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Downey tops rival Warren for Esports championship

Downey sweeps Warren, 3-0, to capture the title for the second consecutive year.

DOWNEY – Downey Unified, in partnership with the Carrot Group, announced Downey High School as the winner of the fourth annual Overwatch Downey Unified Esports High School Championship presented by PacificWest. This is the second time Downey High School has won this tournament against rival Warren High School.

Members of Trunk Monkeys, the winning team for Downey High School, included: Gio Aguirre (junior), Brandon Astudillo (senior), Andrew Escobedo (junior), Isaac Morales (junior), Amado Necochea (junior), Anthony Rojo (senior) and Aidan Cervantes (junior). The coaches were David Krauss and George Beaver.

The best-of-five final match was the culmination of a six-week program, managed by HighSchool.GG, where students formed six-member teams and competed against the other teams within each school.

Eleven teams from Downey High School and 10 teams from Warren High School competed in the Downey Unified Esports League (DUEL). Students from Columbus High School were also part of the competing teams at each school.

DUEL is part of Downey Unified's MADE Initiative, a College and Career Readiness program headed by Director John Harris. The goal of MADE

is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to achieve their post-secondary educational and career goals, all while being supported with the learning environment to do so.

"We are thrilled for Downey High School and I am proud of how our students worked together over the course of this six-week tournament to ultimately triumph during the championship match," stated Superintendent Dr. John Garcia.

"This tournament embodies everything we are trying to do with our students to align with our district's vision to ensure they are college and career ready, globally competitive, and citizens of strong character. As this is still the first and only high school Esports program in the region with an integrated career exploration and workforce development component, we are proud to provide this innovative program to help our students learn and grow."

Each member of the winning team received a grand prize package which includes a customized trophy, a video gaming accessories package from industry leading SteelSeries, and a championship ring from Herff Jones.

The team will also be meeting with top gaming industry leaders at Gen.G's Santa Monica headquarters. Additionally, Downey High School received the coveted district trophy that will be showcased in the main office and a \$1,000 gift certificate towards computer supplies.



Downey High's winning team, the Trunk Monkeys, celebrate their Esports championship. (Photo courtesy DUSD)

The objective of DUEL is to demonstrate to students how their interest in video gaming could turn into prospective career opportunities, all while addressing a positive approach to healthy competition including teamwork, leadership, resilience and problem solving.

All participating students have participated in a virtual Workforce Development session from educational partners such as Survivos, Steel Sports, Orange Coast College as well as leading

game designers.

All students who participated in DUEL are also eligible to enroll in two out of three free online Game Design courses, each worth three transferable graded college credits, offered by Orange Coast College.

"Thank you to PacificWest for sponsoring the Championship and congratulations to Downey High School for bringing home the coveted district Esports trophy for the second straight

year," said Alan Zack, President of Carrot Group.

"This was a tremendously successful tournament with the highest number of competing teams. We are excited to see how the students are using the gaming skills to change the world. Now, more than ever, we need programs like this to unite students, build their confidence, and help them explore career opportunities."

Mayor's Corner: Frometa says thank you

By Claudia M. Frometa Mayor

As my Mayorship sadly comes to an end this week, I want to thank you, Downey, for allowing me to serve as YOUR 47th Mayor this year. It has been an honor. Serving Downey, the city I have called home for over 30 years, has been one of the greatest highlights of my life.

If you recall, in my November column, I indicated I would provide an overview of 2021 accomplishments in two parts. The first part was provided last month, and here is the second and final part. There were significant and historic accomplishments for our city this year amidst changing guidelines, uncertainty, vaccination efforts and the COVID-19 pandemic still raging.

Many of the historic

and transformative projects accomplished in 2021 were part of my Mayoral goals. I want to extend my appreciation to my council colleagues for supporting the below initiatives. Most importantly, I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to our City Manager Gilbert Livas for his unwavering and steady leadership, vision, and guidance through the most unprecedented time in recent history. While cities around Southern California struggled to pass balanced budgets, maintain services, eliminated jobs, and struggled to keep the doors open for business, The City of Downey managed to weather the storm and turmoil of the last 21 months almost unscathed.

Strong cities like our Downey don't just happen; it takes the solid experience, business acumen, ethical and sound judgment of a City Manager,

and Gilbert continues to provide us with that, along with the leadership and stability of a council. Downey's historic gains, development, and strength have been due to steady vision and sound strategic planning.

I had the distinct pleasure of inviting 13 former Downey mayors to commemorate the City of Downey's 65th birthday since its incorporation. We paid tribute to our rich aerospace legacy as the birthplace of the Apollo Space Systems and celebrated Downey becoming a regional medical hub with renowned medical centers such as Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, Kaiser Permanente, and PIH. The solid leadership and vision of former Mayors were key to reinventing Downey over the years. I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge these fine men and women who have served our city



with distinction.

A Focus on Fiscal Responsibility: Our city refinanced the CalPERS unfunded actuarial liability resulting in a gross savings of \$55 million. This change increased our City's Pension Funding from

67.1% to 85%. We continued with prudent financial practices through Covid-19 recovery and adopted a balanced budget for the seventh consecutive year.

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Economists say SoCal will see uneven recovery through 2022

Labor shortages and rising inflation will continue to be a challenge in Southern California through next year, experts say.

DOWNEY – Southern California has reclaimed 70% of the jobs lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the recovery ahead will be an uneven one as labor shortages, supply chain disruptions, equity gaps and inflation continue to impact the region's economy, a new forecast shows.

The report was released Dec. 2 during the 12th Annual Southern California Summit, "From Inclusive Recovery to Inclusive Growth." More than 400 leaders in business, public policy, housing and education

are participating in the virtual summit, sponsored by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

The forecast was prepared by some of the region's top economists, and notes that the strength, resilience and diversity of Southern California's economy helped avoid what could have been a far more serious downturn. Even so, the impact of the pandemic has been significant, with the region still more than a half million (507,000) jobs below its February 2020 total, even after having added 1.21 million over the past 19 months.

As a result, the region's unemployment rate in September – 7.2% – has remained above both the state and national averages – 6.4% and 4.8%, respectively.

"We are starting to see what the post-COVID economy will look like, and it's clear that we have significant challenges and opportunities ahead," said Clint Lorimore, President of SCAG and an Eastvale City Councilmember.

"On the plus side, Southern California's role as a supply chain leader has never been more important. We're also seeing remarkable advances in technology and innovation across multiple industry sectors. At the same time, our tourism industry was essentially shut down for months, while staffing shortages have hurt many of our retailers, restaurants, manufacturers, trucking operations and small businesses."

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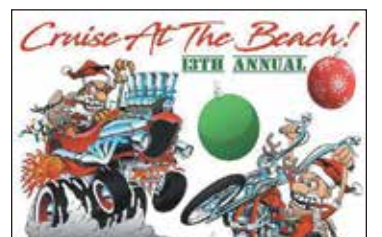


Economists say the region will continue to struggle with labor shortages through 2022. Photo of Stonewood Center by Pam Lane

Weekend at a Glance

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THINGS TO DO



Cruise at the Beach: Christmas Car Show
Saturday, 12- 6 pm
245 N Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach Marina

Live music, Toy and Charity Drive, 50/50 raffle, Santa booth and activities for the kids.

ON THIS DAY DECEMBER 9

1851

The first YMCA in North America opened in Montreal.

1907

Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office. The proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

1935

Walter Liggett, a newspaper editor who wrote about organized crime and their connections to corrupt politicians, was killed in a drive-by shooting.

1940

British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

1941

China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

1975

President Gerald R. Ford signed a \$2.3 billion seasonal loan authorization to prevent New York City from having to default.

1992

Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (They divorced in 1996.)

2000

The United States Supreme Court voted, 5 to 4, to stop the vote counting in Florida, ending Vice President Al Gore's presidential hopes.

2002

United Airlines filed the biggest bankruptcy in aviation history after losing \$4 billion in the previous two years.

2004

Canada's Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage was constitutional.

2008

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was arrested on suspicion of scheming to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat for cash or a job for himself in the new administration.

Birthdays

Acor **Beau Bridges** (80), football hall of famer **Dick Butkus** (79), actor **John Malkovich** (68), entertainer **Donny Osmond** (64), actress **Felicity Huffman** (59), wrestler **Kurt Angle** (53), entrepreneur **Lori Greiner** (52), "Big Bang Theory" actor **Simon Helberg** (41), gymnast **McKayla Maroney** (26), and dancer **Kendall Vertes** (19).

The sights, sounds and sweet rides of the Downey Christmas Parade

■ After a one-year absence, Downey's Christmas Parade makes a triumphant return, restoring a community tradition.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

The expectation of happiness is happiness itself," wrote Jane Austen. In that case, the parking lot where the cars and riders assemble for the Downey Christmas Parade is the Happiest Place on Earth.

Thinking I might learn about those who make the parade happen, I went to the staging area ahead of time, instead of trying to find a place along the route of the parade. Every car driven has a story, and so does every person honored to ride in one. These stories have a way of expanding till they touch so many lives.

Sunday morning an hour before the Parade began, the parking lot on Downey Avenue just south of Florence Avenue was abuzz with preparation. Dust cloths gave the vintage cars a final flick; banners on convertibles announcing the town's dignitaries were straightened. Even Santa combed his beard and mustache again.

A marine layer of fog had covered the sky all morning, but

nothing dampened the spirits, and nothing could dim the luster on the cars all ready for the parade. Hoods mirrored the trees above them.

