



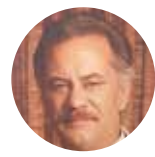
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Hospitals get stricter with visitors

■ Hospital visitors must be vaccinated or show results from a recent COVID-19 test, according to new state guidelines.

Visitors at hospitals, skilled nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities in California are now required to show proof of full vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test.

The requirement was part of a state Public Health Officer Order issued on Aug. 5 that also requires all workers at health care facilities to be fully vaccinated by Sept. 30.

The visitation order requires the affected healthcare facilities to verify visitors are fully vaccinated or have received a negative COVID test, with the test specimen collected within 72 hours of the visit.

Health facilities also must maintain records of vaccine/testing verifications of visitors.

Meanwhile, those visiting health facilities are continued to be required to wear face coverings.

People visiting a patient in critical condition, "when death may be imminent," may be given an exemption. The rules also do not apply to people conducting a solely outdoor visit that does not require entering the building.

"As we respond to the dramatic increase in cases, transmission prevention measures must be increased for the protection of the patients in the facilities referenced in this order," according to the mandate from state Public Health Officer Dr. Tomas Aragon.

"This can be done by reducing the risk that visitors to these facilities are bringing COVID-19 from the community and introducing it into these settings."

In response to the state health order, PIH Health released its own updated visitation policies.

Visitors will only be allowed to enter by showing one of the following:

Vaccination card, photo of a vaccination card, vaccination passport, photo of a vaccination passport (must include visitor's name, and date of each vaccination).

Hard copy of a negative COVID-19 test result in which the test was taken less than 72 hours prior to entrance (must include the visitor's name and date of test).

In addition, please be aware of the following:

PIH Health hospitals have adjusted their visiting policy to allow one (1) visitor per patient per day with single entrance only (no exiting and re-entering).

Visitors accompanying a patient to an Outpatient Department located within the hospital, but with a separate entrance, including the Emergency Department, will be required to drop off the patient at the Outpatient Entrance, then enter through the Main Entrance for screening and badging, before returning to the Outpatient Department.

Visitors must wear a surgical mask supplied by PIH Health (which may be worn over their own mask). Masks must remain in place throughout the entire visit.

Visitors must physically distance themselves from all healthcare providers

What will City Council meetings look like post pandemic?

■ Phone calls and emails have allowed residents to participate in meetings from home but it has also sparked abuse.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey City Council still plans to allow written correspondence to be addressed in their meetings at the end of the pandemic.

Prior to the pandemic, meeting rules operated under the assumption that residents who wished to address the council on an issue would physically attend council meetings.

However, ever since meetings were forced to close to the public, participants were allowed the opportunity to either email their comments prior to the meeting and have them read into the record, or to call in while the meeting was in progress.

Though still currently under emergency orders which allow for such participation, some questions have arisen as to if the council would still accept emails and phone calls during their meetings once the pandemic has concluded.

Councilman Mario Trujillo was wary of what he described as "abuse" by some callers.

"With the pandemic, we learned that the public could access our council meetings through technology; they could communicate with us, they could call in," said Trujillo. "Some residents of the city wanted to know if we were going to continue to allow that, to develop rules that would allow members of the public to call in their comments."

"I thought we would bring it up for discussion to see what are the current rules, and do we want to do that. There's so much abuse that was obvious by the amount of people calling in. It's sad that some of those people are probably going to ruin it for others."

Though he didn't mention them specifically by name, Trujillo was likely referring to regular council antagonists Armando Herman and Wayne Spindler, who regularly call multiple times during a meeting and try to trick and confuse the council by disguising their voices.

Councilman Sean Ashton expressed concern over the elimination of accepting emails for the meeting.



"When we first opened up again a month or two ago, it was kind of said, 'We're not going to do emails anymore.' No, I don't get that," said Ashton. "Usually when people want to complain about something, or do something, or say something to their city representatives, usually the first thing is I'm going to come to city council and talk to them. Obviously, some people can't be here at 10 p.m. in the evening or later to address some of those concerns."

While residents always have the option to email their representatives at any time for any issue, the issue at hand was if public comment emails to the city clerk would be read - or at the very least accounted for - in each meeting's official record.

Ultimately, the council decided to keep emails as a viable option for the public at their meetings, while leaving whether they are read or merely tallied (in approval or opposition of an agenda item) to the discretion of the mayor.

Submitted emails will also be made public online.

Trujillo still encouraged residents to email the council whenever there was an issue, and not to necessarily "wait for a council meeting."

"We tend to be good about responding," said Trujillo. "We try to make ourselves accessible at all times to people."

In addition, Ashton requested that the city broadcast meetings over Zoom in addition to YouTube.

"I know we've had meetings where we've had to wait because something's been going on with YouTube," said Ashton. "My whole thing is I want to give people at least access to say 'Hey, this is what we're doing here, so watch us.'"

"If the YouTube isn't working very well, then maybe this can be a backup, or have the YouTube be a backup and have (Zoom) be the main thing. I think having both is a good idea."

According to city officials, both Zoom and YouTube would be viable options whether used concurrently or separate. Residents who watch on Zoom will not be able to participate through the platform.



Photo by Eric Pierce

Theater management company has contract extended

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey's contract with VenueTech for the management of the Downey Civic Theatre has been extended for 15 months.

The VenueTech contract was originally agreed upon in 2010 for a period of five years, after which the city could extend the agreement by two three-year periods.

Having been extended twice, the contract was set to expire on Dec. 31 this year.

The theatre lost significant revenues over the period of March 2020 to July 2021, due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

and the safety restrictions placed on live entertainment. As such, both parties sought the extension to account for the lost operational time.

The contract extension comes at the tune of \$258,443.70. It will now expire on March 31, 2023.

According to staff's report, there is an anticipated steady and significant demand for live entertainment shows and for the immediate rental of the theatre. The extension would allow for a seamless transition into the "current Los Angeles County reopening climate."

The Downey City Council approved the extension as part of the consent agenda on a 4-0 vote, with no additional discussion and Mayor Claudia M. Frometa absent.

Free daily meals available to all Downey students

■ All students can now receive free meals on campus, regardless of their family's income.

DOWNEY - The Downey Unified School District announced its policy to serve free nutritious meals to all students every school day under what is known as the "Seamless Summer Option."

This nationwide waiver will allow students the ability to access breakfast and lunch at no charge from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

After a short break at the end of July, Downey Unified's Food Service staff is back in action and will again be making free breakfast and lunch meals accessible to students during morning, snack and/or lunch breaks at all 20 school locations:

- Alameda Elementary
- Carpenter Elementary
- Gallatin Elementary
- Gauldin Elementary
- Imperial Elementary
- Lewis Elementary
- Old River Elementary
- Price Elementary
- Rio Hondo Elementary
- Rio San Gabriel Elementary
- Unsworth Elementary
- Ward Elementary
- Williams Elementary

- Doty Middle School
- Griffiths Middle School
- Stauffer Middle School
- Sussman Middle School

- Columbus High School
- Downey High School
- Warren High School

For those students who are attending school via online learning and for all other children 18 years of age and under, breakfast and lunch can be accessed at no charge from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations:

- Carpenter Elementary
- Rio San Gabriel Elementary

Families who usually apply and/or participate in the free and reduced-price meal program do not need to submit an application for this program as meals are free to all students through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

A Supplemental Benefits Form, which gathers similar details, was included within Downey Unified's registration process in an effort to obtain the needed information to meet state and federal requirements.

For additional information please contact Downey Unified's Food Services Senior Secretary, Marisol Alarid, at (562) 469-6674 or malarid@dusd.net.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 85°

Saturday 83°

Sunday 87°

THINGS TO DO



Boat Cinema
Friday, 8 pm
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Catch a screening of "Friday the 13th" from your own personal mini boat right on the water. Prices start at \$49



Smorgasburg Los Angeles
Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm
Row DTLA

A large, open-air food market with hundreds of vendors and a family-friendly beer garden. Free admission.

ON THIS DAY AUGUST 12

1898:

Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States.

1898:

The peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed.

1953:

The Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

1966:

John Lennon apologized at a news conference in Chicago for saying "the Beatles are more popular than Jesus."

1981:

IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150.

1994:

Major League Baseball players went on strike, forcing the cancellation of that year's World Series.

