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Yes, I'm vaccinated. Yes, I still wear a mask.

■ Fifteen months into the pandemic, not everyone is ready to ditch the mask.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Last week, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that those of us who are fully vaccinated could remove our masks in most situations. After over a year of living in a Covid-19 world, I thought that I would have been ecstatic.

Instead, I greeted the news with a nervous chuckle.

I received my second shot of the Pfizer vaccine back in April and have been considered "fully vaccinated" for just about a month. As such, I have started to venture back out into the wide-open world again with a little bit more confidence in my stride.

Even still, I wore my mask, sometimes two.

While California still has strict mandates in place and is not anticipated to reopen completely until June 15, the CDC's latest rollback seems to have left many - myself included - with more questions than answers.

As such, there are a few reasons why I am not so sure I am ready to take my mask off just yet.

The ability to unmask comes with a significant caveat: "Those who are fully vaccinated."

While the concept of "fully vaccinated" sounds simple enough, I have yet to hear any compelling or convincing argument on how governments, stores, restaurants, and the like can or will be able to enforce that particular provision.

Everything I have seen to this point seems to depend on the highly undependable "honor system."

At the time of writing, Los Angeles County is reporting that just over 59% of residents have been administered at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, with over 43% being considered fully vaccinated. While promising, that leaves a significant number of the population without a shot in their arm.

Some cannot be vaccinated for health concerns. Some kids are not eligible yet. Some will ultimately choose not to receive the vaccine, and that is their right.

Who is to say if the person next to you in the grocery store has been vaccinated or not and why?

While we seem to be in the final stretch of the pandemic, we have certainly not crossed the finish line yet. While numbers are low, we cannot neglect that they still do represent a life affected.

Speaking of numbers, while writing this piece I desperately searched for a key bit of evidence or statistics that I could wave around and put on a pedestal; something to say that wearing a mask is still extremely relevant.

The fact is, I couldn't find any.

Covid rates are continuing to decline. On Tuesday, the county reported only 159 new cases and 12 deaths, which is a far cry from the numbers that we were seeing back in November and December.

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Eyes on our Schools

Downey Unified thrilled to have students back on campus

■ Graduations are set for next week; all ceremonies will be livestreamed.

By D. Mark Morris
President
Downey Board of Education

DOWNEY - March 29th was a big day for Downey Unified as we welcomed 10,000 of our students back to campus after a long 12 months of being apart. I, along with the rest of the Board of Education, want to share how happy we are that we were able to provide our students with the option of finishing this school year in-person!

With that, we are even more excited to be able to honor our graduating and promoting Classes of 2021 as well as our graduating Classes of 2020. Being able to celebrate our students' accomplishments is something that each of us look forward to at the end of every year and we are elated to be able to recognize our Class of 2021 and 2020.

Graduation and promotion ceremonies are set for next week, with the Class of 2020 ceremony scheduled for Friday, May 28 and all current promoting and graduating classes being held on various dates between Tuesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 27.

Due to current LA County Department of Public Health restrictions, these ceremonies are limited to the immediate household of each student. However, we are excited to share that all ceremonies will be livestreamed so all family members and friends can tune in to watch these milestone events.

If your child's ceremony is being held within the Warren High School stadium, these ceremonies will be livestreamed on Downey Unified's YouTube Channel. If your child's ceremony is being held within the Downey High School stadium, these ceremonies will be livestreamed on Downey Vikings YouTube Channel.

Please make sure to check our website or our social media pages for links to these pages. Your child's school will also be sharing this information.

As we look toward the summer and into next school year, I want to share how hopeful we are in regard to having our students return to full-day, in-person instruction in the fall. With LA County metrics continuing to improve, the potential of having our students



From left: Downey school board members Jose Rodriguez, Bobbi Samperi, Linda Saldana, Nancy Swenson, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia, Downey Adult School Principal Blanca Rochin, and school board members D. Mark Morris, Giggy Perez-Saab and Martha Sodemani.

back in the classroom, five days a week for a full normal day, is a very attainable goal.

The governor has slated June 15 as the date where more announcements will be made, and as we continue to monitor these changes, we will keep our families updated.

Now getting into a few school and staff recognitions... At the end of April, Griffiths and Stauffer Middle Schools were redesignated as California Schools to Watch! This prestigious award was first earned in 2018 and both schools were re-evaluated prior to receiving this redesignation.

This designation sets our middle schools apart from the rest because out of the 30 California schools to be redesignated, only nine were located within Los Angeles County, two being those in Downey Unified. So, we are very proud of not just Griffiths and Stauffer, but of Doty Middle School also because they received this initial designation in 2019 and they will begin this redesignation process in the coming year.

Also last May, our Superintendent, Dr. John Garcia, was selected as the Superintendent of the Year for Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). This is a distinguished honor as Region

14 consists of 24 school districts covering an area from Beverly Hills to Long Beach.

Recognized along with him was Downey Adult School Principal, Blanca Rochin, who was selected as the ACSA Region 14 Adult Education Administrator of the Year and later named the 2020 Adult Education Administrator of the Year for the State of California.

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to celebrate these two for their achievements until recently. At the beginning of May, now that county metrics have lowered, we were able to safely recognize them for their distinguished honors. I hope you can join me and my fellow Board members in congratulating Dr. Garcia and Mrs. Rochin!

I also want to share a quick update on our Downey Unified Human Relations Council (HRC). As many know, the Steering Committee of this Council was established last June and since then, the HRC has expanded to include one member representing each school site within our district.

This HRC has met several times virtually and work has already been done to begin drafting an equity plan for our district. After providing a public update during April's Board Meeting, their work has continued and a draft plan should be developed by this

summer.

I am sharing this update because I want our Downey Unified family to know that once this draft plan is complete, the district will be reaching out to our students and families to get feedback and input on this plan prior to it being finalized. Please make sure to continue to check your emails or the district app over the summer for an update on this HRC input session.

In closing, as we head into the last week of school, I want to thank our entire Downey Unified family for all your support, particularly the patience, grace and flexibility that each of you have shown us this past year. It was a challenging year for us all, and as the light at the end of the tunnel continues to get brighter, I know that we are stronger as a community because of it!

I look forward to my next update where I plan to share some exciting news about our summer school programs, continued meal distributions to our families and the community, and hopefully more information about the 2021-22 school year following the Governor's decisions in mid-June.

Sincerely,
D. Mark Morris,
Board of Education President

Rancho celebrates live rehabilitated

■ The hospital hung 260 balloons to honor those who recovered from Covid.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center celebrated those who left the hospital after recovering from Covid-19 with a balloon display last week.

The hospital set up 260 balloons representing every successfully

rehabilitated coronavirus patient treated at the campus.

According to Lilli Thompson, Director of the Physical Therapy Department and Chief of the Rehabilitation Therapy Division, Rancho was forced to adapt from its usual role once the pandemic set in.

"Our primary role in the Department of Health services is to be the rehab hospital for the acute care hospitals within LA County, as well as providing that specialty we have for individuals with very complex presentations that other health systems or hospitals want to refer their patients to us," said

Thompson. "When Covid hit the LA area, and we recognized that our health system was going to be impacted, we did several things."

"We recognized that our role for the health system may have to change because we don't have an emergency room. Typically, all of our patients are transfers from other hospitals who are being sent to us because we will meet their needs at that point along their recovery or continuum of care."

Thompson said that the hospital needed to "move as many patients as we could from our sister hospitals" who were stable enough

to be cared for from a medical bed.

"We took patients that we normally wouldn't have brought over; patients that were highly acute, very complex medical situations," said Thompson. "We knew we could manage them, and our staff had the skill set and expertise in order to free up beds at the other hospitals so that their ERs didn't get backed up, trying to avoid the ambulances sitting out in the ambulance bays for hours, trying to manage patients, waiting for space. That was a really critical role we took on."

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Warren High School's baseball team captured the San Gabriel Valley league championship Tuesday with its 19th win in-a-row and improved to 22-2.

(Photo courtesy Scott Pearson)



Weekend at a Glance

Friday 73°

Saturday 72°

Sunday 75°

ON THIS DAY MAY 20

1609:

Shakespeare's sonnets were first published in London, perhaps illicitly, by the publisher Thomas Thorpe.

1861:

The capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va.

1873:

Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis receive a U.S. patent for blue jeans with copper rivets

1902:

Cuba gained independence from the United States; Tomás Estrada Palma became the country's first President.

1927:

Charles Lindbergh took off for Paris from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

1932:

Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

1939:

Regular trans-Atlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe.

1971:

The album "What's Going On" by Marvin Gaye was released.

1993:

The final first-run episode of "Cheers" aired on NBC.