After waiting two years since the last event, more people than before were beginning to line the street. Building slowly, the crowd in the lot grew as the time got closer to the time when the parade would actually kick off, going south on Downey Avenue from Florence Avenue, till it turned left to the Civic Center, finishing with a flourish in front of City Hall, the Police Station, the Theatre and the Library.

Expectations were high because it had been two years since the last parade, Covid 19 having interrupted the string of 70 consecutive displays. Of the 20 or so timeless cars parked and ready, I asked classic car owner Jimmy Barger of Downey how long he has had his 1929 Model A Roadster pickup.

"Three years," he said. "I've driven it in a few small events, but I'm excited to be driving it in a big parade like this one."

Kirk Cartozian had his shiny turquoise Cadillac Coupe de Ville convertible lined up in the number one spot by the exit to Downey Avenue, because he was driving for the Grand Marshall Rick Rodriguez.

"I call this color California Blue," said Kirk, a former mayor of Downey and owner of the

Gauche Grill in the Promenade.

When I spoke with Grand Marshall Rick, he shone too, from his red tie with tiny blue dots and matching pocket square, to his two-tone brown oxford shoes.

"I'm working to keep up my health," Rick said. "This is an honor to be here."

Rick was wearing a red rose and a sprig of white flowers on his lapel.

Jeff of Long Beach had brought his 1915 Model T Ford, with gold tinsel wreaths placed around the radiator and headlights. He's graced this parade before, and is a member of the Long Beach Model T Club. Today Jeff drove Dr. Jose Fierro, President of Cerritos College.

Walking through the lot with Martha Medford Sodetani was granddaughter Kennedy, age 6. Kennedy kept warm on this chilly morning in her magenta faux fur jacket over a pretty party dress with deep black and white stripes. The duo would be representing the Downey School Board.

From inside his highly polished 1966 Thunderbird, owner Dan showed how the steering wheel could be moved toward the center to make it easier to get into the classic car.

"The color," Dan said, "is Thelma and Louise Blue."

Fans of the movie of the same name will remember Thelma and Louise driving their brilliant turquoise T-bird into the Grand Canyon. "Did they really trash a T-Bird for the movie," I wondered. Don't worry, I learned, they used a scale model toy. Dan is a member of the Elks, and Martha and Kennedy would be riding with him.

"I drove my decorated milk truck up here," said driver David in a red, white and blue Rockview Dairy truck, with a license plate that says Got Milk. "People were honking their horns and waving, and giving me a thumbs up, all the way from the Dairy at Old River School Road and Stewart and Gray."

David's truck was a 1954 GIVCO, an open-sided model for making easy home deliveries back in the day. Rockview Farms is a family-owned and operated dairy that has been in Downey since 1927, and they've participated in many Downey holiday parades.

Another vintage Model T, this one from 1926, was driven by Mike from Bellflower. "I have owned her since 1999," said Mike. "Another four payments and she'll be mine."

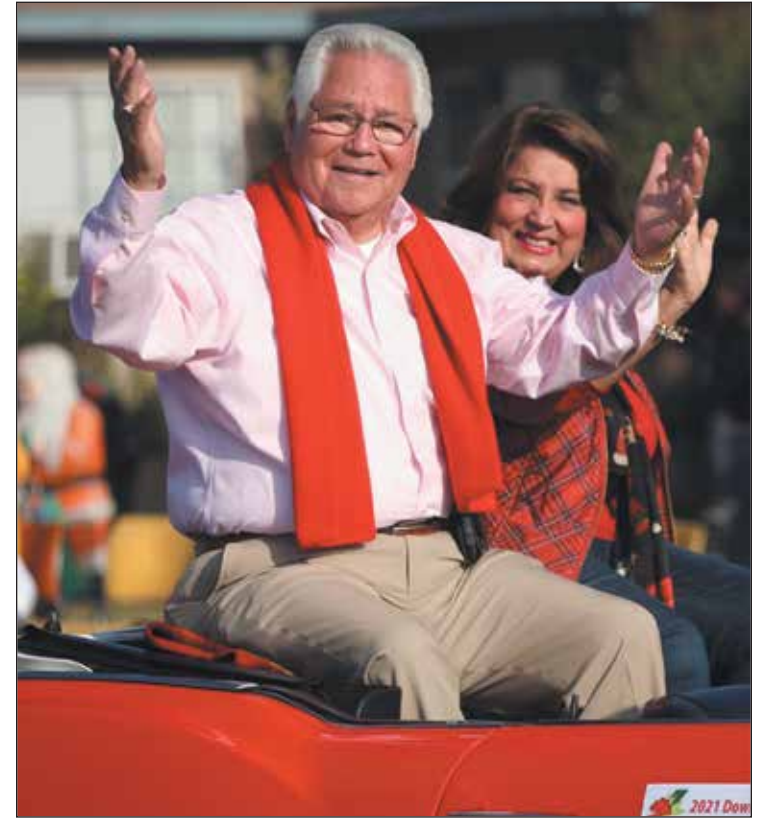
Mike is a 1979 graduate of Downey High. "Best years of my life" he said. Mike would be driving City Councilperson Catherine Alvarez, who was ready to go in a fitted red and green striped poncho.

Ken was displaying an almost-black 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible so large it might have been mistaken for a small boat.

"The color," said Ken, "is black cherry." How did he get it to shine like this? "Just polish" he said, "then sand it and polish it again, and repeat. And repeat."

State Senator Bob Archuleta in a holly red Christmas sweater rode in his own matching red convertible. There was a big black 2018 Jeep, suitably decorated, driven and owned by Lance Poole of Downey, proving that black contemporary classics can look good up against the black 1915 Model T.

Maestro Sharon Lavery, conductor of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, was scheduled to ride along with DSS president Anthony Crespo, in the Downey Symphonic Society Board member Bill Hare's maroon 1983 Buick convertible.



State Sen. Bob Archuleta rides in the Downey Christmas Parade on Sunday. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"Bought it from Simpson Buick, right here in Downey," said Bill. Luckily for Trojan Bill, the only color other than standard white offered that year was maroon.

"This was the last of the big convertibles Buick made," Bill said, "in an extremely limited edition. The door alone is five feet long, and the car weighs 4600 pounds, more than two tons."

On Downey Avenue outside the staging area, the Fire Department was assembling some of its trucks, including the battalion chief's car, fire engine red, naturally, and a green-trimmed vehicle with a half dozen elves in green riding in the back.

According to Chief Dan Hurlock, the Downey Fire Department has as always been collecting toys of needy tots for the holidays.

"I love this parade," said former Mayor Mario Guerra. "It's great to be able to get together again and celebrate this great city, with our Police Department and Fire Department, and most of all, we are celebrating our great people."

Mario and grandson Benny rode in an Army vehicle, a Ford

Super Duty F450 XLT, driven by an Army sergeant and supervised by a Captain Charles Johnson, who joined in our last parade too. Captain Johnson hails from Bradenton, Florida, but he's stationed in Long Beach at the Army Recruiting Office. Hard to tell the truck's basic color is black, because it was covered with recruiting pictures and posters.

Mario is the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, and he does his job as spokesman for the Army with all the enthusiasm he brought to his time on the Downey City Council and as Mayor. Wife Ann is doing well after recent foot surgery, Mario assured me.

The lot was full of people getting the cars ready to move. On the sidewalks band members were scurrying, joined by a man in a Scots kilt and cap with drumsticks stuck in his belt. Families came by, with babies in carriages, and little dogs on leashes. Other elements of the Parade joined in from the other lots, including the traditionally final entry, Santa. There would be nearly 60 entries, including a first, the Santa Fe Springs Dance Company's opening dance number.

Back to the pleasures of anticipation, "If you come at four in the afternoon," Saint-Exupéry's The Little Prince, "I'll begin to be happy by three." It was 12:35, just past noon, and we early birds were happy already. The morning fog was breaking up. The sun broke through the blue patches in the sky, and Downey's 70th was about to become a reality for all the people waiting along the route.

The parade would have its place in the sun after all, and the start of the parade lay just ahead.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Historical Society Open House, 10 am to 2 pm. Tour the Downey Historical Society and the historic Dismukes House. Downey Historical Society, 12540 Rives Ave.

Cosmic Storytellers, 3 pm. The Cosmic Storytellers Mr. and Mrs. B provide a cosmic overview of the universe. A fun activity suitable for all ages. Free with paid admission into the Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

Ugly Sweater Toy Drive, 8 pm. A Christmas party featuring hip hop, reggaeton, EDM and Latin vibes music. Admission charge is a toy worth at least \$10, which will be donated to the fire department. Prize for ugliest Christmas sweater. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Photos with Santa, 10 am to 2 pm. Free photos with Santa Claus, courtesy of Michael Berdelis. RSVP by calling or texting Michael at (562) 818-6111. 24 Hour Real Estate, 8635 Florence Ave.

Officer Installation, 2 pm. The Downey Masons host its 152nd annual installation of officers. Reception and dinner to follow. RSVP at (562) 862-4176 or downeysec220@gmail.com. Downey United Lodge #220, 8244 3rd St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Santa Claus Visits, 6 pm. Santa Claus visits with children at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Free, bring your own cameras.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Downey Night Market, 5-10 pm. An outdoor marketplace with vendors, food trucks, and more. Located in the fountain court outside Cinemark, 8840 Apollo Way

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Food and Toy Giveaway, 10 am to 2 pm. Receive a free box of food along with gifts for children ages 3-16 (kids must be present). Pre-registration is required on EventBrite.com event page. For questions, email rida.hamida@asm.ca.gov or call (562) 861-5803. LA County Library Headquarters, 7400 Imperial Hwy.