1998:

Swiss banks agreed to pay \$1.25 billion as restitution to Holocaust survivors to settle claims for their assets.

2004:

New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey announced his resignation and proclaimed himself "a gay American."

2004:

The California Supreme Court voided the nearly 4,000 same-sex marriages sanctioned in San Francisco earlier in the year.

Viral Tweet of the Week

when your parents are not rich but still afford to give you a beautiful life, please appreciate their sacrifice. @Onlyfeels

Birthdays

"Baby Got Back" rapper **Sir Mix-A-Lot** (58), actress **Rebecca Gayheart** (50), tennis hall of famer **Pete Sampras** (50), heavyweight boxer **Tyson Fury** (33), Italian soccer player **Mario Balotelli** and Dodgers pitcher **Julio Urias** (25).

Norwalk residents honor COVID-19 victims with march on city streets

Residents marched on Norwalk streets Saturday to honor those who have died of the virus.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK - Family and friends of COVID-19 victims marched in silence to Norwalk city hall Saturday to establish a memorial and raise awareness for the virus.

The march was organized by Norwalk resident Marlene Bojorquez, who created a Yellow Heart Memorial on her lawn after losing her father during the pandemic.

Yellow Heart Memorials were established in cities across the county to remember the victims of COVID-19. The organization also coordinated 30 other marches across 20 states on Aug. 7.

Norwalk city council declared Aug. 7 as COVID-19 Awareness Day in the city, during their recent meeting. The virus has claimed 377 lives in Norwalk.

"When my dad died, I wanted to do something to make sure people were aware that COVID is real and that we are losing loved ones," said Bojorquez. "As part of the Yellow Heart Memorial, I thought I could organize a walk here for my dad and for the loved

ones in the area."

Arturo Rivas, 13, also took part in the march after losing his father to the virus on Feb. 1.

"I wasn't thinking he would pass away. I was ready for him to come back home. I thought he would come back safely and we would all be fine," said Rivas. "I didn't get to say goodbye. We got a call at 3 am, and they said they couldn't save them."

An estimated 100 people walked down Norwalk Boulevard to city hall, where family and friends tied yellow ribbons with the victim's name around a small fence.

When one-year-old Victoria Rodriguez saw her great-grandmother's photo next to her ribbon on the memorial, she went to kiss the picture of her great-grandmother.

Anabel Huerta, 25, lost both of her parents to COVID-19, and was also unable to say goodbye to her family. Her cousin, Nancy Pulido, lost her father as well.

The cousins shared their anger over California's reopening and lifting of mask mandates.

"We're back in another wave because the mask mandates came off. That was so dumb," said Pulido.

Bojorquez agreed that California lifted the mask mandate too soon, as the highly contagious delta variant claims

more lives across the state.

While many agreed that mask mandates were lifted too soon, there was disagreement among the demonstrators about mandating the COVID-19 vaccine.

Companies such as Disney and Google require their employees to get the COVID vaccine. President Biden announced that all federal workers must get vaccinated as well.

"I agree with the vaccine mandates," said Pulido. "In order for us to be on the same page, we all need to do our part. Getting vaccinated is our part."

"Getting vaccinated is up to you," said Bojorquez's mother, Margie Briones. "Everyone has their own beliefs. It's been forced on people, that's not our country."

Norwalk city council has expressed the idea of creating a permanent COVID-19 memorial in the city.

Mayor Jennifer Perez, who took part in the march, feels a permanent memorial would be welcomed by the city.

Bojorquez hopes to organize or take part in future COVID-19 awareness demonstrations, as she continues to add names to her Yellow Heart Memorial on her front lawn at 12922 McLaren St.



An estimated 100 people walked down Norwalk Boulevard to remember the victims of COVID-19 on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021. Norwalk declared Aug. 7 as COVID-19 Awareness Day in the city. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

Hit and run driver sought

NORWALK - Sheriff's investigators are asking the public's help in finding the driver of a utility van who struck and killed an elderly woman in Norwalk on Sunday and then sped off.

The collision occurred Sunday at around 8:11 am near the intersection of Pioneer and Firestone boulevards.

Authorities say the driver of the van struck the woman while pulling out of the parking lot and continued driving without stopping to help the woman. The woman died at the scene.

The driver returned a few minutes later but left again without telling sheriff's deputies he was the person who struck the woman.

The van is described as a white GMC Savannah 3500. Anyone with information is asked to call the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711. Tips can also be made anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477.

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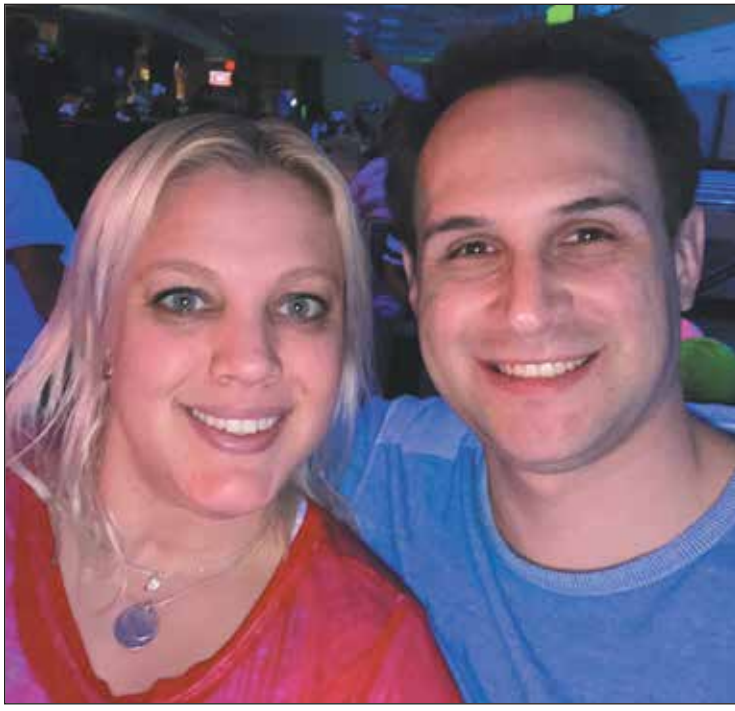
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Wedding Announcement



Thirty-year Downey residents Herb and Susan Fortner proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Courtney Alexis, to Mr. Jonathan Matthew Dean of Westminster.

A member of the city of Downey's Youth Hall of Fame, the bride attended Spencer Williams, Old River, and West Middle schools here in Downey while participating in many local athletic programs and community theater productions, and St. Joseph High School in Lakewood. As an academic and athletic standout while there in track and field and soccer, she earned soccer team MVP and All Serra League honors while also performing at the Premier level of the Coast Soccer League. She is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton, and later graduated from medical school in 2018.

The groom attended Huntington Beach High School and was an academic standout as well as a member of the Academy for the Performing Arts based at Huntington Beach High School. At APA, Jonathan participated in many stage performances in musical theater, dramatic theater, and dance. A graduate of California State University Long Beach, he is the son of Mary Montes of Westminster and Robert Dean of Mason, Ohio.

An early evening occasion, the ceremony took place at the Casa de Lago event venue in Orange on July 10. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Clifford Broadway, who helped compose the couple's wedding vows and kept the guests rousing entertained during the proceedings with amusing stories of the couple's beginnings and subsequent adventures. Luana Weinkauff of Orange served as Maid of Honor while Josh Allton of Irvine served as Best Man.

The wedding was attended by 140 relatives and guests, many coming from as far away as Boise, Idaho; Seattle, Washington; Nashville, Tennessee; and Columbus, Ohio. The wedding was followed by a dinner reception.

The bride recently completed her residency in family medicine at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio, and is now practicing with the Mercy Group in Cincinnati.

A former business copywriter and journalist, the groom recently completed his Ohio teaching certification at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and is now teaching high school English for the Jefferson Township School District in Dayton.

The couple recently constructed a new home in Mason, Ohio, and returned from a two-week honeymoon at the Disneyworld and Universal Studios theme parks in Florida.



Greg Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary in Downey, enjoys reading the Downey Patriot so much that he takes it everywhere he goes, even 75 feet deep off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii.



On July 31, the Downey PF Flyers 12U team competed in the 2021 USSSA World Series San Diego. They took 1st place against teams from all over the United States.



