients with intellectual or developmental disabilities have died from the virus at roughly twice the rate of the general patient population.

These vulnerable patients could soon face even more challenges if health insurers listen to groups like the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER).

The influential non-profit has appointed itself as an arbiter of new drugs’ cost-effectiveness. ICER recommends a “fair price” for medications based on the analyses it performs.

To conduct these cost-benefit analyses, ICER uses a controversial metric called a “quality-adjusted life year,” or QALY. A treatment that adds a year of perfect health to a patient’s life provides one QALY. And the more QALYs a drug generates per dollar, the more

valuable ICER considers it.

In theory, QALY assessments provide an objective way to quantify a drug’s effectiveness -- and ensure that patients, insurers, and taxpayers are getting a good bang for their buck.

But in practice, these assessments discriminate against patients with disabilities and chronic illnesses. That’s because patients with certain chronic diseases and disabilities may never achieve a full QALY. A drug could completely alleviate the patient’s symptoms -- but wouldn’t deliver a full QALY.

In other words, ICER uses its QALY metric to devalue the lives and well-being of vulnerable populations. And ICER’s clout cannot be underestimated. If it considers a drug to not be cost-effective, insurers may listen and deny the medication to those who need it most.

The dangerous consequences of ICER’s pseudoscientific evaluations don’t end there. By placing such a low value on these treatments, ICER discourages biopharmaceutical firms from

investing in drugs that disproportionately benefit Americans with disabilities.

ICER isn’t alone in signaling that drug companies shouldn’t waste their time on treatments for Americans with disabilities. The outgoing Trump administration is still pressing forward with its efforts to tie Medicare drug reimbursements to the artificially low price of drugs in Canada and Europe, where price controls have long restricted patients’ access to new medicines. If the administration’s changes were implemented, investors could pull the plug on research projects targeting rare diseases.

Americans agree that the most vulnerable patients deserve priority access to COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines. It’s time for people to recognize that these vulnerable populations deserve access to treatments for other conditions as well.

Angela F. Williams is president and CEO of Easterseals, a leading provider of services for people with disabilities, veterans and seniors. This piece originally ran in the Times of Northwest Indiana.

Special gifts for special people

By Jim Hightower

Ho-ho-ho, wait till you hear about the gifts I gave to some of America’s power elites for Christmas.

To each of our Congress critters, I sent my fondest wish that from now on, they receive the exact same income, health care and pension that we average citizens get. If they receive only the American average, it might make them a bit more humble -- and less cavalier about ignoring the needs of regular folks.

To the stockings of GOP leaders who’ve so eagerly debased themselves to serve the madness of President Donald Trump, I added individual spritzer bottles of fragrances such as “Essence of Integrity” and “Eau de Self-Respect” to help cover up their stench. And in the stockings of Democratic congressional leaders, I put “Spice of Viagra” and “Bouquet du Grassroots” to stiffen their spines and remind them of who they represent.

For America’s CEOs, my gift is a beautifully boxed, brand-new set of corporate ethics. It’s called the golden rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Going to pollute someone’s neighborhood? Then you have to live there, too. Going to slash wages and benefits? Then slash yours as well. Going to move your manufacturing to sweatshops in China? Then put your office right inside the worst sweatshop. Executive life wouldn’t be as luxurious, but CEOs would glow with a new purity of spirit.

To the Wall Street hedge fund hucksters who’ve conglomerated, plundered and degraded hundreds of America’s newspapers, I’ve sent copies of “Journalism for Dummies” and offered jobs for each of them in their stripped-down, Dickensian newsrooms. Good luck.

And what better gift to the Trump family -- Donald, Ivanka and Jared, Eric, Donnie Jr. and the whole nest of them -- than to wish that they live with one another constantly and permanently? No, really, each of you deserve it.

Yes, I have finally mastered the art of finding perfect gifts for people on my list -- gifts that rise above crass commercialism and are genuinely appreciated by the people who receive them. I wholeheartedly recommend such gift-giving to you.

This holiday season got me thinking about America’s spirit of giving, and I don’t mean this overdone business of Christmas, Hanukkah and other holiday gifts. I mean our true spirit of giving -- giving of ourselves.

Yes, we are a country of rugged individualists, yet there’s also a deep, community-minded streak in each of us. We’re a people who believe in the notion that we’re all in this together, that we can make our individual lives better by contributing to the common good.

The establishment media pay little attention to grassroots generosity, focusing instead on the occasional showy donation by what it calls “philanthropists” -- big tycoons who give a little piece of their billions to some university or museum in exchange for a building named after them. But in my mind, the real philanthropists are the millions of you ordinary folks who have precious little money to give but consistently give of yourselves, and do it without demanding that your name be engraved on a granite wall.

My own daddy -- rest his soul -- was a fine example of this. With half a dozen other guys in Denison, Texas, he started the Little League Baseball program, volunteering to build the park, sponsor and coach the teams, run the squawking PA system, etc., etc. Even after I graduated from Little League, Daddy stayed working at it, because his involvement was not merely for his kids ... but for all. He felt the same way about being taxed to build a public library in town. I don’t recall him ever going in that building, much less checking out a book, but he wanted it to be there for the community, and he was happy to pay his part. Not that he was a do-good liberal, for God’s sake -- indeed, he called himself a conservative.

My daddy didn’t even know he had a political philosophy, but he did, and it’s the best I’ve ever heard. He would often say to me, “Everybody does better when everybody does better.” If only our leaders in Washington and on Wall Street would begin practicing this true American philosophy.

Jim Hightower is a syndicated columnist and radio host.

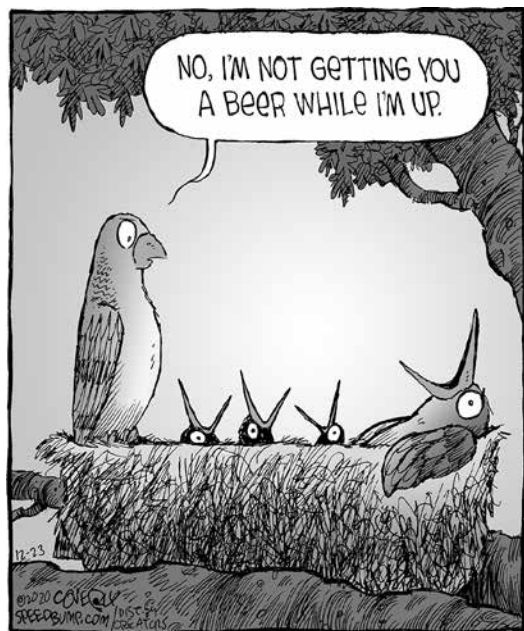
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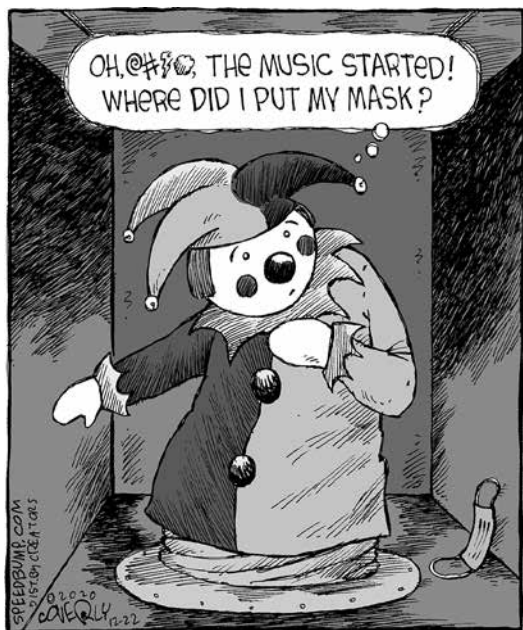
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CITY MEETINGS

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

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, will resume meeting online in January, call 562-500-5093.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
 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.