Toy Giveaway, 10 am to 12 pm. Free toys for children ages 1-12. RSVP by

calling (626) 587-5010. 7830 Quill Dr.

Family Paint Day, 10 am. Share a memorable experience with your family and create your very own Northern Lights masterpiece, with guidance from professional teaching artist, Erick Rodriguez. This virtual event is ideal for ages 7 and up. Tickets start at \$10 and can be purchased at staygallery.org

Legal Clinic, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys regarding immigration law, tenants law, family law, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fair Housing Workshop, 1:30-3 pm. This virtual workshop is open to tenants, landlords, managers, property owners, attorneys, realtors and management companies. The workshop will cover state and federal fair housing laws, housing discrimination, eviction processes, security deposits, rent increases, and more. RSVP at bit.ly/38dSMC4 or call (800) 446-3247.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Holiday Mixer, 6:30-8:30 pm. A free holiday mixer hosted by Ferias Legales, with a no host bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Ola Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Blood Drive, 12-6 pm. Donate blood in support of the American Red Cross. Make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code StonewoodCenter or call (800) 733-2767. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Downey Coordinating Council, 11:30 am. Steve Roberson will provide an update on efforts to build a new YMCA facility in Downey. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Ronald Reagan Library, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to the Ronald Reagan Library, which is currently exhibiting "FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda." \$30. Ages 18 and up, pre-registration required at the

Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

The Edwards Twins, 7:30 pm. Anthony and Eddie Edwards use state of the art make-up to look and sound like the superstars of today and yesterday, including Cher, Elton John, Dolly Parton and Barbra Streisand. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, George Walker's Lyric for Strings, and Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, plus a special performance of Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C Major with Carolyn Osborn on violin, Dane Little on Cello, and an artist to be announced on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Downey Coordinating Council, 11:30 am. Eric Pierce speaks about the Downey Patriot and the importance of community journalism. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Kiwanis Meeting, 6 pm. Larry Cunningham (Downey High School class of 2003) speaks about his career as a professional basketball player and being inducted into the UC Riverside Hall of Fame. Cost is \$22. Hosted by Downey Kiwanis at Frantone's Pizza, 9148 Telegraph Rd.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Pechanga Casino, 9 am to 7:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to Pechanga Casino. On the way home, the bus will stop at Tom's Farm for shopping. \$15. Ages 21 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Recruitment Expo, 10 am to 3:30 pm. Interested in a summer job with Downey's Parks & Recreation Department? Attend this expo to learn more. 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Arc Walk for Independence, 8 am. After a one-year hiatus, the Arc Walk

returns to raise money for The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Register at www.thearcloc.org or call Yolanda Chavez at (626) 862-3915.

Kiwanis Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis' second annual car show, featuring vintage automobiles, food trucks, live music, raffles, and more. \$20 to enter a car, free to the public. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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

City of STEM Kick-Off Festival. City of STEM returns in-person, starting with this kick-off festival featuring booths, activities, performances, and panels provided by STEM organizations throughout the Los Angeles area, including colleges and universities, museums, learning centers, libraries, science clubs, and many more.

Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Fiesta Casino, 6-10 pm. Save the date for Downey Kiwanis' annual casino night fundraiser, taking place this year at the Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., in Santa Fe Springs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's Overture to Candide, Pinar Toprak's "Open World" from Captain Marvel, Ives' Variations on "America," and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Plus a percussion concerto with Wesley Sumpter. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Pancake breakfast, games, vendors, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Carpenters Legacy Concert, 8 pm. A recreation of The Carpenters' 1976 UK tour, starring Sally Olson and Ned Mills. Plus a special tribute to Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.




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Pleasant Holidays.

Mayor recaps a busy year in Downey

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Public Safety: Year-to-date, our Downey PD issued 229 speeding citations, 273 driving citations, 19 arrests, and 55 vehicle impounds. Year-to-date, PD has responded to 51,643 calls. We focused on increased patrols in our parks for transient activity and speed enforcement throughout our city. Thanks to Measure S, we officially re-opened the remaining new fire stations. To date, the Fire Department responded to nearly 10,000 calls; that is a 7.5% increase from last year.

Homeless Outreach: Downey PD conducted 10 homeless outreach operations, close to 100 individuals experiencing homelessness were contacted and offered services through partnerships with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), People Assisting Homeless (PATH), Kingdom Causes Bellflower, Salvation Army Veterans Assistance Team and LA Dept. of Mental Health.

Legacy and Transformative: The city is currently working to restore the former NASA Vultee building. This will be the home of the S.T.E.M. incubator program, a conference center, and the home of the Downey Museum of Art &

Historic Preservation space. Also, the Columbia Memorial Space Center expansion is currently underway, where the home of our mock shuttle INSPIRATION will be housed.

Quality of Life: The city broke ground on a historic project, reducing the city's carbon footprint and enhancing our environmental sustainability. The city is in the process of installing solar panels on all our government buildings at a savings of \$10 million over the next 20 years and \$150K savings the first year alone.

Street Improvements/ Rehabilitation Infrastructure Project: Year-to-date, 14 miles of residential streets were rehabilitated/repaved following our City's Street Management Plan. Thanks to our City Manager and my council colleagues, we were able to approve a bond measure that will allocate over \$30 million to rehabilitate all our streets over the next three years.

On Economic Vibrancy: Even through this pandemic and the recovery efforts, we welcomed 482 NEW businesses to our city!

Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Ongoing Housing Resource Fairs: City staff are currently working on the

creation of such an ordinance to facilitate the balanced inclusion of affordable housing for all future housing developments. Community meetings have been held to present findings to our residents. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 13th at 6 pm at the Barbara J. Riley Senior & Community Center.

Mental Health In-person Counseling: We partnered with The Whole Child to provide in-person counseling for youth ages 14-24, struggling since the onset of the pandemic. I believe helping our youth cope with increased anxiety and mental health struggles brought on by the pandemic is crucial to helping our families in our community with overall recovery.

Historic Preservation Ordinance: I asked city staff to conduct a study and prepare a presentation for such an ordinance. It is important for Downey to preserve our history, and I will continue to support it. I look forward to this Ordinance in early 2022.

Final Overview on Covid-19 response: Thanks to additional funding through the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act, the city allocated \$950,000 for a

Rental Assistance Program that provided a 3-month rental subsidy to qualifying households. The program distributed 2,062 applications, a total of \$775,698 has been distributed and, 238 households have been assisted. We held 4 Food Distribution events in partnership with county and state representatives. These events served approximately 12,103 households.

For our Seniors: On-going weekly wellness checks are conducted, year-to-date, 14,190 wellness checks have been done, and 45,465 meals have been distributed to our seniors.

On Vaccination Efforts: I continued to support vaccination efforts in our city. The latest figures released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (from 12/02), indicate the vaccination rate for Downey residents 12 years of age and older is now 82.6%. For adults 65 years of age and older, it is now 97.3%.

ON-GOING

Downey's anti-litter campaign #BINIT, this educational campaign will continue after my Mayorship is over. An unprecedented 1,008 tons of illegally dumped trash has been picked up year-to-date! Cal-Met: 258 tons, our Public Works: 750 tons, without adding staff. I asked Code Enforcement to increase patrols throughout our city. However, it is up to all of us to do our part. To report illegally dumped items to the City of Downey, please call 562-904-1161. If you would like bulky items removed, please call CalMet at 562-259-1239 (option 3) and save these numbers on your phone. Please download the Downey App on your mobile device. Through this App, you will be able to immediately report illegally dumped items, street repairs, trash, graffiti removal, neighborhood light repairs, etc.

Well, Downey, this is it. As we turn the page and get ready to welcome Mayor #48, Blanca Pacheco, and a new year, I look forward to continuing to serve you. Thank you to my council colleagues for your collaboration and the city staff for your hard work.

A special thank you to the most important people in my life, my family, my children: Daniel, Emily, Sarah & Jessica, and my husband of 25 years, Nolveris. Without my family's support, I would not have been able to accomplish all that was done for YOU, Downey.

Please contact my office with any questions or concerns at 562-904-7274 or email me at CFrometa@Downeyca.org I welcome appointments for in-person visits. You can also follow my Facebook page for regular updates at Claudia M. Frometa Mayor, City of Downey, along with our City's Facebook page, City of Downey Government Agency, for regular updates.

Region still grappling with supply issues, housing insecurity

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A major part of the study focuses on the impact of the COVID downturn, and the prospects ahead, for low- to middle-income individuals and families, who have felt a disproportionate impact from job losses, continued rising home prices and a recent surge in consumer prices caused by supply chain disruptions. The economists note that many employees who lost their jobs during the early weeks and months of the pandemic are "strategically timing their re-entry into the workforce to secure higher pay consistent with cost-of-living increases that continue to erode affordability." It's imperative that strategies and policies be developed to better support these residents, particularly in the area of educational attainment and skills training.

"Workforce talent pipelines in general will be key to the regional recovery, especially in the wake of significant disruptions to the educational system," said Wallace Walrod, Vice President of Economic Development and Research for the Orange County Business Council and SCAG's Chief Economic Advisor.

Other factors that will determine the pace and strength of the recovery include potential new COVID-19 variants, continued supply chain interruptions and the persistence of inflation. Most of the economists who participated in the SCAG study expect that the region will continue to grow in 2022, and regain all pre-pandemic employment losses by mid-2023.

The specific outlook varies among specific counties and subregions with the SCAG footprint:

In Imperial County, billions of dollars of investment in solar energy production and battery storage should create significant long-term opportunities. The region is being actively explored for the mining of lithium, an essential element of batteries and mobile phones. In the meantime, the county's agricultural industry remains under pressure due to labor costs and availability.