The next Keep Downey Beautiful cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21, at 9 am at the intersection of Old River School Rd. and Burns Ave. All equipment is provided, volunteers are welcome.

Police officers to stay on high school campuses

DOWNEY - Downey police officers will continue to have a presence at Downey, Warren, and Columbus high school campuses as school resource officers (SRO's) for the 2021-22 academic school year.

The program between the city and Downey Unified School District has been in place for several years, in an attempt to both provide security for students and build a relationship between officers and the youth in the city.

"We have different officers assigned each day of the week, and they have time to interact with the students there," said Captain Leslie Murray at Tuesday's council meeting. "It's a dual purpose program that has been very successful in the past, and I know the school District really appreciates having us there as well."

Officers will be paid on an overtime basis, using funds from a \$6,250 grant from Gangs out of Downey. Once that amount has been fully expended, the city will invoice the district for the cost of the SRO's for the balance of the academic year.

The agreement was approved unanimously 4-0, with Mayor Claudia M. Frometa absent.

Volunteers needed for Dia de los Muertos Festival

DOWNEY - Volunteers are needed for Downey's Dia de los Muertos Art Festival, taking place Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Downey Theatre.

The festival, which is returning after a two-year hiatus -- the event was canceled in 2019 due to construction at the theater and in 2020 due to COVID-19 -- will feature ballet folklorico performances, two stages of live music and dancing, a beer and wine garden, artisan vendors, traditional fine arts from local Latinx artists, and more.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Grounds Volunteers - These are the eyes and ears of the festival, making sure everything is running smoothly and helping bus picnic tables and food truck areas.

Calaveras Volunteers -- These volunteers will help children paint and decorate calaveras, keeping kids safe and clean.

Lobby Volunteers -- The Downey Theatre lobby will serve as a cooling center for festival guests who need a break. These volunteers will welcome festivalgoers, answer questions, and show the professional art exhibit on display.

Sanitizing and Cleaning -- Volunteers are needed to sanitize high touch point areas throughout the festival.

Downey native earns white coat

DOWNEY - Ryan Ulibarri of Downey was among the 115 new medical students who received their white coat and took an oath during ceremonies held by Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine on Aug. 7.

The Class of 2025's 115 future doctors participated in a ceremony, held in virtually every other medical school in the nation, designed to welcome new medical students into the profession.

Students recited an oath acknowledging their responsibilities as future physicians and their obligations to future patients. Then they were cloaked with the white coat -- the mantle of the medical profession. White coats were provided by The Stanley J. Dudrick, M.D., and Alan G. Goldstein Endowed Fund.



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Things you didn't know about Downey: The Duck Lady

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

A Southeast News article dated May 6, 1981, chronicled Downey's "Duck Lady," who kept 150 of the animals at her home and the city's legal efforts to have them evicted.

Downey's famed Duck Lady -- Elizabeth Anna MacKinnon -- died at age 81. At the time, everyone realized it was only a matter of time before the many species of ducks, geese and other fowl she sold from her rustic home on Lakewood Boulevard at Cleta Street would have to find a new home.

In November 1980, the Southeast News reported that about 700 birds had been removed and sold to a firm in Riverside by property officers of the Security Pacific Bank, executor of Mrs. MacKinnon's estate. According to Downey city prosecutor Martin Mayer, though they have changed residences, over 150 ducks, geese, chickens and pigeons were still living in the city and SEACA had taken the birds' new owners to court, as well as the woman who allowed the birds to be stored in the backyard of her home on Phlox Street.

A fight started over who owned the birds and it wasn't clear how the ducks, swans, pigeons and geese got over to the home of Gladys Wellman on the 8100 block of Phlox Street. According to Mrs. Wellman, she allowed the ducks and other fowl to be kept at her home until January 18, when she got a citation for violation of four provisions of the Downey Municipal Code on what animals you would be allowed to have at your home. One provision prohibits keeping more than five chickens, rabbits, pigeons, or

a combination of some or all of them.

Another provision prohibits keeping animals which create a noise nuisance. The third provision states that such animals must be kept at least 50 feet from any dwelling, and the fourth deals with sanitation and the removal of animal feces.

SEACA reported that the pigeons were maintained in a coop which appeared to be overcrowded and not to have been cleaned for some time. The rest of the birds were kept in an area that was "muddy, unkept, and full of fowl material." A report of a dead duck was in the middle of the area and extreme unsanitary conditions were included in the report.

Mrs. MacKinnon's property went into probate after her death and, according to Security Pacific Bank officials, the lot was put on the market for sale.

Many people in Downey may still remember buying chickens and ducks from the Duck Lady.

Early Growth in Downey

After John Downey and his associates established the Downey Tract from part of the old Rancho Santa Gertrudes in 1873, growth was brisk in Downey.

Downey and his chief partner, M.D. Crawford, built the Central Hotel at Venable and Front streets (now La Reina and Firestone). T.J. Carney was hired to act as innkeeper, John Dollard was clerk.

The new business center grew from the northwest corner of Crawford and Front streets (Downey Avenue and Firestone).

Then Caleb Crowell moved his general store from the College Settlement (at Paramount and Alameda) to the

new business hub.

Of note was the purchase of a lot on Front Street to Aunt Millie Rice in 1874. She opened a hotel and ran it for more than a decade before moving to her ranch on Foster Road to the west of town.

Southern Pacific built a railroad depot here in 1888, described as one of the finest outside Los Angeles.

Downey gained a certain notoriety it later tried to forget when Benbrook and McGaugh opened a saloon, called the Benbrook, near the depot. It became popular with transients who drank and played cards in the evenings.

This activity continued until an impatient community passed an initiative in 1905 banning the sale of liquor (long before Prohibition).

E.M. and Samuel Frankel, brothers, bought property at the southeast corner of Front and Crawford and relocated their family store from its old Gallatin location. It was a substantial two-story brick building. They were followed by several other businesses that moved from Gallatin.

Albert Horton became famous for his wagon which sold goods to the farmers in the more remote parts of town.

William Dickenson produced handmade tin cans and other hardware from his store at Second and Crawford. Later his location was occupied by Bertrand Drug Company and Elton Waller's appliance store.

In 1878, the north portion of the same lot became Downey's first post office.

The city's first newspaper, The Downey Review, began printing in 1888 and was run by Jim Rives.

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Blood Drive, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Blood drive benefiting the American Red Cross. Make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org or call (800) 733-2767. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12425 Orizaba Ave.

Ribbon Cutting: Pelitos, 10 am. A ribbon cutting ceremony presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Pelitos Hair Salon, 7649 Firestone Blvd.

Ribbon Cutting: Guacamaya Oasis, 4 pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Guacamaya Oasis, 8830 Apollo Way

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament, 5 pm. Compete against other gamers in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate to win cash prizes. \$10 entry fee. The event will also be streamed live on Twitch. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

"Unidos" Closing Reception, 7-9 pm. Closing reception for "Unidos," a group art exhibition highlighting stories of adversity, growth and healing from the past year. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Litter Clean-Up, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful volunteers in a one-hour community clean-up. Meet in the parking lot at Old River School Rd. and Burns Ave.

Fire Station Open Houses. Downey firefighters are offering tours of two newly-renovated fire stations. Face coverings required. Fire Station No. 2 (9556 Imperial Hwy.) from 10 am to 12 pm and Fire Station No. 4 (9349 Florence Ave.) from 1-3 pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Dr. Mary Stauffer Celebration of Life. Public is invited 10 am to 2 pm at Stauffer Middle School, with a service starting at 11 am and light refreshments following. You can find out more details by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/mrsfCOL>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Car Show, 10 am to 4 pm. Latin World Car Club Los Angeles presents a benefit car show featuring classic vehicles, 50/50 raffles, and more, with proceeds benefiting military ministries. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Kiwanis Golf Tournament, 11 am. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis hosts its annual golf tournament, raising money for college scholarships and the Downey YMCA's new facility. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Clint Black in Concert, 7 pm. Grammy Award winning country music star Clint Black performs live. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

31st Annual Rancho Golf Classic, 11 am. The Rancho Foundation's annual golf fundraiser benefiting patient programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Online registration now open. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr. in Whittier

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Claudia Frometa and Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco provide an update on the City of Downey's current status. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey vs. Warren football game, 7 pm. Downey High hosts the annual rivalry game, which this year marks the end of the regular seasons for Downey and Warren. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Dia de los Muertos Art Festival, 11 am to 8 pm. Downey's annual festival featuring folklorico dancers, two stages of entertainment, film screenings, artisan vendors, and more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Downey Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade returns, presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Downey Avenue, from Florence to 3rd Street.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along, 2 pm. This interactive presentation of Disney's favorite classic has been customized with on-screen lyrics for all the songs so that audiences can sing along. Your hosts will introduce each performance and in addition, goody bags are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to participate. Add to the fun by dressing up as a favorite character from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Willy Chirino, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. First of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Grease Sing-Along, 7 pm. Hand jive in the aisles, enjoy specialty treats and drinks and get ready to fall in love with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John all over again as you sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mariachi Los Camperos, 4 pm. Two-Time Grammy award winner Mariachi Los Camperos originated in 1961 and played a fundamental role in the development of Mariachi music in the United States and was the first to take the Mariachi performances out of customary locations such as cantinas and into concert halls. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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Opinion

It takes a village to end human trafficking

By Mara Vanderslice Kelly

Human trafficking is the act of compelling someone into work or commercial sex through force, fraud, or coercion. It is illegal everywhere but happens every day in big cities and small towns across the United States.