1995:

President Bill Clinton announced that the two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House would be permanently closed to traffic as a security measure.

1996:

The Supreme Court struck down a Colorado measure banning laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination.

2006:

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds tied Babe Ruth for second place on the career list with his 714th home run.

2009:

Suspended NFL star Michael Vick was released after 19 months in prison for running a dogfighting ring.

2011:

Professional wrestler Randy "Macho Man" Savage died after suffering a heart attack. He was 58.

2012:

Singer Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees died at age 62.

Birthdays

Pop singer **Cher** (75), American astronaut **Thomas Akers** (70), TV host and author **Dan Abrams** (55), race car driver **Tony Stewart** (50), rapper **Busta Rhymes** (49), and pop singer **Rachel Platten** (40).

How Downey celebrated Memorial Day in the 1950s

By Jim McMahon

What do I remember about Memorial Day weekend in Downey during the 1950s? Few things, read on...

Always around the 3-day weekends in the summer, before and after the holiday weekends, you could see homeowners' travel trailers spotted/staged throughout the city, as residents traveled to the desert, mountains and mostly to the beach. Name brand camping trailers included Travel-eze, Airstream, and Shasta travel trailers (with wings on the side). Many Downey residents traveled to Huntington Beach and former Tin-Can Alley for weekend camping excursions.

Some families from out of state came to vacation in Downey, camping in driveways while visiting with relatives in Downey. Travel trailers became backyard guest houses for Downey and some homes had guest homes built in the backyards, attached to the garages. Family cars were large, 20 feet long, so the streets and driveways were jammed with these large cars and station wagons. Parked cars on streets made for holiday parking traffic....no such thing as small cars back then. Many streets in Downey had man-made barricades, which made for more traffic snarls. Very few homes in the city had front yard pedestrian sidewalks.

Vacationers hit Downey early from the Midwest since the school year ended earlier, compared to So Cal school years.

Many families in Downey had family reunion picnics in their backyards during this holiday. Many of the dads who lived in the homes (after World War II), and after the ban of backyard incinerators, built backyard barbecue centers, much different than the ones today. BBQs were a custom brick fireplace, resembling a traditional brick fireplace, but they were used for barbecuing; ribs and hamburgers were the main choices along with hot dogs. Grills were oversized and could easily fit a couple

dozen pieces of meat on its iron grills. No such thing back then as stainless-steel BBQ, no propane, no gas. Back then, entire blocks of homes could smell the aroma from BBQ grilling, and it smelled oh so good.

Downey meat markets included All American, Crons, Safeway, and Boys. Most of the meat was purchased by the pound in white meat wrap paper. Meat was cheap, cheap, cheap. Beef was 25 cents a pound. Back then, stores did not carry high cuts of beef or pork.

Ferndale Nursery in north Downey supplied homes with color plants: begonias, glads, cannas, carnations, geraniums, mums, sweet peas and a few pansies. Orchids were just starting to be introduced.

Many homes were building backyards: aluminum patios and heated swimming pools. Open wooden lattice top patios and vinyl patios were not introduced yet. Most homes cranked up the heaters in their pools around Easter and Mother's Day weekends, so the pool was the main atom to the picnics. Some yards were deep enough in size to have slip n slide blankets to run and have wet times on the grass. Had to be careful of the galvanized Rainbird sprinklers; hitting one of these assemblies was like today's shark bites in the ocean. Don't remember any covered pools, as skin cancer was not a concern for pool users back then. Today, patio covered pools-spas are flooding the market to prevent skin cancer.

Early on Memorial Day weekend, the local dads and the men in the city sat around the one radio and listened to the Indianapolis 500 or watched it on their black/white TV's. Portable transistorized battery-operated radios were just entering the audio markets. Most homes only had one TV set.

Downey moms and women were busy preparing the picnic's menu: potato salad, Disneyland bean casserole, deviled eggs, garden-grown backyard pickles, home-made ice cream, rice crispy bars, Jello salads, yellow

corn on the cob, watermelons, tap beer by Pabst Blue Ribbon, popcorn balls, and Helms Bakery goods: jelly rolls and hamburger buns. A few times, early spring temperatures brought us backyard grown apricots to the picnic tables.

Gas-filled tiki torches were used at dusk, since Downey had a lot of mosquito issues, since there were still many citrus groves. Tiki torches were great when we sat around and roasted BBQ marshmallows and made graham cracker and marshmallow sandwiches. Bottled milk from Rockview Dairy Farms provided us with award winning chocolate milk drinks, fresh from Ms. Cow to the exterior milk doors on the homes.

Styrofoam had not entered the market so we used paper plates, paper cups, plastic wood cutlery, paper napkins, plus wash n dry towelleettes.

Downey backyard patios were filled with aluminum tables, umbrellas, and aluminum folding web chairs. Most of the people got their patio furniture at All American Home Center, Thrifty or Sav-On drugs. There was a Sears catalog and many shopped there and delivery came from the Compton and Lynwood areas. Downey had no Sears store. It was rad to have festive floral patio cushions along with matching white cotton tassels hanging from umbrellas and table cloths. Terry cloth table covers were just becoming vogue. Plastic flowers in vases were the home and garden specialty. Some of the patios had telescopic chaises lounge but outdoor patio sofas had not come into play during the 50's.

Most of the Memorial Day weekends, weather was overcast gray all day. It would be kind of cool, muggy, many times we stayed under the patio or in the garage to keep warm. Sometimes the sun would break late in the afternoon. Very seldom did we have a hot summer Memorial Day weekend. It was hard to look up at the sky during the overcast landscape and see the airplanes



following Firestone/Manchester Blvd., landing at LAX.

Many of the Downey homes had postcard perfect dichondra lawns, very soft grass-like to lay on for a picnic, and I do remember smelling the orange groves. They were in bloom in late spring and the rose gardens were just starting to bloom. Most of the city's azaleas and camellias were finished blooming by Memorial Day weekend. Some homes had a backyard lemon or lime tree, which produced great juice for lemonade drinks for the picnics. Almost no tropical fruit yet. Our backyard viewed out to a 10 acre-plus citrus grove, plus Dad and Mom had a small plot of 200 rose bushes, planted in a formal garden setting.

I remember going for afternoon pony rides down in Paramount in the North Long Beach area. There were some equestrian stables down there, since the 91/105/605 freeways did not exist. It was always fun to go on pony rides in the arenas. Many of the first-time residents moving into Downey after World War II were transplants from the Midwest (the Heartland of America) so a lot of the dads were

used to hanging around farm horses and they enjoyed taking us kids to ride or play with the horses. Not many kids had bikes (too poor following World War II); we always had used second hand bikes for transportation. Bikes were fun, along with skates, during the holidays.

Many backyard patios had colored hanging plastic lights, strung from the roof rafters (a lot like the cafe lights today) except they were plastic flower fixtures, and also some patios had portable drinking water fountains adjacent to the garages, plumbed into the water lines. Some patios had portable fiberglass waterfall fountains bowls.

Most of the laundry rooms at that time were located in the garages. Many homes had clotheslines in their backyards to dry their clothes. There were not very many clothes dryers available at that time. Some families used manual clothes drying techniques to squeeze out the excess water by hand rollers machines. Some washing machines reused some of the clear recycled rinse water over and over again. Garage laundry room was the go-to place for storing picnic food, since dads

brought in large blocks of ice, to cool the picnic foods, over the long 3-day weekends. Refrigerators and freezers were small at that time. Ice was stored in washroom sinks or large aluminum tubs, along with tubs of ice cool beer on tap.

U.S. garden flags were hard to purchase, so some homes displayed one U.S. flag on the front of the homes. I cannot remember flags all over the city at that time. Select groups of homes and store fronts had decorated front porches, with red, white and blue ribbons and the U.S. flag. Porch decorating was just becoming vogue.

Once in a while, during these holiday weekends, trucks full of redwood patio furniture would drive up and down the streets, selling patio furniture off the trucks, which was custom made by the men in the city. Workmanship was awesome, but the quality of redwood stain was not so good back then. We just did not have the technology to make paint recipes. These truck sales made big bucks selling during these holiday weekends.

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Things You Didn't Know About Downey: Paul Yokota



Children play at Rohwer War Relocation Center. (Photo courtesy Arkansas State University)

By Bobbie Bruce
Downey Historical Society

In going through some of our files of saved historical writings of former members of the Downey Historical Society, I found a treasure given to us by Paul N. Yokota. Paul died on March 17, 2008 at the age of 86.

I enjoyed reading his writings again and want to share them with you. Many in Downey probably remember him and all that he did for Downey.