In Los Angeles County,



Photo of Downey Landing by Pam Lane

employment is projected to grow by about 91,000 jobs annually from 2020-2025. The highest number of new jobs will be in occupations that require a high school diploma or less, which are often lower-paying and lower-skilled. At the same time, as is the case throughout the SCAG region, housing is becoming more and more expensive, with the average price for a new detached home rising to nearly \$1.2 million.

Housing affordability is a growing concern in Orange County, as well, with only 17% of residents able to afford a median-priced home. However, the county's competitive advantages - an educated workforce and diverse industry base - have helped fuel its recovery faster than its neighboring counties.

In the Inland Empire (San Bernardino and Riverside counties), the strength of the logistics, healthcare and construction industries will continue to drive the recovery in 2022. If current trends hold true, 2021 will see a gain of 69,000 jobs - more than offsetting the 65,692 jobs lost in 2020. The IE's population and economy continue to grow in large part due to migration from the more expensive counties to the west.

In Ventura County, the recovery is expected to lag behind that of neighboring counties, with the pandemic having wiped out 70% of the post-Great Recession job gains in the leisure and hospitality sector and 7% of job gains in education and healthcare. Those two industry clusters had been the fastest growing in Ventura County over the previous decade. Net domestic migration has declined for 10 consecutive years, and the labor force has contracted for eight straight years.

"Across our region, COVID-19 has provided clarity on the strengths and weaknesses within our economic structure. While we are optimistic about 2022 and beyond, we also have our work cut out for us to ensure that we grow the right way, with a resilient and inclusive recovery," said Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director.

In Memory of



Earl & Charlotte Wintz

Earl & Charlotte Wintz passed away peacefully this year, 95 and 96 years old. We children count ourselves very fortunate to have had them with us for so many years.

Earl grew up in Chatsworth, CA, the son and grandson of orchardmen. He graduated from Canoga High during WWII, and was in officer training for the duration, earning a B.S. in Elec. Engineering. After the war, he got his MBA from UCLA.

Char grew up in Reseda, CA, her father a master carpenter, and her mother a former teacher. She also graduated from Canoga High, and worked on aircraft for the war effort. Earl & Char met again at a church youth meeting in Reseda, married in 1949, and settled in Downey to raise their family.

Earl's MBA opened up a good position in the Space Industry in Downey, and Char was a stay-at-home mom for years, teaching her own children. We kids were encouraged to earn money by selling avocados from the family trees, raising guinea pigs and rabbits, running paper routes, and mowing lawns. Mom & Dad instilled the values of honest effort in us, and told us we could do anything if we worked at it.

When the Apollo program was cancelled in the early 70s, many Downey men were looking for other work. Earl jumped into pool-building for a few years, while re-training to be a Financial Planner, a job he LOVED and worked at into his 80s. Mom went back to teaching, and finished out a career with LAUSD, teaching Kindergarten and 1st grade in Maywood for over 20 years.

Earl & Char were steady, involved members of First Baptist Church of Downey, their 5 kids with them. They loved the Lord and taught us to love Him, too. Earl led the Christian Service Brigade group at 1st Baptist, and the whole family spent time helping develop "Rolling J Ranch," a Brigade boys camp near Lake Hughes. Earl helped purchase and develop the camp, built their full-size swimming pool, and all of us kids worked and camped there.

The family backpacked most summers in the Sierras, ALMOST completing the full 211 miles of the John Muir Trail. None of us will ever forget the summer we summited Mount Whitney--an awesome adventure!

After living in Downey for 45 years, Earl and Char sold their home and moved to Santa Paula to help develop 40 acres south of town with son Mark & family. Mark built their beautiful home on a bluff there. For the next 21 years, life at "Wintz Ranch" was lively with family gatherings, visitors, beautiful sunsets, landscaping, plenty of maintenance, an occasional rattlesnake, and several wildfire evacuations. Earl and Char were married for **72 years**. We are blessed with lots of good memories: a godly couple who set a good example for us. We will miss them.

Contributions can be sent in their honor to Christian Service Brigade:

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FDA approval of over-the-counter hearing aids is music to Americans' ears

By Sally C. Pipes

Millions of Americans may soon be able to hear a bit easier. The Food and Drug Administration just announced a new rule that would permit over-the-counter sales of hearing aids.

This move to liberalize the market for hearing aids is an unmitigated piece of good news. It recognizes that patients should have greater control over the care they receive. And it promises to increase competition in the market for hearing aids, saving consumers money and expanding access in the process.

Half of seniors over the age of 75 have what the National Institutes of Health classifies as “disabling hearing loss.” Younger adults can struggle with their hearing, too. The NIH says that around 14 percent of Americans aged 20-69 have some level of hearing loss.

At present, a person needs a prescription to get a hearing aid. That's limited access to -- and the potential market for -- hearing aids.

These supply restrictions have elevated the prices of hearing aids. Professionally fitted devices seldom cost less than \$1,000, and sometimes more than \$6,000 -- about 17% of the U.S. median income.

For the average senior, the outlook is even grimmer. The most expensive hearing aids would strip them of 22% of their annual income.

It's no wonder, then, that many people who would benefit from hearing aids go without. Nearly 60% of people over 55 who have hearing loss don't use them. And over three-quarters of those who do have the cash for hearing aids say they're still too expensive.

Shifting to an over-the-counter model would erase one of the chief barriers to getting a hearing aid -- the need for a prescription from a doctor or audiologist. By expanding the potential customer base for hearing aids, it could induce manufacturers to enter the space -- and reduce prices for consumers.

A possible preview of what's ahead -- speaker and headphone

manufacturer Bose already sells over-the-counter hearing aids. They cost \$850 -- much less than the thousands of dollars that prescription hearing aids can cost today.

Scrapping regressive FDA regulations on hearing devices also opens up the possibility for even more innovation. Imagine the possibilities. Wireless headphones that double as hearing aids, or hearing aids that connect with a smartwatch.

Requiring people with common forms of hearing loss to jump through hoops to procure low-risk devices that can help them is a pointless burden -- and a cruel one, too.

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Parents of school shooters share the blame

By Froma Harrop

After the 2012 massacre at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, then-Rep. Mike Rogers, a Michigan Republican, evaded calls for banning weapons of war. But he had other ideas. The “more realistic discussion,” Rogers said, is “how do we target people with mental illness who use firearms?”

Tightening the gun laws would seem a lot easier and less intrusive than psychoanalyzing everyone with access to a weapon. But to address Rogers' point following the recent mass murder at a suburban Detroit high school, the question might be, “How do we target the adults who hand powerful firearms to children with mental illness?”

The parents of Ethan Crumbley presented their clearly troubled 15-year-old with a high-powered weapon. He is charged with using the semiautomatic handgun to murder four students at Oxford High School.

This is hardly the first case of parents enabling a sick child to act on his violent fantasies. Nancy Lanza, the mother of the 20-year-old who killed 27 innocents at the Connecticut elementary school, left an unsecured Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle at her tidy house. Nancy was Adam Lanza's first victim.

Laurel Harper had previously placed her son Christopher in a psychiatric hospital, but that did not deter her from keeping unsecured guns at their home. Christopher brought six of them to his 2015 rampage

at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. Nine students died.

Both Nancy Lanza and Laurel Harper were divorced women left to single-handedly deal with children tortured by inner demons. But rather than steer their sons away from the gun culture, they both dove into it.

Nancy would go to bars at night and brag about all the guns she kept at home. Laurel, a nurse, spent long hours on forums, her subjects alternating between her son's mental illness and her gun collection.

“I keep two full mags in my Glock case,” Laurel swaggered online. “And the ARs & AKs (semiautomatics) all have loaded mags.” She criticized “lame states” that put limits on loaded firearms in the home.

Concerning disregard for the lives of others, no one would beat James and Jennifer Crumbley. The school called them in after Ethan was found having drawn pictures of a gun, a bullet and bloody figure with the words “the thoughts won't stop” and “help me.”

They came in but refused to take Ethan home. They wanted to get back to their jobs.

The day before, the school informed the parents that their son was found searching online for ammunition. Jennifer responded by sending an insanely supportive text to Ethan: “LOL, I'm not mad at you. You have to learn not to get caught.”

When these details emerged, the parents took off to hide from getting

caught. They now face four counts each of involuntary manslaughter.

The central focus of the Michigan horror has rightly moved from a mentally ill high schooler to his socially deviant parents. Which leads to these two questions:

Aren't parents who keep loaded weapons in a home shared by a disturbed child with violent obsessions themselves mentally twisted? And what could be done about them?

A woman had reportedly told investigators in Connecticut that she overheard Adam Lanza say he planned to kill his mother and children at the elementary school. She even called the local police. But since Nancy Lanza, not Adam, owned the weapons, the police couldn't take them away.

If police had removed arms from adults without criminal records, the gun rights fanatics would have exploded with outrage. How dare you go after these noble defenders of the Second Amendment?

Besides, it's easy to identify mentally ill people who use firearms, right? It's certainly easy once the massacre is over.

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist who writes about culture, politics and the economy.

Democrats are stuck with Kamala Harris

By Larry Elder

A USA Today-Suffolk University poll placed Vice President Kamala Harris' approval ratings at 28%, 10 points below that of President Joe Biden. The U.K. Telegraph tweeted: “With Kamala Harris looking unelectable, the Democrats are considering the nuclear option. Whispers in Washington suggest Joe Biden's camp has a plan to find a more popular replacement ahead of the 2024 battle.”