Human trafficking takes many forms: A foster care youth forced into commercial sex work by someone pretending to be her “boyfriend;” a migrant locked in a house, compelled to cook and clean; a man with a mental health disability laboring in a poultry processing plant for no pay. It occurs across oceans and in our own backyards.

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion a year industry. There are more than 40 million victims worldwide -- including many in the United States. The National Human Trafficking Hotline recorded 11,500 domestic cases in 2019.

And those were just the reported cases. Many more are never brought to light.

Sadly, marginalized communities -- including people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, undocumented immigrants, and survivors of abuse -- are more likely to become victims. Studies estimate that 40% of U.S. sex trafficking victims are Black Americans and over 60% of labor trafficking victims are Hispanic.

There is no silver bullet to end human trafficking, and it won't happen overnight. However, a concerted effort from all levels of society to combat this evil is our best hope to end it.

When communities come together, we can develop a comprehensive response. United Way is proud to leverage our network of more than 1,000 United Ways in 40 countries to identify and support local stakeholders in the fight against trafficking. By mobilizing individuals, businesses, governments, and nonprofit organizations, our Center to Combat Human Trafficking helps coordinate efforts to end this systemic injustice.

This comprehensive approach is being piloted in cities across the country, from Las Vegas to Atlanta. Each program is designed to address each community's unique challenges, from child abuse to poverty to homelessness.

Companies can work to educate their employees and marshal donations toward projects dedicated to combatting trafficking. Many employees at UPS, for instance, are trained to spot signs of trafficking on their daily routes. UPS employees have given millions of dollars to anti-trafficking efforts led by United Way's Center.

Additionally, business leaders can strive to employ survivors of trafficking. Secure employment and financial stability help reduce one's risk of being trafficked again. Employing survivors may require more

inclusive hiring practices, like not automatically disqualifying those with criminal records. As one advisor at the Human Trafficking Legal Center explains, trafficking victims are often “arrested and prosecuted for their traffickers' crimes.”

Individuals can support anti-human trafficking initiatives by considering their purchasing choices. Consumers can look for signs of sex and labor trafficking in stores, salons, hotels, and restaurants. They can research whether brands employ responsible sourcing practices in their supply chains.

Concerned voters have immense influence to wield, too. Congress will soon reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which was first passed in 2000 to prosecute traffickers and support survivors. Americans can call their representatives and urge them to pass this legislation and fund anti-trafficking efforts.

Every day, our lives intersect with this issue through the products we purchase, the systems we perpetuate, and people we pass on the street. Each of us has the opportunity and ability to combat human trafficking. United, we can end it.

Mara Vanderslice Kelly is the Executive Director of the United Way Center to Combat Human Trafficking.

The American labor crisis

By Salena Zito

It's 4:30 in the morning, and Raymond Mikesell's alarm has gone off.

Within an hour, as the first rays of pink and orange morning light reflect off the skyscrapers in the city, Mikesell is at his restaurant, Cafe Raymond, in Pittsburgh's Strip District, the city's Main Street for small businesses.

On his way to the restaurant, he stops by the food terminals, hoping they will have the produce and stock he needs for the day. But he ends up having to turn away the beverage distributor at his own loading dock.

“Ordered over \$1,000 in bottled water, tea and drinks and he tells me he only has about \$100 worth of the supplies I ordered for the day. It's the third time this week this has happened,” said Mikesell, 55, shaking his head.

And, as far as workers go, all he can do is hope that everyone shows up for their shifts and that maybe today someone will answer the ad he placed in March looking for servers.

So far, he said, no one has shown up to interview for the jobs, which pay more than the \$15 an hour progressives have demanded all businesses -- including small ones -- pay employees.

Joe Mistick, sitting on the balcony of Cafe Raymond, said the problems small business owners face here in the Strip District are a microcosm of what's happening across the country.

“If it is happening here, it is happening everywhere,” said Mistick, former chief of staff to two Pittsburgh mayors and current law professor at Duquesne University.

There are 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, accounting for 99% of all American businesses, according to data collected by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

And a lot of small businesses in America are facing a crisis right now that stems from a perfect storm of problems: a short-handed workforce, a broken supply chain and inflation that is very real, despite President Joe Biden's dismissal of it as “temporary.”

Generous federal unemployment benefits funded by Biden's American Rescue Plan currently give people \$300 per week in federal money to supplement state jobless aid, which also averages \$300 a week. Add those numbers up, and the motivation for workers to stay

home rather than get a job is real.

“We Are Hiring” signs are plastered all over small shops in the Strip District. A poster saying “Temporarily Closed” has hung on the door of Deluca's Diner for weeks because they can't find servers and cooks, according to the owner's father.

This has all led to a broken supply chain, explains Jimmy Coen, owner of three sports-themed variety stores called Yinzers.

“If, somewhere along the supply chain, someone does not have enough workers to either make their products or load their products or deliver their products, the small businessperson is left uncertain if he or she will have in stock what the consumer demands.”

As a result, shortages in everything have spread across the country -- from labor to lumber and from swimming pool chemicals to ketchup packages. Even if products are getting made, there's a dearth of drivers to deliver them.

Coen is president of the Strip District Business Association that includes nearly 30 small businesses along Penn Avenue. He said that, without getting the goods they need, small business owners will be forced to raise prices to make ends meet.

“These shortages are what is making inflation skyrocket,” he said.

Last week, the Labor Department reported that consumer prices rose 5.4% in June, the fastest pace recorded in 13 years.

The cost of fresh meat is especially out of control, Mikesell said.

“Brisket went up 30% easy, beef in general is going outrageous. So has salmon. So has chicken. And don't get me started on fuel charges for when you do deliveries.”

Mistick said everyone on Penn Avenue hustled last year to figure out how to stay afloat amid the closures caused by the pandemic.

“Raymond was creating Sunday dinners for four for families to pick up, Jimmy was selling masks on tables in front of his stores, Pennsylvania Macaroni was shipping their Italian groceries on dry ice to their customers. They all worked hard to survive, and they did.”

If you had told Mikesell midway through the COVID-19 crisis that when the economy started to rebound he wouldn't be able to bring in workers nor supplies, he never would have believed you.

“Honestly I am shocked,” he said. “It blows my mind that this is where we have ended up.”

Salena Zito is a national political reporter and columnist for the Washington Examiner as well as a weekly columnist for the New York Post.

Downey's anti-business policies

Dear Editor:

It saddens me to see how a so-called “business-friendly city” like Downey treats their own small businesses.

There is a vast disconnect between the Planning Department and the average small business owner in the City of Downey. There is zero sense of urgency from some city staff and little to no common sense on why the required nonrefundable application fees to permits are as high as \$6,533.

Who or what is responsible for creating an anti-business culture at city hall?

Several individuals that do or have tried to do business in Downey are convinced the department heads are to blame for the ongoing discontent and disbelief that Downey is in fact a business friendly city.

I would like to focus your attention on the Planning Department specifically as it is the first stop for businesses that want to grow or simply survive.

Unfortunately, the department's unofficial motto towards applicants is “If the code is silent, you shouldn't do it” or at least that is what a Senior Planner told me when I tried to submit an application for something he did not know how to categorize. And therefore, he decided to act as department head and commissioner by refusing to accept my application all together that same day.