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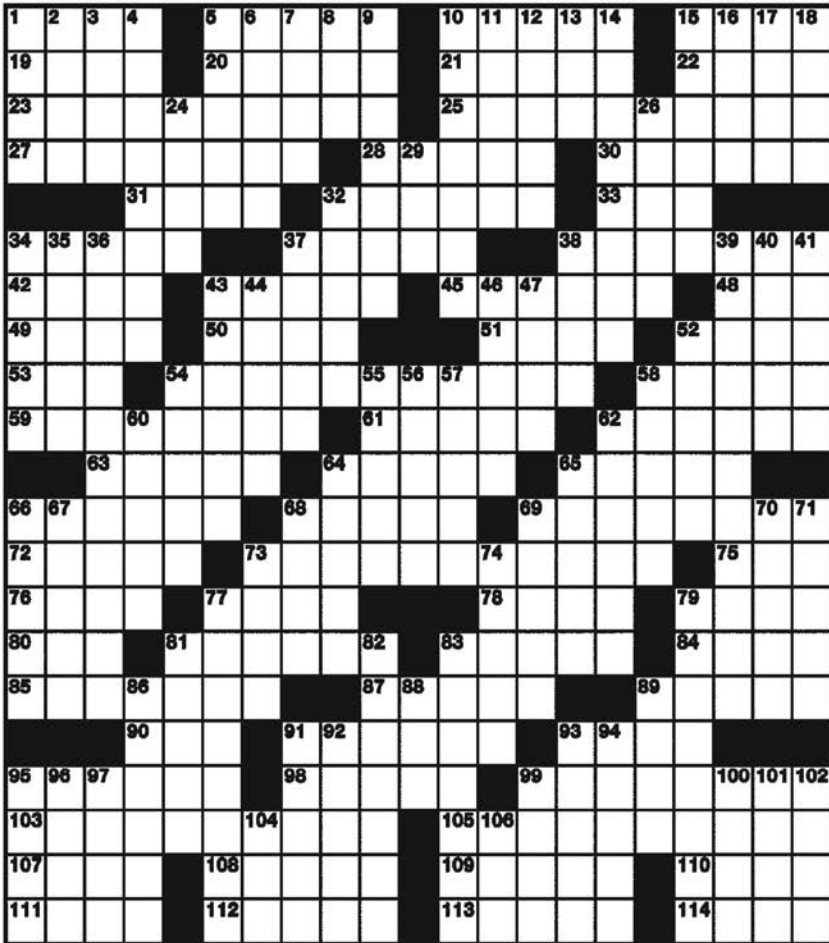
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Merry Christmas. Not everything is terrible.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

This holiday season, the Christmas spirit is as elusive as a PS5.

The artificial tree is propped up in a corner and decorated with ornaments and string lights, but there are very few presents underneath. Usually it would be brimming with gifts for this person and that person.

Our regular dinnerware has been replaced with Christmas-themed dinner plates but there will be no large family dinner followed by cookies and loteria. This year, my wife and I will probably just eat in front of the TV. It might as well be a boring old Tuesday night.

Even the welcome mat outside our front door is bright and cheery, though the only visitors we get are delivering Amazon packages.

But not everything is bad. We live in Downey, and while this great city isn't perfect, it's still the bright spot of Southeast L.A.

County.

In an effort to cheer myself up and create positivity, I compiled a list of things to be grateful for in Downey. This year has really been a dumpster fire but there are many things to be happy about:

1.) We're getting a second Chick-fil-A

Oh it's true. Chick-fil-A has broken ground on a second Downey restaurant, with the new location situated at the southwest corner of Lakewood and Imperial.

It's rare for a mid-size city like Downey to get two Chick-fil-A restaurants, which makes this second location a real coup. (It also speaks to Downey's appetite for fried chicken sandwiches.)

Bonus: this redevelopment will really clean up that intersection, which was showing its age. Perhaps it will even ease the strain on the Firestone location.

2.) We're getting a second In-N-Out (hopefully)

A preliminary proposal to redevelop the former All-American Home Center site on Firestone Boulevard near the west city limits is winding its way through the planning process at City Hall. And the current plans call for an In-N-Out restaurant.

It needs to be emphasized that this is all preliminary and plans could change. But if things go as hoped, Downey residents will have two locations to pick up a double-double combo (with a strawberry shake).

3.) Downtown is looking prettier

Have you noticed all the new public art that's been installed downtown? It all seemingly came out of nowhere.

There's a life-size statue of an exuberant young man doing a handstand, a sculpture of a woman balancing on a sphere, even a giant yellow banana on rollerskates. If you're in the

area, also check out the new plaza in front of the Downey Theatre.

Look, I won't pretend to understand the art. Don't ask me how the city settled on a yellow banana (when an orange would have made more sense from a historical perspective). But let's not overanalyze it. They're cool art installations that add character to the neighborhood.

4.) The new Farmers market location rocks

Over the summer, Downey relocated its weekly farmers market from Downey Avenue to the parking lot at 2nd and La Reina. And let me tell you, this new location is phenomenal. There can be no going back.

Downey Avenue always felt cramped but the new digs offer enough space to spread out. That's obviously important now in the days of social distancing but I have a feeling it would be nice even post-pandemic. This new location is also adjacent to the parking structure and

there's an ATM conveniently located across the street.

It's a very pleasant shopping experience. If you haven't checked it out, what are you waiting for? The market is open Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.) Florence and Studebaker is making a comeback

Have you noticed that the long-abandoned Cadillac dealership at Florence and Studebaker is no longer empty?

Honda World recently acquired the property and will be expanding its dealership across both lots. While it's not exactly Cerritos Auto Square, that intersection is poised to be humming with activity and the extra tax revenue will be a welcome addition to Downey's general budget.

6.) We have plenty of grocery stores

Let's not take for granted

our abundance of grocery stores. And quality grocery stores at that.

There are nearby communities that operate in supermarket deserts, where access to fresh, quality groceries is limited.

In Downey, we have two Ralph's, a Stater Bros., Albertson's, and Food 4 Less, plus Aldi's, Walmart Neighborhood Market and Grocery Outlet. That's eight grocery stores within Downey's 12 square mile radius, not counting smaller markets like Gloria's Country Butcher and Luis' Butcher Shop, which also offer fresh fruits, meats and vegetables.