When Harris ran for president, she dropped out before the Iowa caucus, the first contest in the primary. She garnered little support from her home state, California. Harris got called out for hypocrisy during a debate by rival Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, for — among other things — prosecuting marijuana crimes only to make light in an interview about smoking marijuana.

When Harris quit the race, she said: “I've taken stock and I've looked at this from every angle, and over the last few days I have come to one of the hardest decisions of my life. My campaign for president simply doesn't have the financial resources we need to continue.”

But the party's presidential nominee picked her as his running mate. When Harris became vice president, Biden announced her role as a border czar and also asked her to be his point person to push the passage of a proposed “voting rights” law. The border remains a mess, and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act was stalled in the Senate. Her

staff grumbled off the record, calling these two jobs lose-lose, and even suggested “racism” at play given the growing stature of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. And then there is the cackle. Critics say Harris resorts to this kind of phony, uncomfortable laughter when she struggles to answer questions for which she is not prepared.

All of this raises the question: Why did Biden choose her in the first place?

The answer is simple. The woke/identity Democratic Party could not and would not abide another presidential and vice-presidential ticket with two white males. The party's most loyal constituency is black females. According to Pew Research Center data released in 2020: “In 2018 and 2019, 48% of White women identified as Democrats, compared with 35% of White men. ... Among Hispanic women (67% identified as Democrats vs. 58% of Hispanic men. ...) ... Black women (87%) were more likely than Black men (77%) to identify as Democrats.”

So, Harris checked the necessary boxes — a female “person of color” who identifies as black. But this also presents a problem. If the Biden administration tossed her overboard it would face a withering attack of “sexism and racism.” Consider NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson's response to the acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse, the teenager on trial for killing two white men and injuring a third in Kenosha, Wisconsin: “We have seen this same outcome time and time again. ... This verdict is

a reminder of the treacherous role white supremacy and privilege play within our justice system.”

In addition, while Harris may be broadly unpopular, she enjoys a 72% approval rating among black voters, and her approval among black female voters is likely even higher. So, the only possible way out is for Biden and the party to swap her for another black female. But the bench is shallow.

Michelle Obama? She hates politics and has repeatedly said she has no interest. Oprah Winfrey? Ditto. Domestic policy adviser Susan Rice? Tainted by the falsehoods about Benghazi that she peddled as former President Barack Obama's national security adviser, Rice was not put forward as Obama's secretary of state because she would not have gotten Senate confirmation. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.? Too offensive. Former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams? She claims, despite a lack of evidence, that she actually won but her race was stolen. This would rob Democrats of their attack line against former President Donald Trump, who makes the same claim about the 2020 presidential election for himself. Virginia Lt. Gov.-elect Winsome Sears and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice? Wrong party.

No, the Dems are stuck with Harris.

Larry Elder is a talk show host, author and former candidate for California governor.

Abortion bans don't protect the rights of the people

By Steve Chapman

Last week, the Supreme Court heard arguments over a Mississippi law banning abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy. The law roundly defies the court's decisions affirming a right to abortion, but the state portrays the ban as the mildest of correctives.

All Mississippi wants the justices to do, insisted state solicitor

general Scott Stewart, is defer to “the people.” The law, he said, came about because “many, many people vocally really just wanted to have the matter returned to them so that they could decide it — decide it locally, deal with it the way they thought best and at least have a fighting chance to have their view prevail.”

Justice Brett Kavanaugh seemed to find the argument persuasive. It's his understanding, he said, that Mississippi believes “this Court should be scrupulously neutral on the question of abortion, neither pro-choice nor pro-life.”

Letting the people decide, and aligning the court to neither promote nor prevent abortion, sounds sensible — even libertarian. What neither Stewart nor Kavanaugh acknowledged, though, is that, in a fundamental sense, these conditions have already been met.

Under the court's major abortion decisions, the people, as individuals, already have the full authority to make up their minds on the issue. Those who believe that every pregnancy should be carried to term are free to forgo abortions. Those who disagree are free to procure abortions. No woman is forced to abort her fetus, and no woman is forced to undergo childbirth.

By the same token, the Supreme Court has adopted a position of neutrality. Just as the Constitution does not let government forbid or require anyone to worship, the Constitution does not let the government forbid or require anyone to bear a child. Each pregnant woman is free to decide for herself.

But when Stewart and Kavanaugh use these terms, they have in mind a different meaning. If Roe and Casey were overturned, the people would be empowered not as individuals but as a collective. The court would be “neutral” only on the matter of whether states allow abortion or ban it.

Apply these meanings to a different constitutional right and the defects in their logic become clear. Champions of gun rights have always argued that “the right of the people to keep and bear arms” is an individual liberty — as the court agreed in 2008.

They believe the court must keep “the people” of any state from using the power of government to abridge this right. Americans who believe in free speech and religious liberty feel the same way about First Amendment guarantees.

Stewart insisted that abortion rights are different because the framers didn't explicitly protect them. The Roe and Casey decisions, he argued, “have no basis in the Constitution. They have no home in our history or traditions.”

In fact, they have a spacious place in our history and traditions. In his 2017 book “Sex and the Constitution,” University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone notes that abortion was legal and widely performed in the United States at the time the Constitution was ratified — and wasn't outlawed for more than a century afterward.

It's true that the Constitution doesn't mention the right to abortion. But the Constitution protects many freedoms it doesn't mention — the freedom to marry, the freedom to refuse medical treatment, the freedom to have children and govern their upbringing and more.

The Ninth Amendment stipulates that not all protected liberties are spelled out: “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

If the Constitution has nothing to say about abortion, does that mean a state could require some women to have abortions — say, to prevent the birth of children with serious congenital defects?

Of course not. Requiring abortion would be a gross violation of physical autonomy, which enjoys broad constitutional protection. But banning abortion has the same effect. And the Supreme Court appears poised to let it happen.

Pro-life advocates say abortion ends a human life, as if that settles everything. But the issue is not whether a fetus is alive or human. It's whether and when its preservation is sufficiently important to override a woman's fundamental right to control her own body.

Americans have long disagreed on that question. Our disagreement is a powerful argument for leaving the choice to each pregnant woman.

Right now, we let the people decide, one by one, under the protection of a neutral government. But probably not for long.

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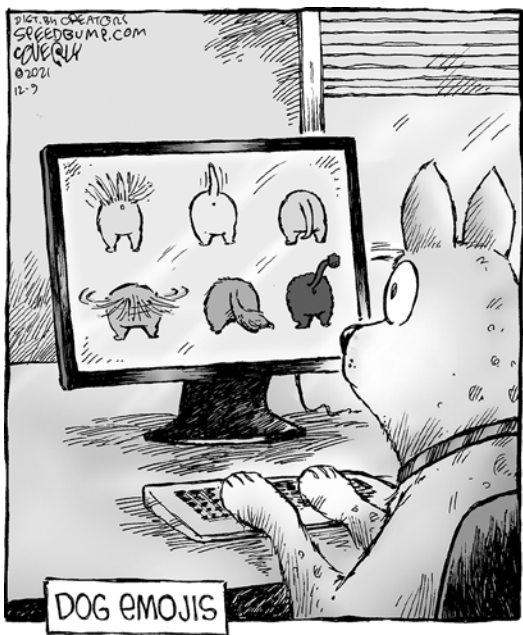
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 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey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

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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.

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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: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 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., 6:00 pm: Sister Cites 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

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7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: Creative Purposes, 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

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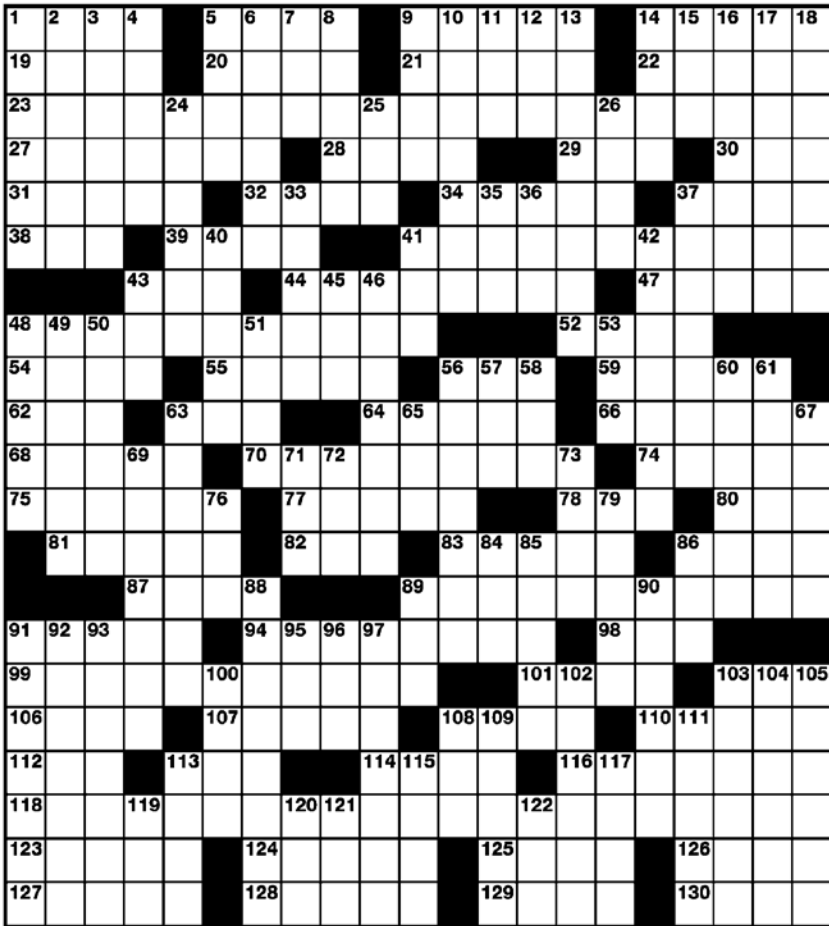
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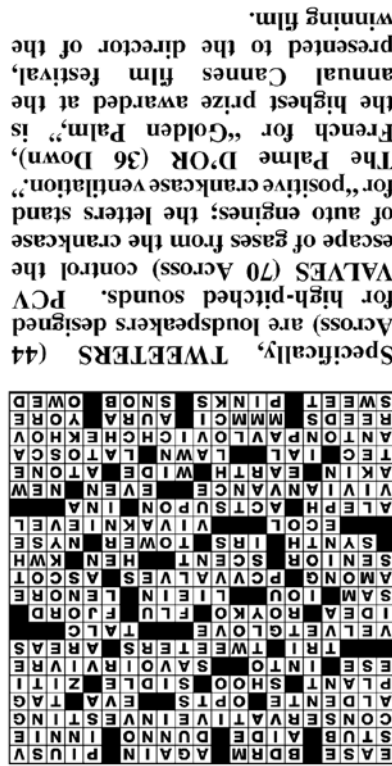
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I've been hearing a new expression. A number of my patients, in particular those who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19, tell me: "I'll do my own research." What exactly does this mean?