A native Californian born in Yuba City, Calif., most of my life has been spent in the Golden State except for the World War II years. Courtesy of the US government, we sojourned at the Santa Anita racetrack for a half year and at Jerome Relocation Center in Arkansas for one year. All 18,000 of the Santa Anita internees could claim they had slept in Seabiscuit's stall.

Prior to internment, our family enjoyed the hometowns of Whittier, Norwalk, Artesia, Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Vernon and Downey. Those moves accounted for my attendance at nine schools before matriculating at Huntington Park High School. My

formal education was completed at Los Angeles City College and the University of Southern California.

Following internment, we lived in Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, when Uncle Sam decided to draft me into the Army for a spell. After the war, we returned to Downey, although our home had been burned during our absence.

Starting with a war emergency credential in 1947, 37 years of educational service in the Los Angeles Unified School District included teaching positions at Albion Street, Marianna Avenue and Ford Boulevard Schools. In 1956, I became vice principal at Eastman Avenue School, possibly the first person of Asian descent to be a public school administrator in the U.S. A year later I was assigned as principal of Marianna and remained there for 11 years. In 1968, I moved to Lorena Street School and was principal there for 16 years.

Before the Downey schools were unified in 1961, I was a member of the Old River School District Board of Trustees for two terms totaling six years.

In retirement, I volunteer at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, Meals on Wheels, Downey Adult School ESL, and work with community organizations.

I am past president of Downey Presbyterian Men, Whittier Division of California Retired Teachers Association, Downey AARP Chapter 262, Downey Committee on Aging, Downey Rio Hondo Unit of American Cancer Society and Downey Meals on Wheels. I have been active with the First Presbyterian Church of Downey for more than 40 years, completing my fourth term as elder on the session in 1998.

In recent years I have been a surrogate parent for IEP conferences at Allen Young School and a Foster Grandparent Advisory Council member at Metropolitan State Hospital. In addition to tutoring in the adult literacy program, I am a member of the Downey City Library Board. I try to squeeze in some tennis from time to time.

Life at Jerome

Executive Order 9066 in the spring of 1942 set in motion dramatic changes which profoundly impacted the lives of 120,000 Japanese aliens and their children, mostly American citizens. They were forced out from the Western Defense Command area by presidential decree.

For most Japanese Americans,

temporary internment followed at race tracks and county fairgrounds where they were housed in existing horse stables under the Wartime Civilian Control Administration. This lasted for a half year or so while 10 more permanent camps were built under the War Relocation Authority in the interior on desert and desolate lands far removed from metropolitan areas.

The 10 WRA centers were situated at Manzanar and Tule Lake in California, Poston and Gila River in Arizona, Heart Mountain in Wyoming, Minidoka in Idaho, Topaz in Utah, Granada (Amache) in Colorado, and Jerome and Rohwer in Arkansas.

All WRA centers had the same basic block plan: two rows of six barracks separated by a block mess hall, a block laundry and a block toilet. The barracks were covered with tar paper for insulation and were heated by pot-bellied stoves. Each barrack had six rooms of

varying sizes to accommodate small to large families.

The last WRA camp to open on Oct. 6, 1942, Jerome also had the shortest life span, closing June 30, 1944 to make way for use as a facility for German and Italian prisoners of war. In the southeast corner of Arkansas close to the Mississippi River, Jerome was built on swampland which had some of the deadliest species of snakes serving as deterrents to escape.

Most of the Jerome residents came from Santa Anita and Fresno assembly centers with more than 800 arriving later from Hawaii. The WRA center was named after Jerome, the closest town, but Denson was the official post office name. During its 21-month existence, there were 239 births, 76 deaths and 103 weddings in Jerome. Fifty-two entered the armed forces in that time.

Unforgettable recollections of Jerome were the following:

Nightly the searchlights crisscrossed the center from guard towers on the perimeter.

Spectacular electrical storms often resulted in humid weather for days.

Insects abounded including chiggers, crickets, mosquitoes and fireflies.

Arkansas water was so soft one felt soapy after showering and rinsing off thoroughly.

Some enterprising individuals searched for "koku" (gnurls) to fashion decorative pieces.

From scrap lumber many residents made furniture ingeniously in attractive styles.

Montgomery Ward and Sears catalogs were extensively used to obtain mail order items.

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Internment camp memories

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Wood chopping crews went into the surrounding forest to procure firewood for the pot-bellied stoves. Those closest to the stove were baked, others further away shivered.

All the customary community services were active: schools, recreation, churches, hospital, fire and police departments, barber shop, shoe repair shop, canteens, laundry and newspaper.

Because shrimp was readily available from the Gulf region, regularly "shrimp with rutabagas" was served much to the disgust of most people.

"Whitie Christmas" sung by the Seno brothers with snow on the ground was a standout camp experience.

The usual holiday activities were pursued including "mochi tsuki" for New Year's Day.

Sugar beet workers were among the first permitted to leave camp to harvest crops in the Midwestern states.

Nisei soldiers from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, visited Jerome and Rohwer.

While the majority of Jerome residents opted to return to the West Coast after the war, many chose to remain in the Midwest and East. For all, the Jerome experience was a life-altering period.

What it means to be an American

Although over our lifetime we have gone through many ups and downs, this country is the best there is. Let me explain some of the reasons for this assessment.

As Japanese Americans, we have suffered some discrimination, however, many things have improved with the passage of time. We have been afforded public school education which has enabled us to gain skills and knowledge to explore fields of work hitherto not open to us.

The United States of America is a nation willing to own up to its mistakes and to make amends for them. The internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II was a huge mistake and many people lost their property and valuables, but decades later the government passed legislation to make a public apology and send reparations to those still living at that time. One-third had already passed away, but the remaining two-thirds did receive these acknowledgments.

Many of those interned in relocation centers spread across Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming returned to the West Coast after the war. However, a significant number chose to remain in the Midwest and East where they found less prejudice and were able to seek housing and work to their liking. The WWII dislocation of Japanese Americans was wrong but it enabled them to see other parts of the country to gain another perspective which proved to be more favorable to many.

In 1952, federal legislation enabled Asians to acquire naturalization privileges just like all other immigrants. Grandma Yokota became a naturalized citizen in the mid-1950s and voted in elections until she passed away at almost 98 years of age.

There are still imperfections but on the whole our country has tried to live up to the challenge of being the home of the free and the brave with liberty and justice for all. We all have the obligation to do whatever we can to work toward the goal of a more perfect union.

We are now blessed in being able to pursue life careers in almost every field of endeavor. Even the women are now gaining acceptance in many areas closed to them in the past. We live in a nation still perfecting itself and it will never be perfect because we are human beings prone to make errors. It's still the best we have in this universe and we are blessed to be living here.

My decision to still wear a mask

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Those worried about "breakthrough cases" should take comfort in the fact that they are extremely rare.

As of this writing, the CDC's website shows only 1,359 hospitalized or fatal vaccine breakthrough cases reported with only 223 deaths, compared to the over 115 million in the United States who it says are fully vaccinated.

Everything points to us being on the precipice of normality.

However, mentally - for me at least - it is not so simple as data. It has been an agonizingly long road even to just get to this point. For over a year, we have been advised to stay home and - if we did need to leave for any reason - to be as quick and strategic as possible while maintaining a healthy amount of suspicion about those around us.

"Treat everyone as if they're Covid positive."

It was a lesson learned hard and fast for many of us. We lost jobs and income. We lost family members and loved ones. Some of us became sick ourselves.

I trust the science. I do not dispute what medical and government officials are telling us. I believe that those of us who are fully vaccinated are adequately protected.

I am just not ready to trust the world again yet; not completely at least.

My trust and my faith need to grow again. Like a small child in a swimming pool, I need to slowly walk down the steps and doggy paddle in the shallow end to get accustomed to the water before I decide to dive into the deep end again.

If you decide that now is the time to take off your masks (whether vaccinated or not), I hope that you act responsibly, safely, and courteously to your neighbors and the community around you.

As for me, I think I will hold on for just a little while longer.

Downey in the 1950's

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A few Downey churches participated in decorating the cemetery graves for Memorial Day: Rose Hills, Artesia, Downey and All Souls. A lot of Downey families contacted local florists in another city to put up flowers on gravesites for Decoration Day. My family did that also. My family paid florists to decorate the graves in Iowa and Minnesota via contracted florists in those cities. There were no tele-florists yet. I don't think this practice of decorating graves is done very much anymore. Mums and carnations were the noticeable flower around the graves.