In other words, if our ideas are too innovative for Downey, we must wait for a bureaucrat in the Planning Department to first define it and then we may pay a nonrefundable fee of thousands of dollars to then apply. Most people do not have that kind of money to invest in nonrefundable fees.

How can a small business in Downey have a real opportunity to revamp after a year-long of restrictions and lockdowns in this anti-business

environment?

Who knows how many more applicants in Downey are denied due process at the Planning Department counter desk. This and other horror stories are very well known among the business community and will be brought out to light one by one. Department heads need to identify and correct what is cultivating this anti-business mentality in order to capitalize on the true potential of our city. They should do this at least to help the council members deliver on their “business-friendly” campaign promises they once very publicly made.

All I am asking of the Planning Department is (1) to be mindful of the challenges small businesses face right now. For example, last year during COVID small businesses in Downey were initially required by city hall to obtain an additional five million dollar liability insurance policy in order to continue operations outside their own businesses; (2) welcome new ideas and partner with small business owners to help develop their ideas into applicable formats instead of immediately addressing the reasons why their applications will not get approved; (3) allow the Downey business community to flourish into its unique attraction instead of trying so desperately to imitate what other cities - with very different demographics - are doing.

I understand governments are naturally inefficient. And I want to be clear that not all city employees are impractical. Most city staff including elected officials like Mayor Claudia Frometa are, in fact, champions for small businesses and truly care for the wellbeing of our community - we thank you!

**Hans K. Fritz
Downey**

The Olympic spirit

Dear Editor:

How refreshing to watch the best athletes in the world compete in numerous sports -- all being done so without a hint of politics or racial overtones. Athletes cheering on other athletes regardless of skin color, extending hugs and more hugs between winners and losers regardless of nation or ethnicity -- each individual holding aspirations of getting the gold by competing with the greatest athletes around the world.

Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee president, stated he was concerned that the Olympic Games would be performed without soul, but that, he said, was not the case.

Why can't all nations and governments work in harmony as was depicted in the Olympics? Why, in American leadership, can't we come together for the good of all Americans, build on what has worked for so long in our country instead of tearing down our values by indoctrinating students with “critical race theory” which pits one race against another? Why, in the name of “equity,” should we hold back students who excel in a particular subject to advance? Why, in the name of “equity,” should we stop keeping score in sports in fairness to those lacking in ability.

The “wokes” want to change history to say that our country was first established in 1619 under the backs of slaves who were brought to America. The “wokes” discredit the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and the brilliance of our founding fathers in writing the U.S. Constitution as having any relevance in the founding of our great republic.

If this “wokeism - cancel history” misinformation is taught in our academia, put in practice in work places, corporations, and other institutions, there will be no Olympians from America because in the name of equity, awarding medals to hard-working achievers is not in keeping with the fairness of “equity.”

**Martha Morrissy
Downey**

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Downey's pro-business approach

Dear Editor:

Downey's businesses are one of the pillars of our community. Thus, City Council and City staff take business assistance seriously, and have dedicated a tremendous amount of resources to the cause throughout the decades. Therefore, we feel compelled to reply to Mr. Fritz's letter, “Downey's anti-business policies” dated August 9, 2021.

In March of 2020, when the world was confronted with a global pandemic, Downey was one of the only cities in the region that never stopped working to support our business community. We continued to help businesses through electronic application and plan submissions, and also established drop-off bins for those that did not have the means to submit electronically, as well as continued to conduct business license and tenant improvement inspections. We then opened our City Hall doors in June of 2020. Again, one of the only cities in the region to do so at that time. With the guidance of our City Council, we instituted COVID-19 business grant programs to further support our businesses. Unlike surrounding cities that offered grants in the amounts of \$2,500 to \$10,000, we thought it better to provide increased support to our businesses, and offered grants of \$25,000. Additionally, we gave \$10,000 grants to our Downtown businesses to establish outdoor dining parklets, as well as paid for and installed street k-rails to keep their patrons safe. We continue to seek federal and state funding to pass onto our businesses that may still be suffering due to the pandemic.

Pre-pandemic, we created the Downtown Property Owners Association, “The District@Downey”, to produce an income stream for Downtown property owners and businesses to enhance the area and support our Downtown businesses. We continue to work and seek guidance from The District@Downey regarding topics important to our Downtown businesses.

We have assisted over a million square feet of new business development within the past eight years. This new development includes, but is not limited to, the development of: The Promenade at Downey; the former Ford and Lincoln/Mercury auto dealerships with the new Commons and Crossroads Centers; the former vacant land to the future Marriot Springhill Suites hotel on Firestone Blvd., the former Fallas Paredes building to the future Footlocker site, and revitalization of the southwest corner of Lakewood Blvd. and Imperial Hwy., with yet another new Chick-fil-A restaurant.

A glance at the past three years, which includes a majority of time spent within a pandemic, reflects the Planning Commission and staffs approval of over 136 business development permits for a multitude of large and small businesses such as restaurants, lounges, spas, medical offices, salons, industrial, and cafes. Over that same three year period we issued 508 new business licenses, and 13,529 business license renewals. In fact, just in the last fiscal year alone, we successfully carried out the following:

- 139 Planning Applications
- 423 Businesses Assisted
- 4,531 Business Registration Renewals Processed
- 36% Increase in Online Business License Renewals

- 2,304 Building Permits Issued with a valuation of \$119,457,103
- 9,062 Inspections
- 2,386 Development Applications
- 2,090 Development Plan Checks
- 7 Large Scale Projects in Planning

We believe these successes are antithetical to the claim that Downey is “anti-business.”

We also have provided federal and local subsidies to our largest sales tax producers to allow them to stay in town, redevelop and continue to flourish. In the once vacant and dormant northeast part of town, the City helped Giant RV redevelop their site. In the same area, Honda World Downey will pursue a large expansion to build a new dealership across the street, returning that corner to yet another auto dealership center in our City. On the bookends of Firestone Blvd., with the City's assistance, Downey Nissan relocated and built a new dealership at the west end, and Maserati anticipates building a new dealership next to Alfa Romeo at the east end.

Mr. Fritz's letter referenced concerns over application fees. City fees are meant to recover the cost of providing a service, not generate revenue from the services that are provided. The City of Downey conducted a fee analysis in 2016, and found that the cost to the City for processing a Code Amendment, that is the fee referenced by Mr. Fritz, is \$11,792, but the City chose to reduce the fee charged to businesses, meaning that it would operate at a deficit in order to facilitate the cost to businesses and property owners. So the application fee of \$6,533 referenced may seem significant but, the City partners in sharing the remaining \$5,259 balance with its businesses.

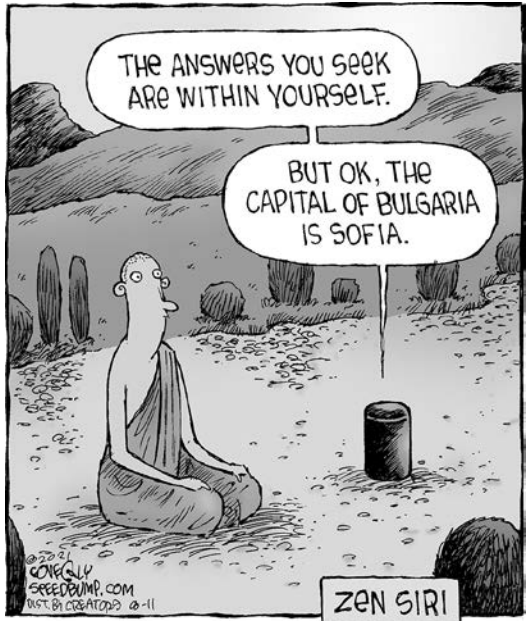
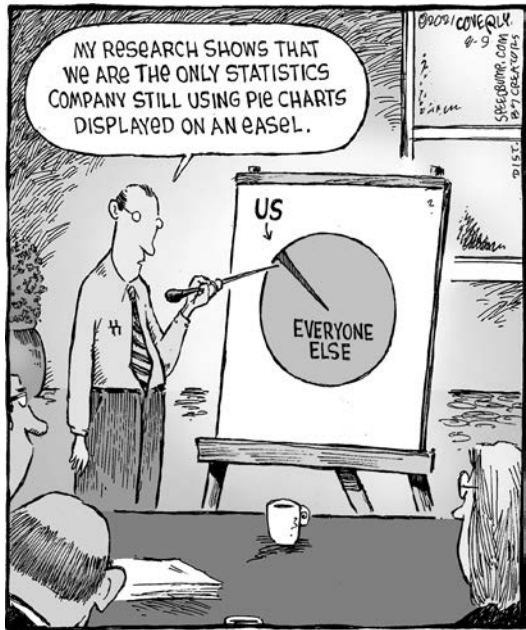
As a department we operate from the precept that we can always do better. As such, we continually strive to make improvements in our service delivery. In 2018, with direction from our City Council, we implemented the results of a comprehensive business development permit audit, which analyzed the permit processes of Engineering, Planning, Building & Safety, Fire Department Inspections, and Police Department business development permit processes. We identified quality improvements to our permit submissions, with project transfers amongst various City divisions, applications and forms, social media communications, electronic counter check-ins, automated distribution of customer surveys, and staff customer service.