Clearly, they are not claiming to be scientists, about to undertake basic original laboratory research. I believe that they are saying they intend to go online and investigate whether the vaccine is both safe and effective.

How would one approach this? Years ago, as a college and medical student, I spent an enormous number of hours in various libraries, pulling respected primary sources, culling the information, and writing papers.

These days, we have the Internet. What a difference. So much information is available in so many different forums, including government funded websites, websites connected to educational institutions, personal blog or opinion sites, political websites with a highly specific bent, and websites marketing particular products. One of the most important challenges is to identify which are reliable and factual.

Here is an effective strategy:

Step 1: Clearly identify your topic. If you are clear in your subject matter, you will likely find a number of websites. Your search engine (Google, Yahoo, etc.) will use your keywords to bring up documents and webpages. Vary your keywords if you are not getting many "hits."

Step 2: Decide whether there is sufficient information available. Often I will search for information on a topic, only to find very little. Many subjects have not yet been exhaustively and conclusively researched.

Step 3: Evaluate your

sources. This is the tricky part. Are your websites providing credible, truthful, and reliable information? The problem is that you can get an enormous number of "hits," but they may not be accurate, authoritative, or even up-to-date. Unlike medical journals, there is no review standard for Internet content. ANYONE can put literally ANYTHING out there. Therefore, your task is to evaluate information and websites extremely carefully.

To be fair, most issues are not black and white. That is the challenge in researching and writing on any subject. I have biases of my own; we all do. However, for scientific data, I aspire to be an objective, balanced, and trusted source for my articles, patients, family, and friends.

What do I suggest for those who wish to "do their own research" regarding the vaccine? Let's admit that most of us do not have the background and training to interpret the raw data. But I urge you: Do not seek scientific information from social media or from a blog. Use peer-reviewed scientific journals, medical school or respected university websites, and/or a government website such as the CDC.

The Internet has changed the way we all gather information, and we must be exceedingly cautious regarding just whom we choose to listen to.

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

Don't underestimate the power of a flu shot

Health officials with Kaiser Permanente remind the public to get their flu shot.

With COVID-19 and the Omicron variant's global threat to public health dominating the news, it's easy to forget the importance of getting the flu shot to protect oneself against this other potentially deadly viral disease, health experts warn.

It's important to know it's not too late to get your flu shot, which will help protect you against contracting the coronavirus. That's because the flu vaccine will help build up your immune system and make you less vulnerable to catching COVID-19.

"If you're not vaccinated, you're more likely to catch the flu virus, and that is likely to weaken your immune system, making you more vulnerable to catching other respiratory infections including COVID-19," said Dr. Margaret Khoury, an infectious disease specialist who is Kaiser Permanente Southern California's COVID-19 and influenza vaccination program physician lead. "That's why it's highly recommended that you get your flu shot to protect your health and that of your loved ones."

Getting vaccinated against influenza is especially important during this flu season," Dr. Khoury noted. Every year, physicians recommend getting vaccinated as a way to protect yourself against contracting or spreading influenza, which is already here. But this year, the ongoing pandemic has made this single act of preventative care especially critical at protecting yourself from a disease that



plagues millions each year.

Dr. Khoury said having the flu and COVID-19 at the same time would be devastating to your health. "Studies have shown the flu vaccine remains the most effective prevention against contracting the flu and its complications," she explained.

In most years, millions of people in the U.S. get the flu, and hundreds of thousands of individuals end up in the emergency room or hospitalized with severe complications, said Dr. David Bronstein, who also practices at Kaiser Permanente Southern California.

"We're anticipating a worse influenza season," he noted. "Last year, we saw fewer flu cases, mainly due to the strict precautions we all took and

because the coronavirus crowded out the flu," he explained.

Dr. Khoury said getting the flu vaccine is critically important especially for the most sensitive populations. They include the elderly, pregnant women, children younger than five years of age, along with those with chronic health conditions, she explained.

When it comes to children who never received the flu vaccine before, those under age 8 will need to receive two flu shots, with a booster vaccine given 28 days after the first inoculation. Parents are strongly encouraged to vaccinate their children this year, as many children have resumed in-person learning at their schools, and will be more susceptible to being infected with

the flu virus as they interact with other students and teachers.

"A common misconception is that a flu shot will give you the flu," Dr. Bronstein noted. "That's simply not true. You cannot contract the flu from getting a flu shot. Side effects, if they occur, are typically very mild. However, by not getting vaccinated, you put yourself and your loved ones at a greater risk of getting the flu, which causes serious illness, hospitalizations and thousands of deaths each year."

Kaiser Permanente members are encouraged to visit kp.org/flu or call the flu hotline number at 1-866-706-6358 for information on how to safely get your free flu vaccine at Kaiser Permanente facilities across Southern California.

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Downey congresswoman lauded for support of affordable housing

DOWNEY – During a Nov. 12 tour highlighting four of National CORE’s affordable housing communities in the 40th Congressional District, National CORE chairman of the board and founder Jeff Burum presented Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard with the Daniel R. Fauske Award for her support of affordable housing.

Roybal-Allard shares National CORE’s belief that housing is a healthcare issue – and that collaboration between the housing and healthcare sectors is necessary to address the housing crisis.

Also on the tour was former Congressman Alan Mollohan, now a member of the National CORE Board of Directors, and his wife, Barbara, who have both been close friends with the congresswoman and her husband since their time in congress together.

“The part of the initiative that you [Rep. Roybal-Allard] were so helpful with was the idea, which is science based, of using Medicaid dollars and waivers through HHS to make that applicable to rental subsidies,” Mollohan said on the tour. “The principle being that people who are chronically using emergency rooms are sicker because they don’t have housing, they don’t have that stability in their life.”

On June 29, Roybal-Allard voted to advance legislation that would create more flexibility for how Medicaid dollars can be used, potentially opening the door for Medicaid to be used in the future to help house chronically homeless individuals and families.

Following National CORE’s suggestion, Roybal-Allard included language in a House Appropriations Committee report directing the Department of Health and Human Services to create a report detailing the ways in which Medicaid funds could be used for affordable housing and resident services.

The connections between healthcare and housing, and potential for cross-sector collaboration, have also been a central point of focus for National CORE President and CEO Steve PonTell.

“Everyone in society deserves to have the opportunity for an affordable home, and society as a whole would benefit greatly from the increased availability of affordable housing options,” said PonTell. “If we get every person in America housed, we will create a much healthier society with longer life expectancy, less emergency room visits, and less taxpayer dollars going towards unpaid medical bills.”

Roybal-Allard and Mollohan visited The View in Downey, Park View Terrace in Bell Gardens, and Alta Vista and a National CORE construction site at 3rd and Dangler in East LA.

“I thank the team at National CORE for this award and for their dedication to providing affordable housing for those in need,” said Rep. Roybal-Allard. “Access to affordable housing is directly related to the health of our communities, and I was proud to cast my vote in support of exploring how Medicaid funding could be used to help homeless individuals and families.

“I also thank National CORE and my friend and former colleague Alan Mollohan for the tour of these affordable housing facilities and for the updates on what National CORE is doing to keep Angelenos housed and healthy.”

Warren High needs your help

Dear Friends, Family and Community,

Warren High School is in the middle of a canned food drive campaign. Our classes participate in this annual event to help The Downey Council PTA HELPS Room put food on the table for needy families in Downey. The HELPS Room, located adjacent to Apollo Park in the Barbara Riley Center, is a crucial resource for many local families, especially during the holiday season. Historically, Warren has been one of the largest contributors to this food bank. In fact, most of what Warren donates helps keep the HELPS Room operational until the start of summer. It’s an invaluable resource kept alive by volunteers and in part by donor sites such as Warren.

No contribution is too small. I understand that budgets may be tight, but I hope that my request can be met with a donation of some kind. Should you be in a position to help, we would greatly appreciate it. Moreover, if you know of someone (a co-worker/boss/business owner) who may be willing to help, please forward this information to them.

Thank you for your time and generosity. Please contact me for any reason.