Most of our clothes came from either Pennies, The Broadway, Gemco or Sears. It was hard at that time to get Levi pants. I wore Levi cut offs; since money was tight and we grew fast, cut offs were very cost effective. Double knit clothing had not come yet, most of the clothes were cotton, and perma press or wrinkle-free clothes were just starting to enter the market. Women were just starting to wear shorts and pants, and dresses were the number one outfit for women. Some women wore floor length dresses to avoid leg bites by insects. Men never wore Speedos, very few women wore 2-piece bikinis either. The wealthy could afford to buy unisex true Hawaiian clothes on the Firestone store front.

I have very good memories of the yesteryears in Downey, especially Memorial Day weekends. That was the grand opening for great summers and planning for summertime car trips.



Music director Sharon Lavery conducts a summer concert in 2014. The symphony announced it will play a free concert at Furman Park on Aug. 11. (Photo by Joan Anderson)

Symphony returning for Furman Park concert

DOWNEY - "We're back," an exuberant Sharon Lavery, Music Director for the Downey Symphony announced.

Wednesday at 7 pm on August 11 are the time and date and Furman Park the place where the Symphony will present the finale to the Parks and Recreation's Summer Series of Concerts in the Park.

"All our players will have been vaccinated," said Conductor Sharon, "so we can have a full Pops in the Park program."

That is sure to include the ever popular flourish at the end, when the conductor invites all the children in the audience to come up to the stage and take turns leading the ensemble. Each one, no matter how tiny, will have her or his thirty seconds of fame, and parents always surround the stage taking pictures as the band plays on.

The concert is offered free to the public, said Symphonic Society President Ryan Keene, but it costs about \$15,000 to produce the pops version of the symphony orchestra performing an hour of well know songs from stage, movies, and TV shows, plus patriotic numbers and one light classical piece.


The concert is the Symphonic Society's gift to Downey, and friends of the Symphony and the City of Downey usually help underwrite the performance.

Lorine Parks, society editor

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Happy 80th, Bob Dylan

By **Jamie Stiehm**

Bob Dylan made me break into silent tears once, in concert on Nov. 11, 2001. Two months from the Sept. 11 attacks, people were still shattered.

The song was “Tangled up in Blue.” Pitch-perfect for the moment in time, from the album “Blood on the Tracks.” Try it sometime and you shall be released.

The greatest American bard (Sorry, Walt and Bruce) turns 80 on Monday, May 24. Dylan has serenaded generations since the early ‘60s, when he rose from Greenwich Village folk music haunts.

The young man from Minnesota seized a breeze in the bright JFK era. The nation had an ear for the utterly new, true and fresh songs spinning off his guitar.

“Blowin’ in the Wind,” “A Hard Rain’s A-Gonna Fall” and “Chimes of Freedom” set the sound stage for social protests and marches of that decade.

In the ‘70s, a young girl played Dylan songs on the piano. Always crowd-pleasers, among them “Don’t Think Twice, It’s All Right” (“Goodbye is too good a word, babe.”)

His eyes were bluer than robin’s eggs, as singer Joan Baez wrote in bittersweet lyrics about their love affair.

With his raspy voice, sulky charm and matchless harmonica, Dylan enchants the world over.

Given the 2016 Nobel Prize for his music and literary memoir, Dylan didn’t go to Sweden for the honor.

So let the songbook speak for itself. Dylan recently sold it for about \$300 million. Laced in every line, the restless artist remains a mystery to be solved.

“Mr. Tambourine Man” is my favorite for dazzling wordplay. It seems a self-portrait — keeping time with a wandering troubadour who plays in the jingle jangle morning mists (“Yes, to dance beneath the diamond sky with one hand waving free / Silhouetted by the sea”).

To be fair, “Like a Rolling Stone” that ode of scorn, was ranked as Dylan’s best song — by Rolling Stone magazine, no kidding. That came soon after Dylan went electric at the Newport Folk Festival.

The song “Mississippi” captured me, from the record “Love and Theft.” Don’t we all know the feeling: “Only one thing I did wrong /



Stayed in Mississippi a day too long.”

Dylan’s love songs are unbelievably tender under his shiny hard shell.

When sung by Judy Collins or old muse Baez (“Visions of Johanna”), their beauty truly rocks. Collins sings “Farewell” and “Tomorrow is a Long Time” in her piercing golden voice.

One exception is the plaintive song “Sara” written for his then-wife, “So easy to look at / So hard to define / ... sweet love of my life.” Only Dylan could sing that song.

On the same album, “Desire,” is an arresting song no writer can resist: “One More Cup of Coffee.”

No other singer-songwriter possesses his psychic grasp of the country’s soul, captivating over miles, tears and years. Dylan’s life is the road.

The man from the Midwest wrote vividly about the South, from beloved New Orleans to Mobile, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee, to the Nashville skyline.

Baez’s haunting ballad “Diamonds and Rust” shows just how easy — and how hard — it would be to love Dylan. (“My poetry was lousy, you said.”)

In song, Baez addresses Dylan in memories that travel back in time to standing in Washington Square, where their breath comes out as white clouds, mingles and hangs in the air.

At a concert while Bruce Springsteen played, a historian who knows Dylan told me about this scene in her song.

I answered with Baez’s line: “Speaking strictly for me, we both could have died then and there.”

Nailed it, history repeating itself.

Baez’s 80th birthday was in January. A couple of Aprils ago, I went to a farewell concert. Boy, did she sing a lot of searing Dylan songs.

In 2020, Dylan released a major work, a montage titled “Murder Most Foul,” on JFK’s assassination as a tragic point of no return for America.

Innocence, optimism and common dreams were dashed by the shots that blasted a young vibrant leader. It’s an apt coda, for Dylan launched in that promising period.

But he was so much older then.

Remaking the ocean of experience, seeing and feeling things as if for the first time — isn’t that what it takes to be forever young?

Play it, Bob.

The Bob Dylan Center is due to open in 2022 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jamie Stiehm may be reached at JamieStiehm.com.

2020’s startling numbers

By **Froma Harrop**

We’re a statistics-happy society. We obsess over the latest numbers on just about everything — birthrates, jobs and population changes — mining them for trends.

Some stats are really obscure, such as the shocking amount of electricity Bitcoin uses. The digital currency’s complex computing process devours 143 terawatt-hours a year — more than the country of Norway! Can you believe?

Anyhow, the commonly quoted stats are dribbling in, but because they are being compared to those of the wildly abnormal pandemic year of 2020, what should we do with them? The answer may be to marvel at the dramatic shifts but with asterisks attached.

Take changes in state and city populations. California reported a net loss in population last year, the first time since 1900, when the state started counting. The effects of the pandemic, says Hans Johnson of the Public Policy Institute of California, should put an asterisk on last year’s shrinkage.

Two big reasons for the falloff were the large number of COVID-19 deaths and a sharp decline in international immigration. But as shots in Californian arms curb the disease and more normal immigration patterns return, the state should resume growing slowly, as it has in recent years, Johnson adds.

New York state also lost people last year. Some of it resulted from COVID lockdowns sending people out of its cities to less crowded parts of the country. As with California, however, more of it reflects a decline in foreign immigration, according to the Empire Center.

The country as a whole last year grew at its slowest pace since 1918 — by only 700,000 residents, or 0.2 percent. Some of that low count reflects deaths from COVID and a lower birthrate. The number of babies born in the U.S. hit a 4 million high in 2015 and has fallen every year since.

The pandemic may have accelerated the process. Last December, when babies conceived early in the health crisis would have been born, the U.S. birthrate posted its sharpest decline in history. Was a drop-off this severe a temporary phenomenon reflecting health and economic fears of those strange times? We will see.

Cities are reporting significant spikes in shootings. Experts have offered some pandemic-related explanations for that as well. Lost jobs, closed schools and suspended after-school activities have left vulnerable young people on the streets where violent youth gangs do their recruiting.

COVID knocked the economy on its rear, so a large jump to more normal levels of consumer spending is producing price numbers that just reflect a return to normal. Gasoline prices, for example, soared 50 percent in April compared with the same month of 2020. For perspective, though, they actually decreased 1.4 percent from March 2021.

Economists surveyed by the Wall Street Journal expect the economy

to grow in the second quarter at an annual rate of 8.1 percent over the same time a year earlier. This would be the most torrid growth in about 40 years. Then again, consider the pathetic base we’re starting at — the annus horribilis of 2020.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the number of new COVID cases — almost 350,000 a week early this month — could drop to below 10,000 by August if vaccinations continue apace. The scourge seems to be ending, and barring some other astounding turn of events, the trend lines could start becoming less dramatic.

Clearly, 2021 is turning into a whole new ballgame. Making comparisons to the sick, sick year of 2020 may offer opportunities to exclaim over the biggest year-to-year surge or drop in this or that since the nation’s founding. We can have fun with that, but, hey, remember the asterisks.

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist covering economics, politics and culture.