With its pro-business approach, the City will continue to strive to improve its processes daily and will remain committed to supporting businesses in any way it can. Recognized in 2017 as a “Most Business Friendly City” by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, we proudly stand by this motto and will aggressively continue to seek opportunities to better serve our business community.

**Aldo Schindler
Deputy City Manager / Community Development
City of Downey**

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.
 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 pm: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 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 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 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: Seroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 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 & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 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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Short story: The Blessed Gift

By Helen Hampton

In the early 60's, my dear mother had to go to a nursing home due to a stroke. I looked around to find a nice one and finally found a real lovely place for her in the Long Beach area where we lived.

After being there awhile, I noticed that there was no piano in the Recreation Room. How sad! I thought that maybe someday I could afford to donate one. Time went by, and finally I was blessed with a small inheritance. I looked for a used piano in the Penny Saver and found a beautiful black spinet, a Baldwin, and I bought it. I had it delivered to the nursing home.

There was a lady there who had not spoken a word since she arrived many months before. They tried everything to get her to talk, but to no avail. One day she heard the music playing. Then she followed the sound down the hall to the Recreation Room. When the person playing stopped and left the room, she sat down and started playing like a concert artist! She started talking and said she was a famous concert artist in her day.

What a blessing it was to hear and see a miracle unfold right before the eyes of everyone there.

After Mama died, I had a small gold plaque put on the piano that read: "In memory of Elizabeth M. Walsh, R.N."

She was a private duty nurse in several hospitals in and around the Long Beach area for many years. She retired at the age of 75.

I'm sure the patients are still enjoying listening to the music as it comes wafting down the hall. I know my dear mama is enjoying it too in heaven.

Helen Hampton is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Short story: Roswell

By Sharon Benson Smith

Just recently I saw something in the newspaper regarding Roswell, New Mexico. It was either regarding an article in the paper or a TV advertisement for the latest new film opening in theatres, or perhaps a new series.

The subject took me back to the late 1960's when Ray (the father of my three children) had to make a business trip to Roswell for the company he was then employed by, Southern Wine and Spirits, which distributed Calvert products. His focus there would be the Calvert line.

It was a frightening situation for the family because of the recent UFO sighting that continues to be a mystery and haunts America to this day.

It was to be such a traumatic experience due to the UFO sighting (and he wanted to make sure the family was amply protected should something happen to him) that he bought a very expensive flight insurance policy.

He telephoned us nightly to check on us, and to let us know that he was okay.

When he returned safely a week or so later, leaving the happenings of the UFO and Roswell behind, it was a very jubilant time for the Escovedo family.

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Downey Symphony makes its long-awaited return

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNY – "Wow! We are back," said Sharon Lavery, music director of the Downey Symphony Orchestra.

New president of the Downey Symphonic Society, Anthony Crespo, welcomed the crowd on behalf of the Board and that hard-working money-raising arm, the Guild. He also saluted the members of the orchestra, a professional group of players from around the Los Angeles basin, most of them veteran returnees to Downey.

"So much fun rehearsing today," said Sharon, "You couldn't tell we haven't been together for a year. This is why we are so happy" and she raised her arms, "to be here to play for you." Old friends in the audience felt the same way. They had been greeting each other after a long absence too.

Long-time Symphonic stalwarts Katie and Bill Hare were there, and fellow Board members Joanne Gromley, Marge and Larry Lewis, Eric Pierce, and Joyce Sherwin, and supporter Bernice Mancibo Stumps. Adele Alexander waved, as did Jorge Montero and his wife Maru. Ryan Keene and about a thousand other happy music lovers gathered in the warm dusk. Several wore masks and most were probably vaccinated, as public health authorities and health workers are urging everyone to do, if we want to keep enjoying public events like this one.

Blue sky with a few white clouds to keep it pleasantly cool; families lined up for hot dogs, cake and baklava at the Rose Float pavilion; Miss Downey and her court greeting the audience: almost like old times. Newly redesigned Furman Park has lots of green grass to set up folding lawn chairs. Long-time subscribers to the symphonic programs joined park regulars for the final park concert of the summer and the Orchestra gave a symphonic flair to the evening.

"Are you ready for us?"

Sharon asked, and everyone applauded. The Olympic Fanfare, composed by John Williams for the 1984 Los Angeles games, started the evening, followed by the bouncy March of the Siamese Children from The King and I, and the LiberTango that had people dancing on the grass to the fiery beat. Sharon conducted the audience as well as the orchestra members, and encouraged folks to clap along.

"I challenge any symphony orchestra in America to have a better clarinet section than we do," said Sharon, as the orchestra launched into Licorice Candy, a symphonic romp by LeRoy Anderson featuring the First Chair clarinetist Patty Massey and abetted by the second chair. "Believe it or not, I used to play like that in my youth," said Sharon, who starred on the licorice stick as a teen.

Musicians in a symphonic ensemble routinely practice for several hours a day, to keep their fingers nimble and to ensure their breath control. Each instrument can be heard distinctly, thanks to the superb new public sound system in the park, and none come through more clearly than the percussion. Not just snare drums but a booming timpani, the kettle drum, resounded and cymbals clashed on cue. A symphonic band is like the concert orchestra, but with fewer strings and an accent on the brasses and that percussive section.

The big instrumental number was a medley from Phantom of the Opera, and the Music of the Night shuddered eerily as the twilight deepened. The patriotic portion of the evening included Morton Gould's arrangement of variations on the Civil War song When Johnny Comes Marching Home, a tune that had us seeing young men marching briskly



Concertmaster Carolyn Osborn and Music Director Sharon Lavery. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

off to war, and then returning as veterans in a deeper more somber mood, sometimes even sounding like skeletons tap dancing on graves in the graveyard. The Salute to the Services got many standing in tribute to their own service or that of a family member. Many women also had served, and stood.

Before the last piece Sharon invited everyone to come and hear the orchestra perform in the Downey Theatre for its three paid concerts, on October 23, in January 2022, and then in April when the audience gets to bid on the conductor's baton. Watch this space for details and programs.

Sharon led the orchestra into the finale, John Philip Souza's Stars and Stripes. Next year, we hope the children will again be able to come on stage and lead the band. Till then, stay healthy.

POETRY MATTERS

To an Athlete Dying Young

The time you won your town the race
We chaired you through the market-place;
Man and boy stood cheering by,
And home we brought you shoulder-high.

Today, the road all runners come,
Shoulder-high we bring you home,
And set you at your threshold down,
Townsmen of a stiller town.

Smart lad, to slip betimes away
From fields where glory does not stay,
And early though the laurel grows
It withers quicker than the rose.

Now you will not swell the rout
Of lads that wore their honours out,
Runners whom renown outran
And the name died before the man.

And round that early-laurelled head
Will flock to gaze the strengthless dead,
And find unwithered on its curls
The garland briefer than a girl's.

A. E. Housman, A Shropshire Lad, 1896

After the Olympics, what besides memory remains? Housman's runner has his laurel crown and will not compete again. Poetry Matter is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Gary Allen Simpson



Gary Allen Simpson passed away at his home in Huntington Beach on Monday, July 26th after a prolonged battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Simpson, his son David Simpson, daughters Ronda Cross, Pam Calcagno and Gwen Howard, his grandchildren, Kyle, Cory and Joel Calcagno, Aja and Ben Howard, Seth and Alex Simpson, Taylor Cross and great granddaughter, Arya Howard.