Maybe one day Downey will get its long-rumored Sprouts, but in the meantime, we're lucky with what we have.

Merry Christmas to everyone reading this!

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

So many of my patients have become infected with the COVID-19 virus. If you have, I hope that it was a mild case and that you have fully recovered.

But there is a peculiar twist to this strange disease. 10% or more of those who were infected continue to suffer from long-term symptoms, and are becoming known as "long-haulers."

In theory, they have recovered from the worst of the disease and have had a negative test. While

they are most likely to be over 50, to have two or three chronic illnesses, or to have had a serious COVID case, many young and otherwise healthy sufferers are also considered to be long-haulers.

Long-haulers appear to include two groups: Those who experience some observable permanent damage to their lungs, heart, kidneys, or brain, and those who continue to experience debilitating symptoms despite no detectable damage. The list of symptoms is long and inconsistent, and it is interesting that their long-term symptoms do not necessarily look like their original illness. The most common long-hauler symptoms include:

- Cough
- Fatigue
- Body aches
- Joint pain
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste and smell
- Difficulty sleeping
- Headaches
- Brain fog

The leading theories are that the virus remains in the body in some small form, or that the immune system continues to over-react even though the infection has passed. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, has speculated that many may have developed myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (which can also be triggered by other infectious diseases, such as mononucleosis, Lyme disease, and SARS, another coronavirus disease). Scientists have, so far, been unable to predict who might become a long-

hauler.

The goal of these long-haulers is to resume employment, family life, etc. while continuing to deal with debilitating symptoms. There is currently no intervention or treatment. For many, online support groups have been helpful.

To date, over 17.5 million Americans have been infected with COVID-19, and the number may climb to as many as 50 million. That implies that we could ultimately be dealing with millions more long-haulers; a lasting and significant problem for our country.

If you have had COVID, currently test negative, but continue to experience symptoms, please do not hesitate to contact your doctor.

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

DUSD open enrollment starts Jan. 1

DOWNEY – Downey Unified will be conducting its annual intra-district open enrollment (formerly School of Choice) starting in January for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area may apply.

From Jan. 1-31, 2021, applications for intra-district open enrollment will be available to be filled out and submitted online at www.dusd.net. Beginning on Jan. 4, 2021 applications will be available to pick up at any of the 20 Downey Unified schools or at the district office. These documents will be available for pick up by appointment only. Call the school's front office or the district office to schedule a time to pick up these documents.

New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration within Downey Unified for the new school year.

Hand written applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the Student Services office at the Downey Unified School District by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, 2021, at 4 p.m.

For additional information and questions, contact the Student Services Office at (562) 469-6550.



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The 20 best Christmas movies of all-time

The movie review site RottenTomatoes.com ranked the top 20 Christmas movies of all-time, as determined by critical reviews. Without further ado:

No. 20
“Little Women” (1994)
 In this adaptation of Louisa May Alcott’s classic, the March sisters confront growing pains, financial shortages, family tragedies and romantic rivalries in mid-19th-century Massachusetts.
Starring: Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, Trini Alvarado, Eric Stoltz
Directed By: Gillian Armstrong

No. 19
“Babes in Toyland” (1934)
 Two bumbling apprentices to the master toymaker of Toyland try to raise money to help Little Bo-Peep and her sweetheart Tom-Tom.
Starring: Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy, Charlotte Henry, Felix Knight
Directed By: Gus Meins, Charles ‘Buddy’ Rogers

No. 18
“Edward Scissorhands” (1990)
 A scientist builds an animated human being -- the gentle Edward. The scientist dies before he can finish assembling Edward, though, leaving the young man with a freakish appearance accentuated by the scissor blades he has instead of hands.
Starring: Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, Dianne Wiest, Anthony Michael Hall
Directed By: Tim Burton

No. 17
“Klaus” (2019)
 A desperate postman accidentally brings about the genesis of Santa Claus in this animated film.
Starring: Jason Schwartzman, J.K. Simmons, Rashida Jones, Will Sasso
Directed By: Sergio Pablos

No. 16
“Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey” (2020)
 Decades after his apprentice betrays him, a once joyful toymaker finds new hope when his bright young granddaughter appears on his doorstep.
Starring: Forest Whitaker, Hugh Bonneville, Keegan-Michael Key, Phylicia Rashad
Directed By: David Talbert

No. 15
“Remember the Night” (1940)
 Moved to pity by the Christmas season, New York District Attorney John Sargent lets pretty shoplifter Lee Leander out on bail and offers her a ride home to Indiana. Along the way they have a run-in with a Pennsylvania sheriff, meet each others’ parents, and eventually fall in love. John’s mother, however, disapproves, and warns Lee to stay away, lest she damage John’s career.
Starring: Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray, Beulah Bondi, Sterling Holloway
Directed By: Mitchell Leisen

No. 14
“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” (1964)
 A reindeer with a glowing nose saves Christmas by guiding Santa’s sleigh through a storm.
Starring: Burl Ives, Larry D. Mann, Billy Richards, Paul Soles
Directed By: Maury Laws, Larry Roemer

No. 13
“Arthur Christmas” (2011)
 When the unthinkable happens, and Santa misses one child out of hundreds of millions, someone has to save the day. It’s up to Arthur, Santa’s youngest son, to deliver a present to the forgotten tyke before Christmas morning dawns.
Starring: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie, Bill Nighy, Jim Broadbent
Directed By: Sarah Smith, Barry Cook

No. 12
“Die Hard” (1988)
 New York City policeman John McClane is visiting his estranged wife and two daughters on Christmas Eve. He joins her at a holiday party in the headquarters of the Japanese-owned business she works for. But the festivities are interrupted by a group of terrorists who take over the exclusive high-rise, and everyone in it. Very soon McClane realizes that there’s no one to save the hostages -- but him.
Starring: Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Reginald VelJohnson, Bonnie Bedelia
Directed By: John McTiernan

No. 11
“A Charlie Brown Christmas” (1965)
 Charlie Brown is depressed by the Christmas season because it’s so commercial, but cheers up when Lucy asks him to direct the holiday pageant.
Starring: Peter Robbins, Christopher Shea, Tracy Stratford, Sally Dryer
Directed By: Bill Melendez, Phil Roman

No. 10
“Tangerine” (2015)
 After hearing that her boyfriend/pimp cheated on her while she was in jail, a hooker and her best friend set out to find him and teach him and his new lover a lesson.
Starring: Kitana Kiki Rodriguez, James Ransone, Mya Taylor, Alla Tumanian
Directed By: Sean Baker

No. 9
“Carol” (2015)
 Therese Belivet spots the beautiful, elegant Carol perusing the doll displays in a 1950s Manhattan department store. The two women develop a fast bond that becomes a love with complicated consequences.
Starring: Cate Blanchett, Kyle Chandler, Rooney Mara, Sarah Paulson
Directed By: Todd Haynes