How government work

Dear Editor:

In response to John Lacey’s letter (“Who is in Charge?,” 5/6/2021), he should probably take a refresher course in American government.

The process for policy change usually begins in a congressional committee and moves its way up to both chambers of Congress; it’s been done this way since the formation of the country and done by whichever party has the numbers; it’s nothing new.

As for Facebook or Twitter, they’re not denying access to people whose opinion they don’t agree with, they are denying them access because they didn’t follow the rules/guidelines.

It’s like a store or restaurant: you must follow their rules and guidelines. No shoes, no shirt, no service.

Guillermo Vazquez

Downey

Government debt

Dear Editor:

In his opinion piece (Patriot, May 6, 2021), Steve Chapman argues that the \$4 trillion in relief doled out under the Trump administration was justified, but that the \$6 trillion proposed by the Biden administration is not, because “the emergency has subsided.”

Has it? Millions of Americans are still out of work. Moreover, the climate emergency shows no signs of easing.

Mr. Chapman referenced the Penn Wharton Budget Model that found that increasing the tax rate on capital gains would reduce revenue. That reminds me of Reagan’s (and more recently Trump’s) claim that lowering taxes would increase revenue and balance the budget. History shows otherwise.

Moreover, the claim that “over the first decade, Biden’s infrastructure package would cost \$600 billion more than it would bring in” must be put in context. That works out to \$60 billion a year, compared to the \$628.6 billion spent on national defense.

Mr. Chapman claims that “piling more federal debt...is bound to divert funds that would have gone to private investment, to the detriment of the economy.” Where does Mr. Chapman believe that the money is being diverted? Spending on infrastructure, etc., does not leave the economy; it stimulates the economy, hence the term “investment.”

More wisdom from Mr. Chapman: “The budgetary binge may also lift inflation to levels that Americans have not seen since the 1980’s.” Really? Wasn’t Mr. Chapman just arguing that more federal debt was going to divert funds from private investment, slowing the economy?

Paul Krugman recently argued that government debt tends to lower inflation. He offers as evidence not only recent U.S. experience, but also that of Japan, whose accumulated debt equals over 266% of its GDP. Far from experiencing inflation, the central bank in Japan has been fighting deflation for the past 30 years.

So whom to believe—Mr. Chapman, or the guy with a Nobel Prize in economics?

Bill Niemand

Downey

Why did the sports complex project shrink?

Dear Editor:

It was so exciting and awesome to hear that we are getting a new 5-acre \$12 million sports complex on a portion of the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center’s abandoned south campus. But when I saw the rendering of the proposed sports complex I noticed that it only showed three soccer fields of different sizes, the existing Rose Float buildings, and parking.

This looked more like a soccer complex and when you deduct the Rose Float area (1.75 acres) and parking (1 acre) you are left with approximately 2.25 acres of field space. A previous rendering showed one multiple purpose field, which was a better approach.

The sports complex should be developed with at least two full-size fields with striping on both fields to accommodate multiple sports (football, lacrosse, and soccer) to qualify as a sports complex where regional tournaments could be hosted.

Since the county is looking to develop a future county office complex that will require parking, a shared parking arrangement should be pursued as the future office uses and sporting activities will operate at opposite times and be able to share the parking and free up parking for much needed field space.

When reviewing the project, something didn’t look right and it appeared that this project was being rushed without proper planning, negotiations, and design, which was concerning. Due to this, I did a little background research and I found a Downey Patriot article dated August 10, 2016 by Eric Pierce titled “\$468 million development approved for South Rancho campus.” The article reports that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a \$468 million project, which was comprised of a 70-acre development project and calls for a 15-acre sports complex.

The article also stated that the county supervisors voted to spend \$17 million in initial funding. That’s 10 acres more park area compared to the five acres that Downey is settling for and \$5 million less than what was previously approved.

The article quotes then Supervisor Don Knabe as praising the process and thanking the City of Downey as well as quotes from then Downey mayor and mayor pro tem Alex Saab and Fernando Vazquez along with Councilman Sean Ashton. The article states that all three council members as well as city manager Gilbert Livas, along with AYSO players and coaches, attended the L.A. County Supervisors meetings and testified in support of the 15-acre sports complex.

I was surprised to see how much the project was scaled back and without explanation. What happened? Who negotiated this project on behalf of the city and who at the county decided and had the authority to reduce the size of the approved 15-acre sports complex? Why is our youth being short changed and why?

The county and city are indeed trying to rush this project at the expense of our youth and the site is currently being graded. Aside from the questions being raised, the proposed design has many short falls and design flaws. It must be stated that all the current council members with the exception of Sean Ashton were not on the City Council when the 15-acre sports complex was approved on August 10, 2016, hence why they were excited for the measly 5-acre sports complex.

There is still time to fix this project and make it right. Will the current council step up or will they let this happen on their watch?

Mayor Claudia Frometa, Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco, Council member Catherine Alvarez, Council member Sean Ashton; and Council member Mario Trujillo need to step in now and fix this project and hold city staff that negotiated this project accountable. The Downey Patriot also needs to do a follow up story and see what changed and what votes were taken by the L.A. County Supervisors to cut this approved project by two thirds in size and \$5 million.

I reached out to former staff of former L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, who spearheaded this project and they were surprised at the cutbacks of project size and funding. I also reached out to Janice Hahn’s office and they did not respond.

We need answers and hopefully get what we were originally promised. Thank you and I look forward to a fast resolution to this matter.

Chris Magaña

Downey

Make the internet affordable for seniors

Dear Editor:

With the price of cable going up and up, there’s no wonder senior citizens on a fixed income opt out of cable.

What’s disturbing is during the Covid-19 pandemic, news outlets mentioned how senior citizens lacked computer technology experience when signing up for a vaccine. I signed up five senior citizens for the vaccine and they didn’t even have the internet.

I realize the Downey Library has free internet service but I do not expect seniors to travel for internet service. During these times I would not want my parents leaving the house for internet service; it’s safer for them to use internet from the comfort of their home.

Downey City Council, find it within your heart to revise the contract between Spectrum and the City of Downey to demand them to give our Downey senior citizens a major discount.

Spectrum offers a lower price if you sign up with the internet and phone service, but seniors don’t need another phone to ring all day with unwanted telemarketing calls, and after the offer expires the price goes up and up; they just need an internet discount.

With the City Council’s help, seniors can work from the privacy of their home and keep up with demanding technology.

Margie Gutierrez

Downey

Keep fireworks legal

Dear Editor:

I read the article regarding Councilman Sean Ashton’s possible proposal to completely ban fireworks. I understand that many people continue to blast illegal fireworks but this is not really a very good proposal. Here are some reasons why I believe this is such an absurd idea:

1. People don’t care. No matter what, they are going to continue lighting fireworks. Just continue stronger and more patrols around neighborhoods that usually pop more fireworks.

2. You can’t punish those who love the enjoyment of getting legal fireworks and being with their families. Especially during this pandemic, it would be a really idiotic choice because it keeps us busy and also helps mental health.

3. You will be hurting those who use such firework brands like TNT and Phantom as fundraiser worthy. Most places like churches use this as a huge financial advantage.

I think it’s just really an idiotic thing to do because the council is just playing politics. All they do is think ban fireworks, however, they don’t see the negative consequences. Look at the fun and excitement legal fireworks bring. For me, it brings amazement and joy as well as to the people around me.

Now I don’t care about people blowing up illegal fireworks, however, those with pets and others who find them annoying will most likely care about illegal fireworks popping off. That’s why measures such as extra patrolling in areas where fireworks are used and huge fines can maybe help a bit more.

I am writing this so that people like me still get a chance using fireworks that are legal in their own homes.