Gary worked with his father, Si Simpson and brother, Pete Simpson at Simpson Buick since he was a very young man.

Gary was an avid sport fisherman, a NASCAR enthusiast and a marksman.

Services will be held Thursday, August 19, at 11:30am at Grace Lutheran Church, 6931 Edinger Ave. Huntington Beach. Reception immediately following the service at 1:00pm at Meadowlark Golf Club, 16782 Graham St., Huntington Beach.

Obituaries

Trevor Moore, sketch comedy writer

Trevor Moore, a comedian who was a founding member of the sketch comedy troupe "The Whitest Kids U' Know," died Aug. 7 from an accident at the age of 41.

In his teens, Moore had a sketch comedy show, "The Trevor Moore Show," on local public access cable; it was picked up by Pax-TV for a brief run. He went on to work as an intern at "Saturday Night Live" in college and later became a page at NBC.

Moore co-founded "The Whitest Kids U' Know" in 1999, with some fellow students at the School of Visual Arts. The troupe began gaining acclaim, winning Best Sketch Group at the HBO US Comedy Arts Festival in 2006.

They were picked up for TV by Fuse, where "The Whitest Kids U' Know" ran for a season

in 2007 before moving to the Independent Film Channel for an additional four seasons.

Moore played recurring characters including the chairman of the National Hunting Board and Mr. Welburn, a business executive.

He also recorded several albums of comedic music. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Moore began broadcasting "Trevor Moore's Quarantine Show" on YouTube, later broadcasting on Twitch along with other members of the troupe.

"I really like short-form comedy; I feel like sketch and music are very similar—I try to keep both of them around three minutes long," Moore said in 2015. "I like that on the albums that I've done, you can just jump from one topic to another topic, one genre of music to another genre, without having to build connective tissue or make one bleed into the other. That's also what I like about sketch too; if you had something to say about a topic, you could say it and make your point, and then jump over to a completely different point you wanted to make."

Bob Ringwald, jazz pianist and famous father

Bob Ringwald, a jazz pianist who was the father of actress Molly Ringwald, died Aug. 3 at age 80.

He began taking piano lessons at 5 and started his first band at 13. Ringwald founded the Fulton Street Jazz Band, playing piano. He was a co-founder of the Sacramento Jazz Festival in 1974 as well as performing there.

Blind since his teens, Ringwald played in other bands including Sugar Willie and the Cubes, The Great Pacific Jazz Band, and The BoonDockers.

Ringwald often accompanied his daughter, Molly, as she sang. She wrote his obituary, featured in the Sacramento Bee.

In addition to music, Ringwald's passions included ham radio and the Los Angeles Dodgers, for whom he once served as a guest announcer, reading the lineup in Braille.

"Anyone who knew Bob also knew his mischievous streak, and his ever-present, slightly ribald sense of humor. If you didn't sufficiently beg to get off of his email joke list, you would have received one just a couple of days before he died," Molly Ringwald wrote.

Besides his daughter Molly, Robert Ringwald is survived by Adele, his wife of 60 years; a sister, Renée Angus; another

daughter, Beth Ringwald Carnes; a son, Kelly Ringwald; two grandsons; two granddaughters; two step-granddaughters; one great-grandson; and one step-great-grandson.

role in "Giant" (1956) and thereafter continued to work intermittently. She appeared on TV shows including "Bachelor Father," "The Munsters," and "Murder, She Wrote."

Her greatest later-career fame came when she accepted a role as Josephine the Plumber in a series of Comet cleanser ads in the mid-1960s. She continued playing the role for a decade, becoming highly recognizable to TV viewers.

Later, Withers took over for the voice of Laverne the gargoyle in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (1996) when the original voice actress, Mary Wickes, died before the film was completed. She played Laverne in the movie's 2002 sequel.

Patricia Kennealy-Morrison, music journalist

Patricia Kennealy-Morrison, an author and journalist who was in a relationship with rock star Jim Morrison of the Doors, died July 23 at age 75.

Kennealy-Morrison became a rock music journalist as a young woman, bringing a new seriousness to rock criticism as one of the first women in the field.

She interviewed Morrison in 1969 for Jazz & Pop, the magazine she edited and contributed to. The two began a relationship, largely long-distance, and they participated in a handfasting ceremony in 1970.

It wasn't a legal marriage, though Kennealy-Morrison considered herself Morrison's wife. It was a controversial claim, refuted by some who point out that Morrison was also in a serious relationship with Pamela Courson.

The handfasting ceremony was included in the 1991 Oliver Stone movie "The Doors." Kathleen Quinlan played Kennealy Morrison, and Kennealy-Morrison herself appeared in the scene as the Wiccan priestess who performed the ceremony.

Kennealy-Morrison wrote the 1992 memoir, "Strange Days: My Life With and Without Jim Morrison." It was one of more than two dozen books written by Kennealy-Morrison, including several fantasy novels in "The Keltiad" series.

In 2007, she founded the publishing house Lizard Queen Press, riffing on Morrison's "Lizard King" nickname. She went on to write and publish a series of rock-themed mystery novels, including "Ungrateful Dead: Murder at the Fillmore," "A Hard Slay's Night: Murder at the Royal Albert Hall," and "Scareway to Heaven: Murder at the Fillmore East."

Dennis Thomas, founding member of Kool & the Gang

Dennis "Dee Tee" Thomas, one of the founding members of Kool & the Gang, playing saxophone and other instruments, died Aug. 7 in his sleep at the age of 70.

Thomas co-founded Kool & the Gang in 1964 along with school friends including Robert "Kool" Bell and Ronald Bell. Thomas was a self-taught musician who played alto saxophone, flute, and percussion.

The band became wildly popular in the 1970s and '80s, with hit singles including "Get Down on It," "Ladies' Night," and the enduring No. 1 hit "Celebration."

The band's accolades include one Grammy award and three Grammy nominations, according to the award's website, and five American Music Awards, according to the award's website. In addition, it had 25 Top Ten R&B hits and nine Top Ten Pop hits, according to Billboard.

Thomas was known for his stylish clothing. The band noted in a statement that in their early days, Thomas was their "budget hawk," known for "carrying the group's earnings in a paper bag in the bell of his horn."

Jane Withers, actress in TV, movies and commercials

Jane Withers, an actress who was a child star in the 1930s and later became known for Comet cleanser commercials, where she played Josephine the Plumber, died Aug. 7 at age 95.

Withers was one of the biggest child stars of the 1930s, sometimes acting as a foil to the superstar child actress Shirley Temple. Withers tended to play mischievous little girls and tomboys, a formula that followed her into her teens.

Her notable films as a child star included "Bright Eyes" (1934), "Ginger" (1935), and "The Holy Terror" (1937).

She became a popular actress, with licensing deals for dresses, paper dolls, jewelry, and more under her name, as well as starring in a series of mystery novels.

In her teens, Withers occasionally played romantic roles, but her fame began to wane as she aged, and she retired at age 21.

Withers returned to the big screen for a supporting

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **BRITNEY RODRIGUEZ** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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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: OCTOBER 26, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**
AUGUST 5, 2021
Thomas D. Long/Judge
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: 21NWCP00291
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **CONCEPCION GUZMAN** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) **CONCEPCION GUZMAN** to Proposed name (1) **CONCEPCION GUZMAN JENKINS**
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: OCTOBER 8, 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 562-904-3668 BS124251
AUGUST 3, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
CONCEPCION GUZMAN
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DOWNEY, CA, 90242
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00288
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **JUAN MANUEL ARCINIEGA** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) **JUAN MANUEL ARCINIEGA** to Proposed name (1) **ACE BARRA**
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: OCTOBER 6, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**
AUGUST 2, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
JUAN MANUEL ARCINIEGA
8216 BRADWAY AVE APT #7
WHITTIER, CA 90606
(562) 652-3749

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00247
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **NANCY SORIANO** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) a. **SCARLETT XITLALI FLORES** b. **ARIELLE ALESSANDRA FLORES** c. **LYRA AMALIA SORIANO-FLORES** to Proposed name (1) a. **SCARLETT XITLALI SORIANO** b. **ARIELLE ALESSANDRA SORIANO** c. **LYRA AMALIA SORIANO**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