No. 8
“Meet Me in St. Louis” (1944)
 A romantic musical comedy that focuses on four sisters on the cusp of the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair. The film spotlights the sisters’ education in the ways of the world, which includes, but isn’t limited to, learning about life and love, courtesy of the prototypical boy next door. In the end, love -- accompanied by song, dance and period costumes, all in glorious Technicolor -- conquers all.
Starring: Judy Garland, Margaret O’Brien, Lucille Bremer, Mary Astor
Directed By: Vincente Minnelli

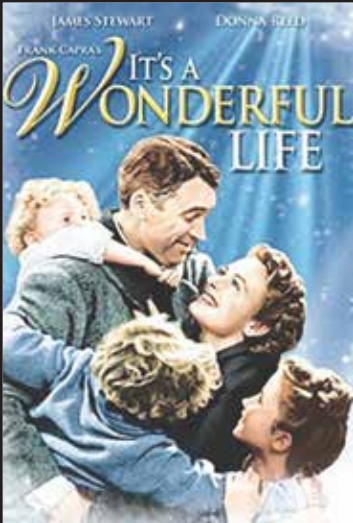
No. 7
“Little Women” (2019)
 In the years after the Civil War, Jo March lives in New York and makes her living as a writer, while her sister Amy studies painting in Paris. Amy has a chance encounter with Theodore, a childhood crush who proposed to Jo but was ultimately rejected. Their oldest sibling, Meg, is married to a schoolteacher, while shy sister Beth develops a devastating illness that brings the family back together.
Starring: Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Eliza Scanlan
Directed By: Greta Gerwig

No. 6
“The Nightmare Before Christmas” (1993)
 The film follows the misadventures of Jack Skellington, Halloweentown’s beloved pumpkin king, who has become bored with the same annual routine of frightening people in the “real world.” When Jack accidentally stumbles on Christmastown, all bright colors and warm spirits, he gets a new lease on life -- he plots to bring Christmas under his control by kidnapping Santa Claus and taking over the role.
Starring: Chris Sarandon, Catherine O’Hara, Glenn Shadix, Danny Elfman
Directed By: Henry Selick, Tim Burton

No. 5
“How the Grinch Stole Christmas” (1967)
 Based on a Dr. Seuss book, this film features a Christmas-hating Grinch who wants to make everyone as miserable on Christmas as he is. The poor, small-hearted Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas through the loving Whos in Whoville.
Starring: Boris Karloff, June Foray, Thurl Ravenscroft, Eugene Poddany
Directed By: Chuck Jones, Ben Washam

No. 4
“The Shop Around the Corner” (1940)
 Alfred Kralik and Klara Novak are employees at Matuschek and Company, a general store in Budapest. Klara and Alfred are constantly at odds with each other, butting heads and disagreeing on almost everything. Both are enamored of their respective pen pals, who serve as welcome distractions in their lives. Little do they know, they are each the other’s pen pal and, despite outward differences, have unwittingly fallen in love through their letters.
Starring: Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart, Frank Morgan, Joseph Schildkraut
Directed By: Ernst Lubitsch

No. 3
“Holiday Inn” (1943)
 Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire sing and dance their way through this holiday-themed romantic comedy-musical, which casts the two entertainers as romantic rivals vying for the same woman -- twice. The film, which was nominated for three Academy Awards, introduced the classic Christmas song “White Christmas” by Irving Berlin.
Starring: Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds, Virginia Dale
Directed By: Mark Sandrich



‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ topped Rotten Tomatoes’ list of the best Christmas movies ever made.

No. 2
“Miracle on 34th Street” (1947)
 When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing.
Starring: Edmund Gwenn, John Payne, Maureen O’Hara, Natalie Wood
Directed By: George Seaton

No. 1
“It’s a Wonderful Life” (1946)
 After George Bailey wishes he had never been born, an angel is sent to earth to make George’s wish come true. George starts to realize how many lives he has changed and impacted, and how they would be different if he was never there.
Starring: James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Thomas Mitchell
Directed By: Frank Capra

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How Manny Esparza went from professional boxer to ceviche caterer

■ Athlete turned entrepreneur Manny Esparza turned his grandmother’s ceviche recipe into a popular catering service that recently won an award for “Best Business Plan.”

DOWNEY – When former professional boxer and jockey turned entrepreneur Manuel “Manny” Esparza decided to introduce Chapitos Ceviche delivery and catering services to the city of Downey, in the midst of an economy crippling pandemic, he knew he would need at least two things: a sustainable product that could find a niche in COVID-19 times and insight on how to attract customers and investors.

The product was his Grandma Estelle’s passed-on through generations “special recipe” for ceviche, a staple in Mexico and sought after in Hispanic and Latino communities worldwide.

The insight came through his enrollment in the Miracle’s Entrepreneur Program (MEP), a free 3-month course of study, administered by the Entrepreneur Educational Center, Inc. (EECI). leading to the development of a marketable business plan, connection with potential investors and industry mentors.

“I felt the unique taste of our ceviche would find a place on the taste buds of my customers and the word of mouth would help build a base to grow on,” Esparza said. “But it was enrolling in the Miracle’s program that gave me the organizational tools and resources I needed to move forward,” he continued. “I’m thankful EECI was able to respond to COVID-19 the way it did.”

“Thanks to a great deal of support from our partners in the

financial community and others, we were able to offer the free program to 12 individuals and certify a Miracle’s Class of 2020, now on the way to hopefully realizing their potential and enriching the economic base of the communities they serve,” explained EECI Executive Director Barbara J. Stanton.

“As a result of this year’s program, 9 small businesses (DBA’s), and 3 non-profit organizations have been created. These COVID 19 business start-ups will have the history of knowing that during the most tragic pandemic to come to this country, they endured, they planned, and they are convinced that their new businesses will do well,” Stanton said.

For his efforts Esparza, along with fellow classmate Katherine Gregg, founder of the non-profit Adoption and Foster Care Collective, received MEP’s “Best Business Plan” Award of \$2,500.00 sponsored by EECI partner Pacific Western Bank. Another EECI partner, GBC International Bank, awarded two scholarships of \$500 to the youngest student in the group, 15-year-old Jada Robinson of “Jada’s LA Jewels” and import/export entrepreneur Bernard “Kofi” Amofa of “Floralingual”.

“I appreciate this opportunity to create and grow a small business in my community and evolve into a business that can boost its economic base and provide jobs and support for youths and young adults. That is what I learned as part of my Miracle’s experience,” Esparza concluded.

Chapitos Ceviche can be found on Instagram @chapitosceviche. For information on EECI programs call (323) 757-7506 or visit www.entrepreneureducationalcenter.org.



Manuel “Manny” Esparza with EECI Executive Director Barbara J. Stanton after his Chapitos Ceviche delivery and catering service was granted a \$2,500 award by Pacific Western Bank as “Best Business Plan.”