Richard Munguia

Downey

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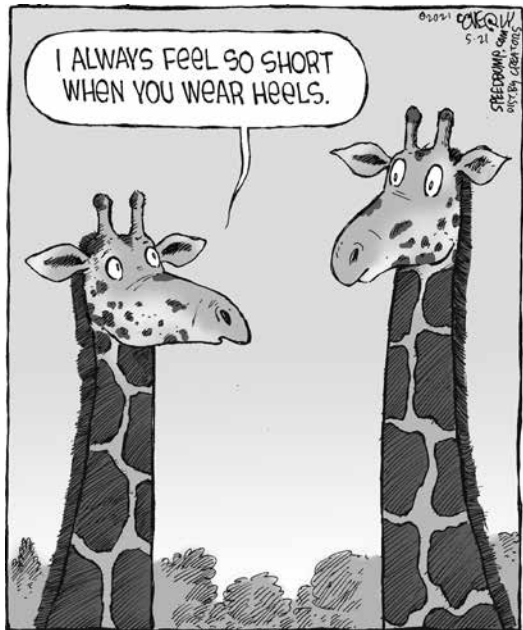
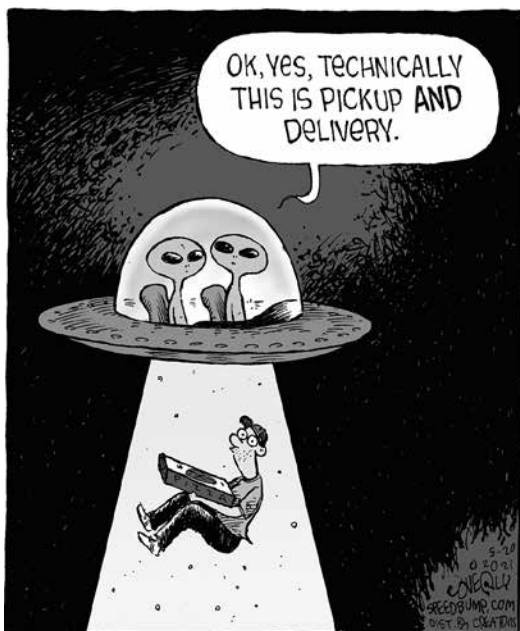
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CITY MEETINGS

- 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 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
- 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.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
- 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

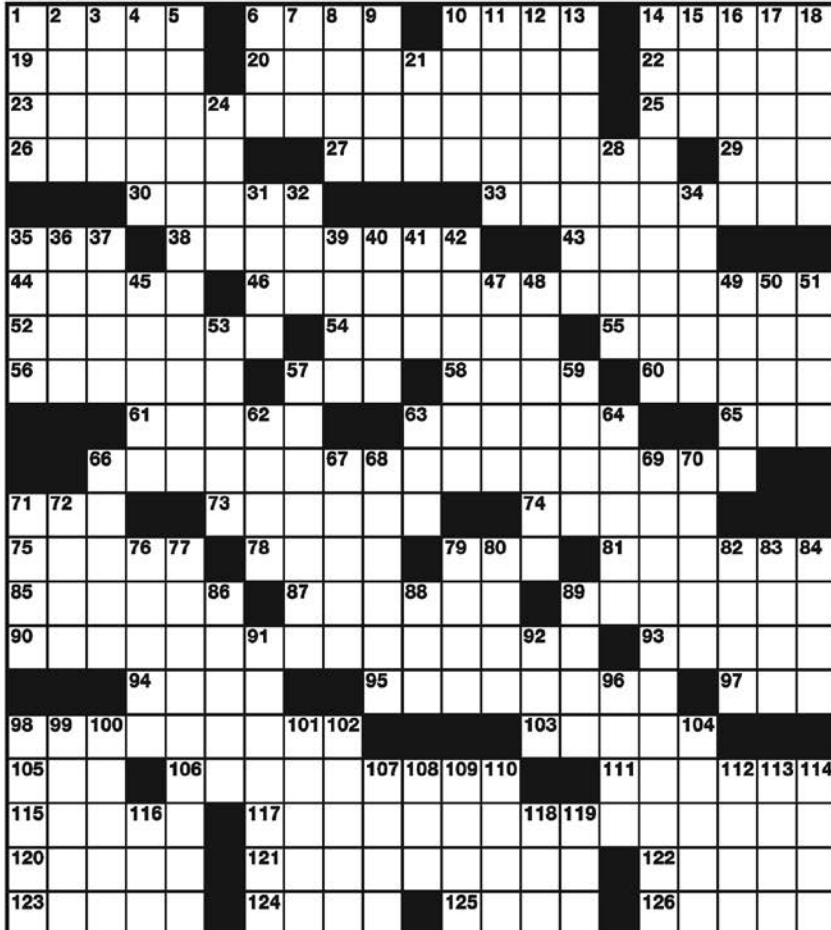
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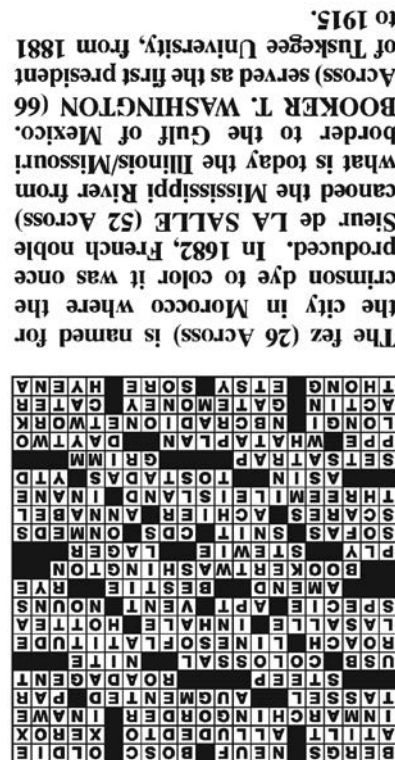


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| 21 Slack off, with "it" | |
| 24 Queen played by Liz | |
| 28 Writer Wharton | |
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| 32 Luau finger food | |
| 34 Reach | |
| 35 WWW pages | |
| 36 Cleaner near a sink | |
| 47 Fruit pulp | |
| 48 Soup legumes | |
| 49 Freeway no-no | |
| 50 Don't allow | |
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| 53 Onion's cousins | |
| 57 Endocrine gland | |
| 59 Rock star Turner | |
| 62 Is left with | |
| 63 Latter-day sweetie | |
| 64 Spur to do | |
| 66 To a great extent | |
| 67 Another time | |
| 68 In the know | |
| 69 Event with shots and sets | |
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| 83 Slight progress | |
| 84 Canine-powered conveyance | |
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| 88 Starter like equip- | |
| 89 PO box, e.g. | |
| 91 Targetable | |
| 92 Be a pest | |
| 96 Intern, for instance | |
| 98 Dropped-egg sound | |
| 99 Important period | |
| 100 Nearing the hour | |
| 101 Trip to the plate | |
| 102 Formal accords | |
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Retired LAPD deputy chief hired as public safety director



■ Dennis Kato takes over as interim public safety director in Norwalk after Grissel Chavez takes Bell Gardens job.

Contributed by the City of Norwalk

NORWALK - The City of Norwalk made immediate efforts to recruit a replacement for former Director of Public Safety, Grissel Chavez, who has moved on to a position with the City of Bell Gardens.

Former Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Deputy Chief Dennis Kato is the new Interim Director of Public Safety. He officially commenced with the city on May 13.

The Public Safety Department is an essential service provided by the city, so an immediate replacement was crucial, which led to the recruitment of Kato. He brings with him 32 years of veteran experience with the LAPD.

He has worked a variety of assignments such as patrol, gangs, vice, narcotics, burglaries, major assault crimes, and Asian Crimes homicides. He has supervised law enforcement personnel for over 19 years and has been a command officer (captain and above) for over 11 years.

As a Deputy Chief, Kato oversaw a workforce of approximately 1,500 officers and 500 civilian personnel.

Norwalk Mayor Jennifer Perez stated, "We are grateful for the work performed by Grissel Chavez, our former Director. She was instrumental in the many efforts performed by the department, including work in combatting homelessness in Norwalk."

As a result, it is important that the City recruit a replacement that will be ready to run the Department and hit the ground running from day one. Mr. Kato has both extensive leadership skills and experience in community policing to continue the work that had been done by the Department of Public Safety

while the City seeks a permanent replacement for director."

As the new Interim Director of Public Safety, Kato now leads and manages day-to-day operations of the Norwalk Public Safety Department and its staff of 52 employees.

Kato expressed his enthusiasm for the new task when he stated, "I'm grateful and excited for this opportunity. My experience with the LAPD along with my training has provided me with the foundation to lead the many efforts here and to expand on the duties of community policing efforts for Norwalk's growing community."

Kato has dealt with many intense policing efforts including several experiences of community unrest during his tenure with the LAPD and this has molded and shaped his view of policing and solidified his commitment to the tenets of community policing. This involves fostering trust between the police and

the community, while aligning policies with community values and prioritizing community engagement.

The City of Norwalk's Department of Public Safety was established in March of 1989 and has since evolved into a model for other cities and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. The Department was created with the intention of establishing the concept of community-based law enforcement services. The City's goal was to find effective solutions to neighborhood concerns of crime, gang activity, juvenile delinquency, narcotics activity, vandalism, and in general the "quality of life" issues in the Norwalk community. The Department regularly resolves many neighborhood issues before they require a law enforcement response through a unique and progressive mix of services, inter-agency partnerships, and community support and cooperation.