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

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: SEPTEMBER 17, 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**
JULY 2, 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: 21NWCP00281
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **JORGE ARMANDO MORENO** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) **JORGE ARMANDO MORENO** to Proposed name (1) **GEORGE AUSTIN MORENO**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: SEPTEMBER 29, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**
JULY 29, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
Jorge Armando Moreno
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Bell Gardens, CA 90201
(323) 273-6255

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRENE D. JUAREZ

Case No. 21STPB04351
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **IRENE D. JUAREZ**:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **ROLANDO JUAREZ, SR.** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **ROLANDO JUAREZ, SR.** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M.** in Dept. 9 Room N/A located at **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE**
NOTE: PLEASE VIEW THE COURT'S WEBSITE AT WWW.LACOURT.ORG FOR VIRTUAL APPEARANCE INSTRUCTIONS.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to the general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHESTER GUY BUCHHOLZ

Case No. 21STPB07350
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **CHESTER GUY BUCHHOLZ**:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Tanya Lee Raynow** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Tanya Lee Raynow** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **Sept. 16, 2021 at 9:30AM** in Dept. No. 5 located at **111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.**

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 075890-CA APN: 6252-025-010
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/25/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY OR A LAWYER ON 9/1/2021 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP. as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/1/2007 as Instrument No. 20071327719 in Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: **MANUEL BECERRA AND ROSA E. RIVERA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **LOT 9 IN BLOCK 6 OF DOWNEY HOME TRACT, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 8, PAGE 90 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **10465, 10466, 10467, 10467 1/2 DOWNEY AVE, (aka 10465 DOWNEY AV), DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$1,155,462.73.** If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused

said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the

mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case **075890-CA.** Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you

exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case **075890-CA** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **FOR SALES INFORMATION:** (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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What to know before purchasing a mobile home

■ Mobile homes can be great values but there are things you need to know first.

Mobile homes, also referred to as manufactured homes, are economical alternatives to traditional residential properties, and are growing increasingly popular in California.

Like any major investment, purchasing a manufactured home requires prior research and homework. And if you're considering buying one, you've probably wondered about the many factors that need to be considered before you seal the deal.

This brief guide can help you understand how to go about buying a mobile home.

Decide on the Type

Mobile homes commonly come in three styles:

Single-wide units that are long and narrow and don't have hallways.

Double-wide units that are nearly twice as large as single-wide homes, and have hallways connecting some of the rooms.

Triple-wide units that come with three or four bedrooms connected by hallways.

Depending on the number of people who'll be moving in, you can pick the kind that's best for you.

Determine the Appropriate Price Range

The price of the property depends not just on the size, but on a number of other factors like the location, the inbuilt amenities and the facilities, the age of the mobile house, whether it is a new property or a used one, and even on the quality of the walls, floors, and plumbing.

Too often, homebuyers make the mistake of landing a deal that seems like a steal, only to discover that the home needs repairs and upgrades that turn out to cost more than expected. So, when you're setting your budget, you need to consider the possible future expenses as well.

Finding the Location

If you're buying a mobile home in the suburbs, you're more likely to get a deal that includes both the land and the home. However, if you prefer to purchase a mobile property in an urban area, it may be a better option to take the land for your mobile unit on rent.

Also, you need to verify that the location you pick has adequate space to accommodate your mobile home, and a little extra space to spare (if you're

someone who likes a personal backyard). Another important aspect to look into is the slope of the land. If the land is not even, you may be facing additional cost for leveling the ground before installing your home.

Financing your Purchase

While obtaining a home loan for a conventional property is often pretty straightforward (depending on your credit), the rules involved in financing the cost of a mobile home can be different. Typically, large banks may not fund the purchase of mobile properties so you will need a speciality lender.

Once you've figured out the type of home you need, the location you want, and the price you're willing to pay, the next logical step is to choose a mobile home manufacturer (or a dealer, if you're planning on getting a used unit), select the floor plan, and most importantly, obtain a warranty on your home if you can. Some realtors can also help you purchase a mobile home.



Renters see more competition for housing

They are usually reserved for homebuyers, but bidding wars are becoming more common in the rental home market. Demand for apartment and single-family rentals is surging and outpacing supply.

As the economy improves, workers are moving out of shared living situations and looking for their own homes. In addition, the housing market is so expensive right now that many would-be buyers are being priced out. That has them looking for rentals.

Some landlords are seeing more than a dozen applications for good properties – and renters offering well above the asking rent.

In July, rents nationally rose 7% year over year for one-bedroom apartments and 8.7% for two-bedroom apartments. That is up from 5% and 6.5% annual gains in June, according to Zumper, a national rental listing platform.

“Strong job and income growth, as well as fierce competition for for-sale housing, is fueling demand for single-family rentals,” Molly Boesel, principal economist at CoreLogic, said in a release. Boesel said she expects these factors to continue to drive the market this year, especially in and around cities and technology hubs as people start to return to offices.

The coronavirus pandemic eviction moratorium, recently extended, is also playing into the supply situation. As some landlords are unable to evict tenants who aren't paying, they have less supply to offer those who can pay. To offset losses, some are raising rents on the properties they can, knowing that demand in the market will support the increases.

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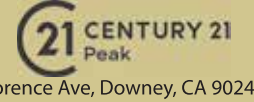
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Vacant Lot in Whittier!

- Total lot size is 36,755 sq. ft. lot
- R-1 zoning
- Great opportunity to build

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Northeast Downey Pool Home!

- 4 bedrooms | 4 bathrooms
- Huge living room overlooks yard
- 2,800 sq. ft. | 12,757 sq. ft. lot
- Many amenities to list

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Remodeled like New

- 3 bedrooms | 1 bathroom
- 827 sq. ft. living space
- Remodeled Kitchen & Flooring
- New backyard landscaping

LIST PRICE: \$524,950

4 PLEX AVAILABLE



Great location in Central Anaheim

- All 2 beds and 1 bath
- Garage for all units
- Significant upside potential in rent

LIST PRICE: \$1,250,000

SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!



7504 Muller Street, Downey

- 4 bedrooms | 4 bathrooms
- 2 bedrooms upstairs & 2 downstairs
- 3,288 sq. ft.
- 2 air conditioners
- Sparkling pool

SOLD FOR: 1,250,000

SOLD!



Sold! Sold! Sold!

- 4 bedrooms
- 3 bedrooms
- Living room | dining room
- Park-like backyard
- 2,133 sq. ft. home on a 10,130 lot

SOLD FOR: \$1,020,000

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Northeast Downey!

- 4 bedrooms
- 4 bathrooms
- 2,467 sq. ft. | 12,617 sq. ft. lot
- Pool

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A Prized Possession

- 3 bedrooms | 1 bathroom
- 5,383 sq. ft. lot
- Remodeled bathroom
- Updated electrical, plumbing and windows

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Mixed Use

- 2 store front spaces
- 1 bedroom apartment upstairs
- Great location

LIST PRICE: \$545,000

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Home Sweet Home!

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Living room and dining room
- Super large backyard and RV parking

LIST PRICE: \$785,000

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3 Units in Los Angeles!

- 4 bedroom main house + a 3 bedroom house and 2 bedroom apt.
- Located on a huge lot! 14,345 lot!

LIST PRICE: \$1,050,000

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Near Furman Park

- 3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms
- 2,780 sq. ft. | 9,397 sq. ft. lot
- Kitchen and dining area
- Den with fireplace

LIST PRICE: \$1,050,000

JUST LISTED!



Near Rio Hondo Golf Course

- 6 bedrooms | 6 bathrooms
- 5,266 sq. ft. | 13,885 sq. ft. lot
- Pool, covered patio & gazebo
- 3 car garage

LIST PRICE: \$1,599,950

BACK ON THE MARKET



Near Rio Hondo Golf Course

- 6 bedrooms | 6 bathrooms
- 5,266 sq. ft. | 13,885 sq. ft. lot
- Pool, covered patio & gazebo
- 3 car garage

LIST PRICE: \$1,599,950



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Laguna Niguel - Close to the Beach!

- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- 1,038 sq. ft. living space
- 2 car attached garage
- Probate Sale

PRICED AT: \$555,000

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Downey Classic

- 3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms
- 1,106 sq. ft. | 6,408 corner lot
- Newer roof, windows and paint

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