Operation Happy Child fills Christmas void

■ The faith-based outreach program provided Christmas cheer to 40 children.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Nearly 200 foster and in-need children received some holiday cheer this week, thanks to Operation Happy Child.

Operation Happy Child was spearheaded by Alex and Kristy Vargas, Community Outreach Directors at New Season Church in Los Angeles.

According to Vargas, he was initially presented the

opportunity to bring some holiday cheer to 40 children.

“I work very closely with the Department of Child Family Services as well as Downey Unified School District,” said Vargas. “So, they reached out to me and informed me that they had a list of children that were not receiving Christmas gifts. With the COVID pandemic, it’s just been a hard year for so many people.”

“My wife and I...we started thinking and brainstorming and the idea of Operation Happy Child popped in our head.”

Vargas partnered with various community churches,

businesses, government organizations and community members including Imago Dei Church, Mirra Church, Hearts After Jesus Ministry, Gangs out of Downey, Risher Mortuary, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Heart of Compassion, ABC Donuts, Downey Police Department, Downey Fire Department, Samuel Jebanatham, Dr. Jack Miranda and the Jesse Miranda Center, Mayor Claudia M. Frometa, and former Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

Through these collaborations, the original 40 intended was able to balloon to 180.

“The amazing thing is they’re not getting one gift;

they’re getting multiple gifts,” said Vargas. “They were able to provide another list of [the kids] clothing size, their shoe size, and a wish list of what these children would like for Christmas.”

“Most of these children are getting everything that was on that list.”

Vargas says that the plan is to now make this a yearly effort.

“On this scale, this is the first time that we’ve done something like this,” said Vargas. “This is something that just grew within a few weeks.”

“We’re expecting that this is going to be something we’ll be doing every year, and



we’re expecting it to grow and get bigger. There are so many families that are struggling; we just want to do our part and help give blessing to these children.”

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Roldan family lives, breathes soccer

■ The Pico Rivera family is enjoying extraordinary success in professional soccer.

By John A. Sherrard
Contributor

PICO RIVERA - Since March of this year, when the pandemic surged, many family members haven't been able to all gather.

Christmas Day 2020 will be special to a lot of people.

One family in particular, the soccer-playing Roldan brothers, Cesar, Jr., Cristian and Alex and their parents, Cesar and Ana, all of Pico Rivera will be one of those families.

The three brothers, all raised in Pico by their parents, played organized soccer since they were very young, went to El Rancho High School and are now all in the professional ranks.

Cesar, the oldest, is the head athletic trainer for the L.A. Galaxy and both Cristian and Alex play for the Seattle Sounders of the MLS.

The first time the two teams played, it was a game Cesar, Sr. and wife, Ana will never forget.

"It was very exciting," said Cesar, Sr., of seeing all three on the field as professionals at the same time. "Every family is always thinking about taking the kids to a different level, as far as sports go. It was a dream come true. To be honest with you, she (Ana) cried and I got goose bumps when that happened. It's been non-stop since then."

The Sounders have won two MLS Cups (2016, 2019) and have been in the championship game four out of the last five years.

Ana comes from a soccer family from El Salvador and had a nephew play for the national team and her dad was a legend in his neighborhood. She recently showed some of the awards the boys have earned, including their various championship rings. They had a case with seven title rings, which included two MLS Cups, two CIF and one CIF State championship and conference titles in the Pac 12 for Cristian and the WAC for Alex.

"These championships were really exciting and emotional for us," Ana added.

Cristian explained how

important those rings were for his parents.

"Without them, we wouldn't be able to get these," Cristian said. "I felt they would cherish them a little bit more than I would."

Cristian, who signed with Seattle in 2015 and is a midfielder, has been on the team for all of those appearances. Alex, a defender/midfielder, who was drafted by the Sounders in 2018, has been in the last two championship games.

Seattle played the Galaxy twice this year, which were the two times the three brothers were on the field at the same time. Mom and dad couldn't watch in person, since no fans were allowed in Dignity Health Sports Park this season.

El Rancho, which was a soccer power during the era when the Roldans played there and won two CIF Southern Section Championships in 2011 and '13 and a National title, were coached by Dominic Picon.

The first CIF title came in 2003 for El Rancho.

"This is one of the greatest families that I've ever been associated with in my 22 years of being in education," said Picon, who currently is Assistant Principal at Schurr High. "Each of the kids are so unique and I still remember Cesar, who we know as Dewey."

"He started out as a goalie and in his senior year he played forward. He was also a three-sport athlete and scored one of the most important goals in El Rancho history. Salesian was nationally ranked and was undefeated for five years at home and his goal and that victory catapulted the program into where the kids believed they could beat the best."

At the time, Cristian was in eighth grade when Cesar was a senior.

"From the get-go in his sophomore year (he was injured his freshman year) he was putting up big numbers," Picon said of Cristian. "He was playing at a very high level."

Picon was coach for the Dons for two stints from 2001-04 and after two years in law school he came back to coach through 2013.

The Dons, at one stretch, went undefeated at home for six or seven years. The field wasn't one of the better ones around but turned out to be

a killer for most visitors as Cristian explained.

"To be honest, I think we had a huge advantage when we were on that field," Cristian said. "They cut it nice and short when we had big games and the crowds on the sidelines were intimidating to a lot of people."

"It benefited us quite a bit."

Cristian won CIF Player of the Year in his sophomore year when the Dons won the CIF title. Cristian would go on to the University of Washington and helped the Huskies to a Pac 12 Conference title.

Cristian, who became a big scorer as he progressed in high school, had some extra incentive to score those goals.

"Grandpa (Ana's dad Estevan) used to bribe me per goal," he said. "He would give me money when I was younger and it was a way for me to make a quick buck and also be dangerous in front of the goal."

"My dad would also say, 'I'll give you five dollars if you can score a header.' It was more difficult than scoring a normal goal. Honestly, I attribute a lot of that to me being good and scoring a lot of goals in the air. I knew that five dollars was on the line."

Cesar, who later was attending Cal State Long Beach working on his Kinesiology degree, would occasionally come back to El Rancho to help out with the program.

"As for Alex, he was going to go to a junior college in Arizona, but a late opening at Seattle University led him to a four-year college career," Picon added.

Alex, who is currently in a graduate program, was proud to have a family like no other.

"It's a life unlike any other," Alex Roldan said. "We're blessed, we're privileged and we have everything that was given to us not taking for granted."

"My brothers and parents, so far, have lived a great life. They came here and gave us the tools for success and good values. All the things that we got from a parent, we got them as kids. The only way that we can repay them is to be successful and do the things that they wish upon us."

"As far as the storyline about family, we are very lucky to have the family that we have and this storyline has been great for us."



Cristian, Cesar and Alex Roldan at Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson when the Seattle Sounders played the L.A. Galaxy. (Photo by Keith Durlfinger)

"(As for Christmas), it's going to be special. As for the moment, we're going to take it in and it has been a long time since we were all together."

Cesar, Sr. said of his boys when they were kids: "When they were younger, they would destroy my garage door. They never struggled to go to practice and they were always ready."