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center hung 260 balloons throughout the hospital, signifying the 260 Covid-19 patients treated at the facility over the past year. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Rancho honors Covid-19 survivors

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Thompson added that Rancho also took on patients that needed "safe placement" without necessarily needing complex care.

Inevitably, Rancho did end up taking on patients positive with Covid-19.

"We did bring a number of patients who were acutely ill with Covid into our ICUs, again to create space," said Thompson. "The critical role, the essential role we took on were those patients who had very prolonged, very severe illness and then were on the recovery process."

"Those are the patients that came in for rehab. Most of them had prolonged stays in the ICU on a ventilator. Because of the microvascular impact of Covid on all of the organs, they may have a lot of organ damage; kidney, dialysis, things like that that really just wiped the body out... We did our specialty there, which is rehab."

Rancho created a specialty Covid team specifically for rehab, made up of therapists, physicians, and nurses.

The display this week was a celebration of lives saved and rehabilitated during the pandemic.

"Having gone through this traumatic experience, this really challenging year, I think all of us have been touched by it by some way or another," said Thompson. "We felt that acknowledging the loss that as a nation we've experienced, as families, as individuals is really important, but also acknowledging those that survived, and the positive outcomes for so many as well... each one truly is a celebration."

Rancho also placed a wreath in honor of those who lost their lives to Covid-19.

POETRY MATTERS

"Once there came a man"

Once there came a man
Who said:
"Range me all men of the world in rows."
And instantly
There was a terrific clamor among the people
Against being ranged in rows.
There was a loud quarrel, world-wide.
It endured for ages;
And blood was shed
By those who would not stand in rows,
And by those who pined to stand in rows.
Eventually, the man went to death, weeping.
And those who stayed in the bloody scuffle
Knew not the great simplicity.

Stephen Crane 1871-1900

People today are still quarreling futilely, this time about wearing masks. Best known for his classic novel *The Red Badge of Courage*, Crane was prolific throughout his short life, writing short stories and poems as well. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Downey Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 10 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce presents its 29th annual golf tournament. Due to the pandemic, specific details will be released in the coming weeks. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Classic vehicles welcome but be respectful (no burnouts or engine revving). Bob's Big Boy, 7447 Firestone Blvd.

Warren High School Graduation Part 1, 7 pm. Warren High School's class of 2021 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

Downey High School Graduation Part 1, 7 pm. Downey High School's class of 2021 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

School's Class of 2020 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Warren High School Class of 2020 Graduation, 7 pm. Downey High School's Class of 2020 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Blood Drive, 12-6 pm. Community blood drive benefiting the American Red Cross. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection, 9 am to 3 pm. Bring your household hazardous waste and unwanted electronics for proper disposal. This is a drive-thru event; waste should be placed in a box and in your trunk or pick-up bed. Limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. Southern California Gas Company, 8101 Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Kiwanis Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Vintage cars, live music, raffles, food, 50/50 drawings, and more family-friendly fun. Downey High School parking lot

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

Downey Greek Festival. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a two-day event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

Downey Greek Festival. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a two-day event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Some events may charge admission fees. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Free Shredding, 8-11 am. Bring your documents for free, on-site shredding, courtesy of Rotary Club of Downey and Stonewood Center. Limit one box per person. Shredding will take place in the parking lot near Macy's and Sears.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Columbus High School Graduation, 7 pm. Columbus High School's class of 2021 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Stauffer Middle School Promotion, 10 am. Live, in-person promotion ceremony for Stauffer's outgoing eighth graders. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

Sussman Middle School Promotion, 10 am. Live, in-person promotion ceremony for Sussman's outgoing eighth graders. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Car Show, 6-8:30 pm. Classic car show featuring vehicles from WolfPack Car Club and Los Rumberos Car Club.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Doty Middle School Promotion, 10 am. Live, in-person promotion ceremony for Doty's outgoing eighth graders. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Griffiths Middle School Promotion, 10 am. Live, in-person promotion ceremony for Griffith's outgoing eighth graders. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

Warren High School Graduation Part 2, 7 pm. Warren High School's class of 2021 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

Downey High School Graduation Part 2, 7 pm. Downey High School's class of 2021 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Downey High School Class of 2020 Graduation, 7 pm. Downey High

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Montebello Unified School District at (323) 887-7900

Mentors needed for Operation Jumpstart

Mentors will be paired with students who are either in foster care or unhouseed.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey Care Collaborative is looking for volunteers to mentor fostered and homeless youth through the length of their high school tenure.

According to Victor Manalo, co-convenor of the Downey Care Collaborative, the organization is looking to bring Operation Jumpstart into the city.

"Operation Jumpstart is an organization out of Long Beach, they've been in existence for over 25 years now," said Manalo. "Their mission is to get students in the Long Beach Unified School District who come from under-resourced and low-resourced communities to make sure that they get into a four-year college or university."

"They do it basically through mentoring, and by providing activities and events for the mentors as well as for the students, and they've been very successful."

There have been 20 eighth grade students within Downey Unified School District who have been identified as potential

candidates, which means that there are 40 mentors needed.

Mentors will be screened and interviewed before being matched with their student.

"Part of their success is they match a mentor with their student with very detailed interviews to make sure they're a good match," said Manalo. "Not everyone that volunteers will be matched right away, because we want to make sure they are good matches that last a while."

While there is no financial requirement involved, mentors will be asked to make at least a one-year commitment and required to spend six to eight hours a month with their mentee.

"The way that we envision it happening is that we'll start with the children that we have now who are in eighth grade and soon to be freshmen," said Manalo. "We want to have them in a mentoring relationship throughout high school, so that by the time they graduate high school, they'll have a plan for what they want to do after high school."

"Unlike what they're doing in Long Beach, we want to make sure these kids have multiple options in front of them. Not all kids are able or willing or could even benefit out of going to a four-year university, for example. We want to make sure that in addition to four-year

universities, that students know they can go to a junior college, or a community college, they could go to a trade school, they could get a job, or they could go into the military, that there are a variety of different options.

Manalo added that it is the relationship between the mentor and their pupil that is "the most important."

"Unfortunately, many of these kids don't have very good outcomes after they graduate high school," said Manalo. "Nationwide, what happens is, what we usually find is about 50% - we're just talking about kids in the foster care system - about 50% of them after they graduate high school or after they turn 18 and age out of the foster care system, half of them become homeless or incarcerated within 18 months, which is really a horrible statistic."

We want to change that here in Downey so that we can get youth engaged in some plan ready for them after they graduate from high school so they don't end up being one of the 50% that is homeless or incarcerated within 18 months."

In light of the pandemic, the hours spent with each mentor and mentee can be spent over the phone or on a video call.

For more information, email Manalo at victor@victormanalo.com

Roybal-Allard supports plan to give undocumented students relief

DOWNEY - This week, The U.S. Department of Education announced that it will allow undocumented college students to access over \$36 billion in federal coronavirus relief funding, authorized through the American Rescue Plan. The decision reverses Trump-era guidance that made

undocumented students ineligible to receive relief funding.

Additionally, the department released new guidance detailing how institutions can use these funds to support students with "exceptional need," retain and reengage students, and prevent and help mitigate the spread of

COVID-19.

Per the Department's directive, in order to be eligible for these funds, students must be enrolled or must have been enrolled at an eligible institution on or after the COVID-19 national emergency was declared on March 13, 2020.

After the department's announcement, U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), an original co-author of the Dream Act, issued the following statement:

"I applaud the Biden Administration's Department of Education for its decision to allow over 5,000 institutions of higher education to provide over \$36 billion in American Rescue Plan relief funding to undocumented students, including Dreamers and DACA recipients. These funds are intended to assist students who come from communities that have been hit hardest by the effects of the pandemic, and who are no less deserving of relief funding than anyone else.

"I am glad that our undocumented students will now be able to use these funds to help them afford food, housing, childcare, and other essentials so they can focus on their education and future careers during these difficult times."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021096742**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WHOLSYM, 214 MAIN STREET #551, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IMMERSIONAUTICS LLC, 214 MAIN STREET #551, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

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/IMMERSIONAUTICS LLC, CEO, S/LANCE HILKENE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 26, 2021

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

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

The Downey Patriot 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21, 6/3/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021096246**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DIAMOND REAL ESTATE ONE, 8615 FLORENCE AVE SUITE 103, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4641531
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OBSIDIAN CAPITAL LTD., 8615 FLORENCE AVE SUITE 103, DOWNEY CA 90240

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: 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/OBSIDIAN CAPITAL, LTD., CEO, ENRIQUE SUAREZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 23, 2021

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

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

The Downey Patriot 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021078886**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CASINOS TUXEDO SHOP, 1316 N. HACIENDA BLVD, LA PUENTE CA 91744, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLANCA ANAYA, 1316 N. HACIENDA BLVD, LA PUENTE CA 91744

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: 08/2019

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/BLANCA ANAYA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 2, 2021

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

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

The Downey Patriot 4/29/21, 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021096054**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CLOUD REPUBLIC, 5044 LINDEN AVE APT 8, LONG BEACH CA 90805-6674**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CLAUDIA PALENZIA, 5044 LINDEN AVE APT 8, LONG BEACH CA 90805-6674

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: 03/2021

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).)