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You may drop off the cans/proceeds either at the Downey Police Station, or at the Warren High School’s guidance office! (2nd floor)

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Tax deductible receipts available upon request. If you need a receipt, reach out to me (jwaldron@dusd.net) (cell: (562) 544-3373), and I will provide this for you.Thanks again.

Jay Waldron
ASB Director
Warren High School



Jimmy John’s donates 2,500 sandwiches to Downey students

DOWNEY – The new Jimmy John’s restaurant in Downey donated over 2,500 sandwiches to Downey students last month, with plans for even more donations.

Team members of the Jimmy John’s store work together each week to assemble and deliver the sandwiches to Downey Unified School District, which encompasses 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, and three high schools.

“We wanted to give back to our community in a big way. Times are tough and using our platform to give back just felt right to us,” said franchisee Nick DePonte. “We deliver the sandwiches to the school district and from there, the district sets up a drive-thru for families in need to grab the sandwiches. It is very powerful being there and having families come up to you thanking you for helping them.”

The store set a goal to donate roughly 1,500 sandwiches each week, and in its first delivery on November 12 the team donated a total of 1,858 sandwiches – which is equivalent to \$11,129.51. The following week, the team donated another 1,000 sandwiches to Downey Unified families and anticipate donating well over 12,000 by the end of the year.

When guests purchase any sandwich between now and Dec. 28, a sandwich will be donated to Downey Unified students in need.

The new Jimmy John’s is located at 12018 Lakewood Blvd. at the Downey Landing.

Downey Unified open enrollment opens Jan. 1

DOWNEY – Downey Unified will be conducting its annual intra-district open enrollment starting in January for the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area, may apply. This is not applicable to students who reside outside of the Downey Unified district boundaries.

Applications for open enrollment will become available on Jan. 1, 2022 and the deadline to submit online or in person is Jan. 31, 2022. Applications can be found and submitted online through the district website, www.dusd.net, or a printed copy can be picked up at any of the 20 Downey Unified schools or at the district office located on Brookshire Avenue.

These documents will be available for pick up during the schools’ or district office hours of operation. New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration within Downey Unified for the new school year.

Handwritten applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the Student Services Department at the Downey Unified School District by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on an Intra-District Open Enrollment permit waiting list for the 2022-23 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting lists according to priority, only if space is available.



Downey has set the date when Blanca Pacheco will be sworn in as mayor. The transition ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 pm inside the council chambers at City Hall.

Pacheco, entering her sixth year on the city council, will take over the position of mayor from Claudia M. Frometa, who led Downey over the past year. It will be Pacheco’s second stint as mayor.

Councilman Sean Ashton, entering his final year on the city council, will be appointed mayor pro tem.

POET’S CORNER

Whenever You See a Tree

Think
how many long years
this tree waited as a seed
for an animal or bird or wind or rain
to maybe carry it to maybe the right spot
where again it waited months for seasons to change
until time and temperature were fine enough to coax it
to swell and burst its hard shell so it could send slender roots
to clutch at grains of soil and let tender shoots reach toward the sun
Think how many decades or centuries it thickened and climbed and grew
taller and deeper never knowing if it would find enough water or light
or when conditions would be right so it could keep on spreading leaves
adding blossoms and dancing
Next time
you see
a tree
think
how
much
hope
it holds

Padma Venkatraman, Poetry, March 2021

We center our holiday season around decorating a tree like this concrete poem, and in May children dance around a May pole, but National Christmas Tree Day on December 5th reminds us how much the natural world is under pressure. In Sequoia National Park more than 2,000 of the giants are dead or dying from the recent fire. In Downey, Tree People are to be planting more than 3,000 trees along the City’s streets and parkways to increase the city’s greenery, a project funded by the California Department of Transportation. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Obituaries

Bob Dole, Republican senator and presidential candidate

Bob Dole, the politician who represented Kansas as a Republican in the U.S. Senate from 1969 to 1996 and ran for president against Democrat Bill Clinton in 1996, died Dec. 5 at age 98, ten months after announcing he had been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Dole was a Kansas native, born July 22, 1923, in the small town of Russell. He attended the University of Kansas, first as a pre-med student, though he later decided to study law. His college career was interrupted by World War II, during which Dole served in the U.S. Army.



His war years had a lasting impact on his life: He was gravely injured by machine-gun fire while fighting in Italy, hit in his back and right arm. His injuries nearly took his life both on the battlefield and again after he was sent home to the U.S. for treatment, when he had to fight a severe infection. Though Dole recovered beyond doctors' expectations, his right arm and hand remained partially paralyzed. In his political career, Dole took to holding a pen in this hand to minimize its unusual appearance. The Army honored Dole with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with a V for valor.

Upon returning from the war, Dole continued his studies, attending the University of Arizona and Washburn University, and received a law degree as well as admittance to the bar. While still in school, Dole ran for the Kansas House of Representatives in 1950 and won, serving a single term. After his term ended, he practiced law and served several terms as the county attorney for Russell County.

Dole entered national politics in 1960 when he successfully campaigned for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served there until Jan. 3, 1969. In 1968, voters elected him to the U.S. Senate. During his five terms in the Senate from 1969 to 1996, he served on committees including the Republican National Committee, Agriculture Committee and Finance Committee, of which he was chairman. He was majority leader from 1985 to 1987, minority leader from 1987 to 1995, and majority leader again from 1995 to 1996.

While serving in the Senate, Dole ran for vice president in 1976 with presidential candidate Gerald Ford, losing in a narrow margin to Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale. He sought the Republican presidential nomination in 1980 and again in 1988, but was defeated by Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, respectively.

In 1996, Dole announced that he would not run for re-election to the Senate, choosing instead to focus on a third bid for the presidency. He won the Republican Party's nomination, defeating other contenders including Pat Buchanan and Arlen Specter. Choosing Jack Kemp as his running mate, Dole challenged Democrat Bill Clinton and independent Ross Perot, losing to Clinton in a landslide. The loss made Dole the only person to have won a major U.S. party's nominations for both vice president and president without being elected to either office.

Dole retired from politics after losing the 1996 election, and in the years after his retirement, he became a writer, public speaker and consultant. He wrote several books, including two memoirs and a reflection on presidential humor, "Great Presidential Wit (... I Wish I Was in the Book): A Collection of Humorous Anecdotes and Quotations," in which he ranked the U.S. presidents in order of their funniness - Abraham Lincoln won.

He famously shilled for products including Viagra, and he made TV appearances on "Larry King Live," on which he was an occasional commentator, as well as "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" and "Saturday Night Live."

Yvonne Wilder, actress in original 'West Side Story'

Yvonne Wilder, an actress known for playing Consuelo in the classic film "West Side Story," died Nov. 24 at the age of 84.

Wilder played Consuelo in the classic 1961 movie adaptation of "West Side Story" which starred Natalie Wood and Rita Moreno. She also played the role in the first international touring production of the musical. She co-starred in the 1980 movie "Seems Like Old Times" with Goldie Hawn and Charles Grodin.

Wilder had many TV credits including "Operation Petticoat," "Room 222," and "Full House." She was also a noted painter and sculptor.

Claude Humphrey, hall of fame football player

Claude Humphrey, a Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive end who played with the Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles, died Dec. 3 at age 77.

Humphrey was one of the NFL's elite pass rushers during his career as a defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles. He was the third overall draft pick in 1968 by the Falcons after a standout college career at Tennessee State.

He was a six-time Pro Bowl selection while with the Falcons and finished his playing days with the Philadelphia Eagles. Quarterback sacks were not an official statistic when he played but he has been retroactively credited with 130 sacks.

Humphrey was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

Darlene Hard, hall of fame tennis player

Darlene Hard, a Hall of Fame tennis player who won 3 major singles championships and 13 major doubles championships, died Dec. 2 at age 85.

Hard was taught a powerful serve and volley game on the hard courts of Los Angeles by her mother. She won the U.S. championship and the French championship in 1960 and defended her U.S. championship with a victory in 1961. She played in two Wimbledon finals, losing to Althea Gibson in 1957.

Her game was well suited for doubles and she won 13 major doubles titles. Hard was ranked in the top ten in the world from 1957 through 1963 and was the top ranked woman in the U.S. from 1960 through 1963.

Her last Grand Slam title came when she won the U.S. Open doubles title with Françoise Durr in 1969, coming out of retirement after becoming a teaching pro.

Stonewall Jackson, country music singer in '50s and '60s

Stonewall Jackson, a country music singer who was a longtime member of the Grand Ole Opry, died Dec. 4 at age 89.

Jackson was a longtime member of the Grand Ole Opry who was a country music star during the honky tonk era of the 1950s and 1960s.

After serving in the Navy, he went to Nashville in 1956 and his career quickly took off. He had number one country music hit songs in 1959 with "Waterloo" and again in 1964 with "B.J. the D.J." He continued to have songs on the country charts until the 1970s.

Jackson was a longtime performer at the Grand Ole Opry and he was the last living solo artist to have been inducted in the 1950s.

Jonshel Alexander, up and coming actress

Jonshel Alexander, an actress who starred as Joy Strong in the movie "Beasts of the Southern Wild," died Nov. 27 at age 22 in a shooting in New Orleans, according to the New Orleans police.

Alexander played the role of Joy Strong when she was 12 years old in the critically acclaimed 2012 movie "Beasts of the Southern Wild."

The film, which was directed by Benh Zeitlin, told the story of a poor community in the Louisiana Bayou threatened by a storm through the eyes of a child called Hushpuppy, who was played by Quvenzhané Wallis. Alexander played her friend Joy.