"One day I remember this man said to me at a game when they were little, 'I hope I'm still alive to see these kids play professional.'"

That man should see these kids now.

Cesar, who emigrated from Guatemala, ended by saying how important their mother was when they were all growing up and even now when it comes to eating.

"They have been traveling all around and they miss momma's food," Cesar, Sr. said. "They Face Time her before they came here and requested certain dishes for them for her to cook."

And so it goes. It all comes down to momma's food now and all the years growing up in Pico Rivera.



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Xamarion Gordon commits to USC

■ The wide receiver and defensive back played a large part in Warren High's recent success.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – Warren High School standout wide receiver and defensive back Xamarion Gordon has signed his national letter of intent to play football at the University of Southern California.

Warren finished the 2019 season with an overall record of 7-4 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 4-1. The Bears finished in second place in league play behind league champion Paramount (5-0).

Gordon made several key plays in Warren's 39-35 "hail mary" win against Downey in the 2019 game that many of the Warren faithful remember.

Warren was later defeated by La Serna, 56-29, in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 6 Playoffs. Gordon was a big reason behind Warren's offensive, defensive and overall success.

One of Gordon's reasons to play at USC is how close it is. He said he is excited that his parents can come and watch him play.

Gordon also liked "the feel of a family school" that USC seems to provide.

"It's truly a blessing and

just seeing the hard work that I put in and just really the true definition of a slow but steady grind pay off," he said.

St. John Bosco

The St. John Bosco football program had five players sign National Letters of Intent this past week to compete at the next level.

Anton Ambuehl, a tackle, has signed to play for the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV), linebacker Andrew Simpson has signed to play for the University of Kansas, guard Maximus Gibbs has signed to play at USC, defensive back Kamren Blanton has signed to play at

UNLV, and wide receiver Beau Collins has signed to play at Clemson.

As a junior in 2019, Collins caught 41 passes for 1,008 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was a standout on Bosco's state and national championship team.

Collins will be enrolling early at Clemson and join former Bosco standout quarterback D.J. Uigalelei.

Collins said he is extremely pleased to be playing with D.J., saying "I really couldn't ask for another quarterback better than D.J."



Xamarion Gordon and his mom celebrate after he chose to attend USC where he will play football. (Courtesy photo)

Mariana Pacheco takes seat on Cerritos College board

■ Pacheco, a nurse and educator, was elected to the board last month.

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Board of Trustees welcomed newly elected Trustee Mariana Pacheco (Area #1), at its December 16 board meeting.

Trustees Carmen Avalos (Area #2), Marisa Perez (Area #4), and Dr. Sandra Salazar (Area #6) were uncontested, and returned to the Board to serve another four-year term.

Pacheco was sworn in by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

Pacheco, the mother of

Downey Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco, has served as the Director of Nursing for the VN, EMT, and Phlebotomy Program at Downey Adult School for the last six years.

Prior to that, she worked as the clinical nursing director of outpatient services and employee health at LAC/USC Medical Center for 34 years.

"As a new trustee, I look forward to working with my board colleagues on ways to help more students gain access to a quality education," Pacheco said in a statement.

"As the pandemic lingers, it is very important that we continue to offer students more resources,

so they can stay in school.

I'm happy to join a board whose goals are centered on meeting the needs of students, and supporting faculty, staff, and the community. I'm ready to get started."

Avalos serves as South Gate's city clerk and teaches biology. She was sworn in by South Gate Councilmember Maria del Pilar Avalos.

Perez has worked with South Coast Air Quality Management District since 2010, and was sworn in by Lakewood Vice Mayor Jeff Wood.

Salazar is a family medicine physician in Los Angeles. She was sworn in by Judge Lucy

Armendáriz, Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

The board also elected new officers for 2021, choosing James Cody Birkey (Area #3) as the new board president, Dr. Shin Liu (Area #5) as vice president, and Avalos (Area #2) as clerk.

► **Mariana Pacheco takes the oath of office, administered by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.**

Pacheco was elected to the Cerritos College board of trustees last month.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020202523

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MCKINNEY TRAILER RENTALS (2) MCKINNEY, 13130 CROSSROADS PKWY S, CITY OF INDUSTRY CA 91746, LA COUNTY, 2601 SATURN ST, #110, BREA CA 92821

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) J. T. MCKINNEY CO., INC., 2601 SATURN ST, STE 110, BREA CA 92821

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/1989

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

S/J. T. MCKINNEY CO., INC./MARK BEDARD, CFO, MARK BEDARD

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 01, 2020

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

The Downey Patriot
12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/31/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020211087

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MAGALLONSOFT, 5400 CLARK AVE, #224, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, LA COUNTY, P.O. 483, LAKEWOOD CA 90714

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHNNY VELASQUEZ MAGALLON, 5400 CLARK AVE, #224, LAKEWOOD CA 90712 (2) BRUCE DAVID WEXLER, 4956 CASTANA AVE, #27, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

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

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

S/JOHNNY VELASQUEZ MAGALLON, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 09, 2020

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January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot
12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/31/20, 1/7/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020192667

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PREMIER BARBER PARLOR, 7379 STEWART AND GRAY ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 7379 STEWART AND GRAY ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GONZALO PASCUA, 12403 KAYREID DR, WHITTIER CA 90605

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

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

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S/GONZALO PASCUA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020193522

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CECILIA'S GUEST HOME, 8037 PARK LN., BELL GARDENS CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRIS GUEST HOME, LLC, 7325 PERRY RD., BELL GARDENS CA 90201

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2015

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

S/CHRIS GUEST HOME, LLC, MANAGER, ENRIQUE NUNEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 20, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020197073

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOCK'S TRUCKING, 9248 PALM STREET #2, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JERRY LOCKHART, 9248 PALM STREET #2, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2001

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

S/JERRY LOCKHART, OWNER, JERRY LOCKHART

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 24, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/31/20, 1/7/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020180103

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GLOBAL HOMES CENTER, 11725 PATTON RD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSELUIS SECLEN, 11725 PATTON RD, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) WILDER JHOEL BLAS, 2728 RILEY DR, FONTANA CA 92336

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

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

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

S/JOSELUIS SECLEN, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 04, 2020

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision

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

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The Downey Patriot
12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020184063

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAMINOS MANAGEMENT, 12631 IMPERIAL HWY., SUITE D124, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEPHANIE CAMINOS, 3356 BUELL ST., DOWNEY CA 90241

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2020

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

S/STEPHANIE CAMINOS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020208818

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BIG BEAR CABIN, 7420 BUELL ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GISELA V ROJAS, 7420 BUELL ST, DOWNEY CA 90241

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

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

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

S/GISELA V ROJAS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 08, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/31/20, 1/7/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020208653

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ZAMORA & SON CONSTRUCTIONS, 3531 BALDWIN AVE, EL MONTE CA 91731, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO JAVIER SR ZAMORA LEGASPI, 3531 BALDWIN AVE, EL MONTE CA 91731