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 23, 2021

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

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

The Downey Patriot 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021096561**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SHOP HEMBEL LLC, 9854 KARMONT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 2772, DOWNEY CA 90242**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 202100111561

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHOP HEMBEL LLC, 9854 KARMONT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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/SHOP HEMBEL LLC, CEO, LINA G NEVAREZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 23, 2021

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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 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021088231**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **H5 REALTY, 8252 QUOIT STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CONNIE WATT, UOONG, 8252 QUOIT STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

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: 03/2021

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/CONNIE WATT UOONG, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 14, 2021

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The Downey Patriot 4/29/21, 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021084616**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GURLEY BUILDERS (2) GURLEY BUILDER (3) GURLEY PROPERTIES, 12603 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KAREN MARLENE RHOADES, 12603 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242

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: 02/2021

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/KAREN MARLENE RHOADES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 2021

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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 4/29/21, 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021077475**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ISABELLA BEAUTY SALON, 11804 LONG BEACH BLVD, LYNNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA ISABEL COLATO, 1153 W 74TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90005

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

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/MARIA ISABEL COLATO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 1, 2021

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The Downey Patriot 4/29/21, 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021099532**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **VIRTUAL ZONE (2) VZ DIGITAL MEDIA (3) VZ PRINT, 8672 STATE STREET, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3058342
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BD RICHARDS AND ASSOCIATES, INC., 14051 HARVEST AVE, NORWALK CA 90650

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: 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/BD ADVERTISING AND GRAPHICS, INC., SECRETARY, BERTHA MARIA DUQUE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 28, 2021

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The Downey Patriot 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021076922**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GEM AND LEO MARKET, 7743 LUXOR ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARMEN GARCIA VALERA, 7743 LUXOR 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: 03/2021

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S/CARMEN GARCIA VALERA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 21, 2021

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The Downey Patriot 4/29/21, 4/29/21, 5/6/21, 5/13/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2021085746**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FRIDA TEA (2) UFGUOLO (3) NUCLEUS CONSULTING (4) THE ENTREPRENEUR EXPERIMENT, 7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NUCLEUS ENDEAVORS LLC, 7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA 90241

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/MANAGING MEMBER, MARK GARZA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 12, 2021

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The Downey Patriot 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-11 SOUTH DOWNEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

STATE PROJECT NO. ATP-5334(065)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, June 3, 2021**, which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 17-11 - South Downey Safe Routes to School Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of sidewalk construction on 10 street segments within the southerly portion of the City of Downey. This project includes the removal of existing improvements, construction of new sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, adjustments of utility boxes to grade, parking re-grading, landscaping and irrigation restoration; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 17-11.**

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$40.00 per set.** The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-11. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City of Downey. Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid **State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C-8, "Concrete Contractor"**.

In accordance with California Labor Code section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his other work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including but not limited to the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded to be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the

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The Downey Patriot
4/29/21, 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00146
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROBERTO OROZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO to Proposed name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO 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: JUNE 30, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, 8301 E. FLORENCE AVE., SUITE 100, DOWNEY, CA 90240
APRIL 30, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ROBERTO OROZCO
9127 HIGHTREE ST
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
(562) 383-1243
ROROZCO04@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot
5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00143
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PRISCILLA AMBER MILLER ON BEHALF OF AALIYAH JADE MILLER ZAMORANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) AALIYAH JADE MILLER ZAMORANO to Proposed name (1) AALIYAH JADE MILLER ZAMORANO 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: JUNE 28, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, APRIL 27, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21CMCP00050
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMANTHA GOODSON-JUAREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SAMANTHA GOODSON-JUAREZ to Proposed name (1) SAMANTHA JANE GOODSON
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: JUNE 17, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room 904
The address of the court is 200 W. COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220
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, APRIL 15, 2021
JUDGE KRISTIN S. ESCALANTE
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00157
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD to Proposed name (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS HOLDEN
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: JULY 2, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, MAY 11, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAYMOND RAMIREZ, JR.
Case No. 21STPB01246
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RAYMOND RAMIREZ, JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Raymond Ramirez III in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS

ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Raymond Ramirez III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant this authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
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Attorney for petitioner:
JOHN F BAZAN ESQ
SBN 208509
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I like a house but it's being sold 'subject to interior inspection.' What does that mean?



would be unethical to make an offer on the house based on its size and location but high for the neighborhood as if it was all fixed up and remodeled if you already have seen a description and pictures that indicate the property is a fixer-upper.

"Why," you may be asking yourself, "would someone make a too-high offer like that?" Because an offer subject to interior inspection is sometimes the only way you can get an appointment to see a property inside (especially on properties currently occupied by the seller's tenant, because he normally doesn't want the tenant to know the property is even for sale before he has the foundations of a good offer on the table, lest the tenant freak out, give notice and vacate). So you don't want to offer \$525k on a property whose condition indicates it is worth more like \$450k just so you can get an appointment to see it with the plan to reduce your offer to \$440k after the showing. You could be in trouble if the tenant leaves and it becomes clear that you never had any intention of honoring the \$525k offer, because you could be found responsible for the now-vacant state of the yet-unsold property, and the

vacancy could be costing the owner money.

One thing about an offer subject to interior inspection that is true for most offers but doubly true for this type is that you must be prepared to prove, and include paperwork to the effect, that you are qualified for the offer you are making. This means you must include your preapproval letter. And you must provide bank or securities statements or other verifiable proof that you have the cash you are proposing to put as a down payment and closing costs. Without this important documentation of your qualifications, your offer subject to interior inspection is unlikely to be substantial enough to merit disturbing the occupants for a showing. In other words, nobody is going to take it seriously.

But if you really do want to buy something, and you really are considering this property you are offering on, then the need to include that information should not preclude you from offering. In the chance that your offer is accepted, you're going to have to get the ball rolling on your financing right away, and it will be easiest to get that to happen if you have already done the preliminary preparation.

The bottom line on offers subject to interior inspection is that a smart and gutsy buyer should be open to making them. Properties that only hear these kinds of offers usually sell for less because so few buyers are willing to put up with a requirement to be so bold. But just do the best research you can, make a real offer in good faith, and then adjust your offer if you are surprised by anything you discover when you get your showing.

The seller may agree to any adjustment you propose, they may counter-offer, and they may reject your adjustment. As long as all this is done within

the Buyer's Contingency Period (usually 17 days from the original offer's acceptance but frequently negotiated to fewer days), you can cancel the transaction. As long as no costs have been incurred on the escrow (such as an appraisal on behalf of your lender, etc.), it is likely you will be entitled to a full refund of your deposit. (Although, I'm not an attorney and each individual offer to purchase has its own minutia of rules, so please don't take what I'm saying as any kind of guarantee that you will get your deposit back no matter what if you cancel.)

There are a small percentage of available listings that are listed in the MLS as "subject to interior inspection". That means the seller doesn't want to be bothered with showings, because perhaps the property is occupied by a tenant who doesn't yet know the property is for sale, or perhaps the owner lives there and has a health issue, or there is a divorce going on or... there could be a thousand reasons. Maybe the seller just doesn't want to have to keep his house clean enough for showing all the time! So you must get your estimation of whether or not you want it and how much you think it's worth by driving by, looking at the MLS photos and description (from now or perhaps from previous times the home was sold), aerial views such as Google Earth or Google Maps, and looking at the statistics in the area.

When a buyer writes an offer "subject to interior inspection", he is admitting he hasn't seen the inside of the property yet, and he is making his offer just based on the front facade and the comparable sales. Upon agreeing to the fundamentals of the offer, the owner will then offer the buyer an opportunity to see inside, but until then, he doesn't want his family or his tenant bothered with "lookie-loos" who aren't really qualified to buy under acceptable terms. Then, after the viewing, if there were any surprises, the buyer can propose revisions to his

offered price or terms (within an agreed-upon time period), and if the seller doesn't agree, he can walk away, usually with his whole deposit refunded.

Before you offer, the listing agent may do his best to describe the interior, and you will see photos and things on the MLS listing, and the rules of "good faith" deem that you should do your best to use the available information to make an offer you think suits the property. What I mean by that is that it

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