According to the New Orleans Advocate, Alexander was involved in dance and acting classes as a child. After graduating high school, she worked in restaurants and took care of her daughter.

Eddie Mekka, supporting actor of 'Laverne & Shirley'

Eddie Mekka, an actor who played Carmine "The Big Ragoo" Ragusa on "Laverne & Shirley," died Nov. 27 at age 69.

"Laverne & Shirley" was Mekka's first major on-screen role. "The Big Ragoo" was Shirley's off-and-on boyfriend, a dancer and singer as well as former Golden Gloves boxing champion.

Mekka's character crossed over to "Happy Days" on multiple episodes, and he also appeared as a different character on the short-lived "Happy Days" spin-off "Blansky's Beauties."

Mekka had many other TV credits, including "Moonlighting," "Guiding Light," "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," and "The Young and the Restless."

On the big screen, he made a brief but memorable appearance in "A League of Their Own," jittersbugging with Madonna's character in a bar. Mekka also had a small role in "Dreamgirls."

Prior to his TV fame, Mekka was Tony-nominated for Best Actor for his Broadway performance in "The Lieutenant." He had other stage roles in "Hairspray" in Las Vegas and in a national tour of "Grease."

Frank Williams, race car driver

Frank Williams, an English Formula One racing driver who founded Williams Racing, died Nov. 28 at age 79.

Williams fell in love with driving as a young man, and he began racing as soon as he could, driving in Formula Three races. However, after a number of crashes in his early driving career, Williams shifted his focus to managing a team.

He founded Williams Racing in 1967, and by 1969, his drivers were racing in Formula One. Williams Racing became one of the top Formula One teams, one of only a handful of teams with more than 100 victories.

In 1986, Williams was in a severe accident in a rental car he was driving; he wasn't initially expected to live. He was paralyzed from the neck down and had to use a wheelchair for the rest of his life, but he continued as principal of Williams Racing until its sale in 2020.

Williams was knighted in 1999.

Greg Tate, musician and newspaper cultural critic

Greg Tate, a longtime cultural critic for The Village Voice as well as the founder of the band Burnt Sugar, died Dec. 7 at age 64.

Tate began writing for The Village Voice in 1981, covering Black culture including music, politics, literature, and more. He became a staff writer for the paper in 1987 and remained there until 2005.

He was one of the first critics to cover hip-hop in the genre's early days. Tate also wrote for publications including Rolling Stone, Vibe, and the BBC.

He wrote books including "Flyboy in the Buttermilk: Essays on Contemporary America" and "Midnight Lightning: Jimi Hendrix and the Black Experience."

Also a musician, Tate founded the improvisational band Burnt Sugar, for which he played guitar. He also co-founded the Black Rock Coalition, a collective of Black musicians who play rock music.

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CALENDAR

City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support

Weekend at a Glance
Friday 70°
Saturday 71°
Sunday 76°

THINGS TO DO
Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday - Downey Cemetery, 11 am
Downey pays tribute to fallen heroes at Downey Cemetery. Free shuttle from Green Line station.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK
City continues financial support of Stay Gallery
Theresa Popovich: The remaining part of all of this is...
Geoffrey Casarez: I remember the first time I...
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Downey, CA 90241

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, December 30, 2021**, which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-02 – Residential Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Area 10.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation of various street on Area 10, the southwest section of the City of Downey. This project includes type II slurry seal, reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete leveling course, base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes the construction of new curb and gutter, removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and spandrels, sidewalk, driveway approaches and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings, traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-02.**

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$50.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 22-02. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him or her in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierrez@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

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CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 22-15 RESIDENTIAL STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT, AREA 1

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The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 -1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

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Ariene Ibarra	1530
Elaine Johnson	1133
Christie Stoddard	1415
Manuel L. Villalobos	1216

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Dated this 2nd day of December 2021 and 9th day of December 2021.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WLI1254152

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12/2/21, 12/9/21

NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00415

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CODY ROBERT HEAD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) CODY ROBERT HEAD to Proposed name (1) CODY ROBERT SOARES

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 5, 2022, 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner CODY HEAD
21002 HAWAIIAN AVE
LAKEWOOD, CA 90715
(714) 818-7304

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00419

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KARINA YVETTE MONTENEGRO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) KARINA YVETTE MONTENEGRO to Proposed name (1) KARINA YVETTE MONTENEGRO-MARTINEZ

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 3, 2022, 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 NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner KARINA YVETTE MONTENEGRO
10411 ORANGE AVE.
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
(562) 382-4970

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00419

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00421

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JAIME JULIAN FUENTES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JAIME JULIAN FUENTES to Proposed name (1) JAMES JULIAN FUENTES

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Honorable Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JAIME JULIAN FUENTES
7842 CALIMBERT DRIVE
DOWNEY, CA 90240
(562) 413-4480
ROSEFUENTES@VERIZON.NET

THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
11/18/21, 11/25/21, 12/2/21, 12/9/21

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00421

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JAIME JULIAN FUENTES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JAIME JULIAN FUENTES to Proposed name (1) JAMES JULIAN FUENTES

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Honorable Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JAIME JULIAN FUENTES
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER: Numero del Caso: 21NWCV00619

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

THOMAS MCLAGHLAN, and all persons known or unknown claiming an interest in the property, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL

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

CASE NUMBER: 21STCP03781

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner IRVING IGNACIO BONILLA BY AND THROUGH MONICA PEREZ BUENO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) IRVING IGNACIO BONILLA to Proposed name (1) IRVING RAYMOND PEREZ

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

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

CASE NUMBER: 21STCP03781

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner IRVING IGNACIO BONILLA BY AND THROUGH MONICA PEREZ BUENO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) IRVING IGNACIO BONILLA to Proposed name (1) IRVING RAYMOND PEREZ

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 3, 2022, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: 26, Room: 316
The address of the court is 111 NORTH HILL STREET, ROOM 118, LOS ANGELES CA 90012 LOS ANGELES COURTHOUSE

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 NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Honorable Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner IRVING IGNACIO BONILLA BY AND THROUGH MONICA PEREZ BUENO
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00417

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JIMMY ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JIMMY ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ to Proposed name (1) JIMMY ALEXANDER

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 17, 2022, 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JIMMY ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ
12430 AMESBURY CIRCLE
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THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
11/18/21, 11/25/21, 12/2/21, 12/9/21

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER: Numero del Caso: 21NWCV00619

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

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Millennial homeowners most burdened by debt, homeownership costs

■ 1 in 3 millennials dedicate more than a quarter of their income to mortgage payments, study finds.

Millennials are spending the highest percentage of their monthly income on homeownership costs compared to other generations and are at the greatest risk of becoming house-rich and cash-poor, according to a new report by home equity investment provider Hometap.

With real estate values remaining high nationwide, millennials are also the least likely to know how much equity they have in their homes or how to calculate it.

In addition to generational differences, the survey of 1,000 U.S. homeowners also found that 47% of respondents' finances have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, while 77% carry at least some form of debt or financial liability.

Millennials (83%) are also far more likely to carry debt than baby boomers (72%). As a result, more than a quarter of all homeowners say they plan to maintain a tighter budget until their debts are paid.

"As we begin to emerge from the pandemic and residential real estate values remain near record levels, homeowners - especially millennials - have a great deal of equity tied up in their properties but are wary of taking on debt to access it," said Jonathan MacKinnon, VP of Product Strategy & Business Development at Hometap.

"With the total cost of homeownership rising, and mortgage payments taking up an increasingly larger percentage of income, there is a growing need for solutions that allow Americans to tap their most important asset without going further into debt."

Hometap's report, "Are Homeownership Costs Hinder Other Financial Goals?," uncovered the following key themes and findings:

Almost half of homeowners across the country have been negatively impacted in some form by the pandemic. Black homeowners have been hit the hardest.

47% of homeowners have been negatively impacted financially by the pandemic

Of homeowners negatively impacted financially by the pandemic, 61% plan to tighten their budget or lower their spending until their debts are paid off

63% of Black homeowners say they have been negatively impacted, compared to 54% of Latinx homeowners and 43% of White homeowners

Homeowners are struggling to keep up with the everyday costs of homeownership and are becoming increasingly house-rich, cash-poor. Millennials are especially at risk.

52% of U.S. homeowners spends at least 16% of their monthly income on mortgages

One in 3 millennials spends more than 26% of income on mortgage costs

46% of U.S. homeowners spend an additional 6 to 15% of their monthly income on other homeownership costs

Another 16% spend an even greater percentage of income on homeownership costs

Only 38% of homeowners felt "very prepared" for these costs going into homeownership

Many homeowners do not realize their home provides a source of tappable home equity and are therefore missing out on opportunities to capitalize on their assets, address urgent priorities, and achieve their financial goals.

52% of all U.S. homeowners don't consider their home an asset they can take cash out of when needed

43% of U.S. homeowners don't know much equity they

have in their home today

Millennials are spending the highest percentage of their monthly income on homeownership costs, yet they're the least likely generation to know how much equity they have

53% of millennials do not know how much equity they have in their homes and 55% do not know how to calculate it

59% do not view their home as an asset they can use to obtain needed cash

Conversely, only 31% of baby boomers do not know how much equity they have in their homes and only 39% do not know how to calculate it

Only 43% do not view their home as an asset they can use for cash

"Americans are more invested than ever in their homes, but still tend to view homeownership as a source of debt rather than equity," added MacKinnon.

"These findings point to a broad lack of awareness of how to use home equity to unlock new opportunities without the burden of debt when their finances are already stretched."



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