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/1/2020

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

S/FRANCISCO JAVIER SR ZAMORA LEGASPI, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 07, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/24/20, 12/31/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020182135

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 62 SUDS LAUNDRY, 8538 ROSECRANS AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY, 7939 QUILL DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90242

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) 62 ENTERPRISE LLC, 7939 QUILL DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90242

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

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant

knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/62 ENTERPRISE LLC, MANAGER, BRYAN PODGORSKI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 06, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 20201452

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TACOS DON CHENTE DOWNEY (2) PROTEIN SPOT, 8339 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HACEVES, CORP., 8339 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2016

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

S/HACEVES, CORP., PRESIDENT, SUSANA ORTIZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 01, 2020

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The Downey Patriot
12/10/20, 12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/31/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020208329

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOCIAL REALTY SERVICES (2) SOCIAL LOANS, 9964 DU PAGE AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CATALINA ORTIZ, 9964 DU PAGE AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

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or names listed above: 02/2012 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/CATALINA ORTIZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 07, 2020

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Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: THE WESTERLY 42 FEET OF LOT 1301, OF TRACT NO. 3648, IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 40 PAGE(S) 60 AND 61 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4416 E. 57TH STREET MAYWOOD, CA 90270. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$133,695.08 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 12/1/2020 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, AS TRUSTEE 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020191772

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BIG HIKE 365 TRUCKING, 22850 LUKENS LANE, PERRIS CA 92570, RIVERSIDE COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 202023710530 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OCTAVIO&ISSAC LLC, 22850 LUKENS LANE, PERRIS CA 92570 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/OCTAVIO&ISSAC LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, COLLEEN ORTIZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 24, 2020

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

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File Number 2020213077

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00292
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BRIAN ERIBERTO INIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BRIAN ERIBERTO INIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) BRIAN WILLIS
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: JANUARY 13, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd Norwalk CA 90650

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00297
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DEE DEE ALVARADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DEE DEE ALVARADO to Proposed name (1) JULIE ANN AREVALO
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 10, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, 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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00317
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EDUARDO BUCIO SOTELO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) EDUARDO BUCIO SOTELO to Proposed name (1) EDUARDO BUCCIO
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, 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 DECEMBER 23, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
EDUARDO BUCIO SOTELO
ED05 LOWELIND ST #4
BELL GARDENS, CA 90201
(323) 773-6744
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES WILLIAM OWENS
Case No. 20STPB08989

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ANDREW LILLY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREW LILLY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on JANUARY 29, 2021 at 8:30am, in Dept. 2D Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90012, CENTRAL - STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE
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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Norwalk hospital staff vaccinated

■ Healthcare workers at Norwalk Community Hospital received vaccinations this week.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK – The COVID-19 vaccine created by Pfizer arrived at Norwalk Community Hospital this week.

The hospital received 205 doses on Monday and planned to begin vaccinations throughout the week.

According to Hector Hernandez, CEO of Los Angeles Community Hospitals, the vaccines would be given to healthcare providers in high-risk departments, including the emergency department, intensive care unit, COVID units.

Recipients include nurses, physicians, respiratory therapists, and housekeeping personnel, going down a chain

dependent on level of risk.

This comes at a critical time in the fight against the coronavirus, as Norwalk Community faces many of the same difficulties other hospitals are facing state-wide.

“Right now, we are at capacity; our ICU is full,” said Hernandez. “We created a separate area to treat ICU patients. Fortunately, we do have the ICU nurses providing that care so it has not been a critical issue for us. But yes, we are at capacity.”

Hernandez says that a recent survey found that about 70% of employees had expressed a desire to take the vaccine, however he believes that number will increase over time.

“We expect that eventually when the employees see that their peers are taking the vaccine and reacting well, that percentage is going to increase. So, I’m very positive they will respond to the vaccine,” said

Hernandez.

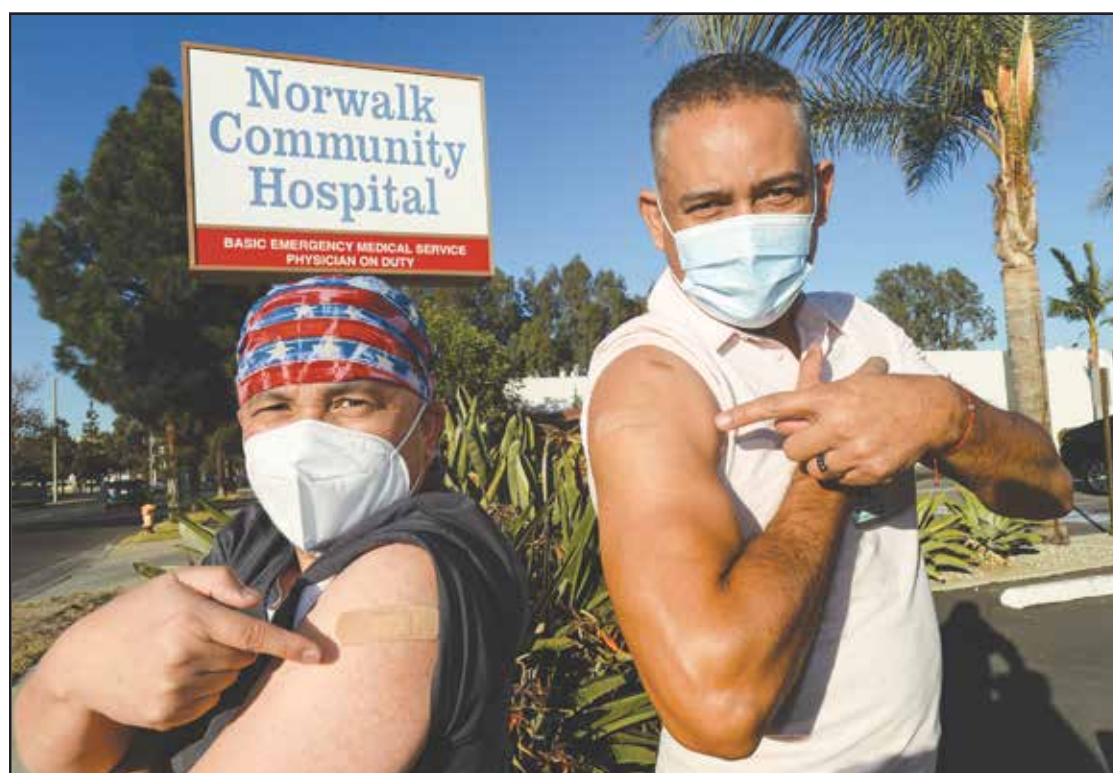
It is currently unknown whether Norwalk will secure any of the newly approved Moderna vaccine.

With its arrival however, Hernandez hopes that the hospital will be able to begin vaccinating the community in the spring or summer.

In the meantime, he advises individuals to follow health advisories.

“If we are a facility that is selected to contribute and distribute that vaccine, we’ll gladly do that,” said Hernandez. “Continue following the CDC and public health recommendations, social distancing, wearing the mask, and constantly wearing a mask.”

“If you feel sick, please stay home, and if you see someone who is sick tell them to look for medical attention if needed.”



Chief nursing officer Carmelo James, left, and CEO Hector Hernandez stand in front of Norwalk Community Hospital Staff after receiving their first doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. (Photo by Keith Durlflinger)

Hahn allocates \$300K for restaurant gift cards

DOWNEY – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn’s office has dedicated \$330,000 to a program designed to support struggling restaurants and families in need.

“People are hurting,” said Hahn. “Through no fault of their own, people have lost jobs and wages, and small businesses have been shuttered. We designed this program to get food on families’ tables while at the same time supporting restaurants that are struggling right now.”

The funding is being distributed to 10 non-profit organizations across the Fourth Supervisorial District. The non-profits will use the funding to purchase gift cards from small restaurants in their communities and distribute them to local families in need.

“2020 has been a very difficult year for a lot of families and local businesses,” said Oscar Hernandez, executive director of Whittier Boys and Girls Club, one of the participating non-profits. “I think this a great idea, that helps both families who are struggling while at the same time, helping local restaurants in our area.”

Participating non-profits include:

- Downey Unified School District’s True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center
- The Volunteer Center South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach
- Community Family Guidance Center in Cerritos
- Boys & Girls Club of Whittier
- Feed and be Fed in San Pedro
- SBCC/ South Bay Center for Counseling
- Rowland Heights Chinese Association
- New Horizons Caregivers Group in Hacienda Heights
- Latinos in Action in Long Beach
- Asian Empowerment Association in Long Beach
- YMCA of Greater Long Beach

Of the \$330,000, Hahn’s office has allocated \$300,000 for restaurant gift cards; \$30,000 will be donated to the non-profits for their work identifying families in need and distributing the gift cards.

College launches STEM program for teachers

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College is creating a program to guide community college and K-12 students through an education pathway focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and back to local communities in much needed teaching roles.

Called the Community Partnerships for Teacher Pipeline (CPTP), the program is made possible by a three-year, \$9 million U.S. Department of Education Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grant that Rio Hondo College will share with El Camino College, Cerritos College and the Center for Collaborative Education, which serves as the fiscal agent. Each college partner will receive about \$900,000 over the life of the grant.

Students will be provided with a certificated teacher mentor in K-12 or community college, a success coach, workshops and hands-on classroom while taking pre-credential coursework. The program also includes a focus on special education and early childhood education teaching roles.

The program intersects with the College’s larger STEM strategy, which is aimed at boosting enrollment in the high-demand fields for a new generation of students. As a result, it will also address the shortage of qualified STEM teachers in the workforce.

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For full program guidelines and to see if you qualify, visit:
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How one service club is bringing a COVID Christmas

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY – “Our goal,” said Barbara Lamberth, Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Downey, “is to put a smile on each and every one of the 66 children. We are famous for our Christmas lunch with third graders who otherwise wouldn’t have any Christmas.

“This year,” said Barbara, “we have had reduced dues and fundraising is lean,” said Barbara, “so we will have to dip into our treasury’s general fund. We cannot be together, but the kids will not be forgotten.”

Two girls and two boys from each of the 11 elementary schools in Downey are usually picked by the teachers as those that would benefit the most from attending the Children’s Holiday Luncheon with Rotarians at Rio Hondo Events

Center.

“These are children who need extra care. Some have lost a loved one,” said Barbara. “It breaks our hearts when a child says ‘I won’t open this because I am going to give it to my sister. It might be the only present she gets.’”

“We collaborate with the DUSD to put it on,” said Barbara, “and the members love the event as much as the kids do. Rotarians sit with the kids while they enjoy a special ‘Kids’ meal and talk non-stop. Then we sing songs while we wait for Santa. They are so excited to be out of the classroom!”

“This year,” said Barbara, “we are still doing it, but differently.” Sixty-six presents have been wrapped by Barbara and club secretary Patricia Megallon, a happy chore usually done by the whole club.



A third-grade student receives a Christmas gift from the Rotary Club of Downey in 2019. (Photo by Lorine Parks)

“Unfortunately,” said Barbara, “due to privacy restrictions and COVID, we cannot deliver the gifts to the kids directly. But with the help of our members Dr. John

Garcia, Supervisor of the DUSD, and Roger Brossmer, Assistant Supervisor of Educational Services, teachers and administrators will make sure that the kids get their gifts.”

Short Story: If I could turn back time

By Yolanda Reyna
Contributor

Cher said it best when she sang: “If I could turn back time, if I could find a way, I’d take back those words that have hurt you and you’d stay.”

But if I could turn back time, would I want to take back any words that I’ve said to hurt my past love? No. And I said a lot of awful things to him that probably did hurt him but it sure felt good saying the things that I’ve said to him.

I know that may sound cruel but I cannot change the things that I’ve said. In other words, you cannot unring the bell. And if I could honestly turn back time, would I want to change anything in my life? No.

People often ask me: what would you change in your life if you had the chance? And some people actually wish that they could go back in time and change something they’ve said to someone or go back and do something differently.

I simply wouldn’t want to and I don’t have any desire to change anything in my life. Everything that I’ve said, done, experienced, witnessed, sought, gave up on, not accomplished, regretted or anything I foolishly said or did in my life is what has made me who I am today.

There was a time when I did want to go back in time

and change certain things in my life but I realized wishing on these things just felt like a weight holding me down and I didn’t need that in my life. I just needed to move on with everything that particularly haunted me, saddened me, and weighed me down.

For instance, my education; I cannot beat myself for not finishing school. Am I older now and attending adult school? Yes. But I struggled a lot when I was in school

because of my upbringing and today I feel that I was meant to go back to school at this time in my life.

Or would I want to go back in time and not divorce Robert? No. Would I want to go back in time and marry Mike? (Thinking about it...) No. Or would I want to go back in time and take back the harsh words that were said to my father? No.

Why? Because they needed to be said to him.

So many people wish that, if given the chance to go back in time, they would change something, do it differently or all over again.

It’s just a weight that holds you down and I say to you, or anyone, stop trying to change things in your life, be content

with everything in it.

Yolanda “Yolie” Reyna is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

POETRY MATTERS

Oh Holiday Spirit where are you

Too late this year to order cards
too slow about the mistletoe

I fashion these greetings and ornaments
from what lies at hand

For my fellow Californians a long slow rain
strings that glisten like drops of tinsel

For my friends in other climates
wreaths of surf from our west-facing beaches

sweet lemons and perfume
from our winter-flowering trees

and a doorsill planted with pansies
proof that God loves us even in winter

Last and for all
a frieze of flute notes

ricocheting over the stones
like ribbons of ivy

winding their way
in the general direction of spring

Lorine Parks

Remember to watch the Official NORAD Santa Tracker. Beginning just after midnight on Christmas Eve Day, Santa’s DSP Tracker follows his bobbing sled and takes you to some of the globe’s most obscure places as he delivers his billions of presents. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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