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## Cerritos College grads get their degrees

■ Cerritos College hosts a drive-thru ceremony for graduates; one student walked away with 12 degrees and certificates.

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College celebrated the Class of 2021 with both virtual and drive-thru commencement ceremonies on May 27 and 28.

The college hosted its first ever “car-mencement” drive-thru celebration for graduates. Graduates traveled along a celebration route through a Blue Carpet Zone, received a diploma, and took pictures with friends and family. The college presented 4,500 associate degrees and skills certificates.

San Diego native Elizabeth Silva is an extraordinary graduate, having earned 12 degrees and certificates in three years. She earned all of her units online from her hometown virtually at the Norwalk-based campus.

Elizabeth's degrees and certificates include both associate degrees and certificates in business administration, human resources management, international business, business management, retail management, and entrepreneurship, respectively.

Elizabeth knew education could change her life, but being a single parent of three, she delayed her education to support her family. When the college offered more online classes during the pandemic, Elizabeth was able to pursue the courses she wanted to earn more degrees and certificates. With the strong support from college counselors, her online education ran smoothly.

With a dozen new credentials, Elizabeth plans to transfer to a four-year university next year and one day start her own non-profit organization for homeless women and children.

“I am excited to have these 12 degrees and certificates under my belt and a good education. Having all-round business knowledge is important to achieve my goal,” said Elizabeth. She will stay involved as a Falcon parent as her daughter attends Cerritos College Online, the college's fully online degree and certificate program.

Simon Guerrero was a normal young man, but he engaged in criminal activities. In 2019, after being referred to the college's CourtCollege (C2C) program by Judge Joseph Porras of the Norwalk Superior Court, Simon turned his life around.

The campus' C2C program is a unique college and career bridge partnership with the L.A. County Department of Health Services Office of Diversion and Reentry, Norwalk Superior Courthouse and the L.A. County Department of Probation to re-direct first-time nonviolent felony offenders into college as a condition of their probation.

While he originally attended Cerritos College only to avoid prison time, Simon continued his studies on campus after his probation period. He earned an Automotive Mechanical Repair Manufacturer Specialist Certificate and passed the ASE Certification for Auto Electrical Specialists.

He volunteered at an auto repair shop to complete the requirements for an A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology. Today, Simon owns his own auto repair shop called L.A. Auto Service inc. in East Los Angeles.

He is the first in his family to earn a college degree and a certificate.

## Alvarez can stay in office despite criminal past, city says

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez can continue in her role on City Council despite her criminal history, including a conviction for welfare fraud, the city attorney said.

Concerns over Alvarez's eligibility to sit with the city's leadership rose earlier this year when the councilwoman's criminal history was made public.

Alvarez is known to have convictions of welfare fraud, perjury, and stealing from the Michael's craft store at the Downey Landing.

As such, the city hired an outside law firm to investigate and advise the council on the matter.

At the council meeting on last week, City Attorney Yvette Abich Garcia gave the results of that investigation.

“After reviewing the matter, the city's outside attorneys have concluded that Councilmember Alvarez may continue to serve on the Downey City Council,” said Garcia.

Alvarez was elected to the City Council last November.



## Downey summer school starts Monday

■ Everything you need to know about summer school at Downey Unified.

**DOWNEY** – Beginning the week of June 7, Downey Unified launches its summer enrichment programs for students; this includes summer school at each middle and high school, Extended School Year (ESY) programs and elementary STEAMworks.

The middle school summer program will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, and will run from June 7 to July 9. The high school summer program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will run from June 7 to July 15.

Downey Unified's elementary summer enrichment program, STEAMworks, will be located at Gauldin, Lewis, Rio Hondo and Unsworth elementary schools, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This program, which runs from June 7 to July 2, will enrich approximately 1,710 students by instructing them on the basis of STEAM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Art and Math).

The elementary ESY program being held at Alameda will run until July 3 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The secondary ESY programs being held at the middle and high schools will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will run until July 9. In observance of the July 4th holiday, all summer school programs will be on a Tuesday through Friday schedule as no school will be held Monday, July 5.

In addition to the summer programs listed above, Downey Unified is also providing an online summer school option for all students. This online learning model is similar to the Distance Learning model which recently concluded in May. An additional 2,200+ students districtwide will be utilizing this online option over the summer.

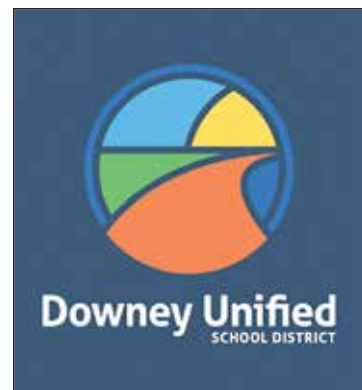
Also beginning on June 7, Downey Unified will be participating in the Seamless Summer Food Service Program, providing free breakfast and

lunch to all children ages 18 and younger during the summer school session. Meal distributions at the elementary campuses will be Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. until July 2.

Meals can be picked up via drive-thru or walk-up at Gauldin, Lewis, Rio Hondo and Unsworth elementary schools, and at Alameda Elementary via walk-up only. A drive-thru or walk-up option is not available at Columbus High School or Doty, Griffiths and Sussman middle schools as meals will only be available for those students who are attending summer school in-person.

Meal distributions at Stauffer Middle School and Downey and Warren high schools will be available Monday through Thursday only during the summer session from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with no distribution on Fridays. A “weekend's worth” of meals will be provided on Thursdays at all our meal distribution locations. Meals will also not be distributed on July 5 in observance of the July 4 holiday.

For any questions regarding



the summer programs, please contact each respective school site for additional information. For any questions regarding the Seamless Summer Food Program, please contact the Food Services Department at (562) 469-6672.

The Downey Unified School district's office hours will also be altered during the summer beginning on June 7, being open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The district office will be closed on Fridays beginning June 7 through July 23.

The upcoming 2021-22 school year will begin for all students on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

## Rancho's director of dentistry recognized for her service

■ Dr. Konita Wilks spent 11 years in the U.S. Navy; now she runs the dentistry program at Rancho.

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Konita Wilks, director of dentistry at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, was honored Saturday by L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at her annual Tribute to Veterans & Military Families.

As part of this special (virtual) event, veterans working for LA County were recognized for rising to the challenges of the pandemic and continuing to embody the same spirit of service they did when they were in active duty.

Dr. Wilks is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a Navy veteran, with service as a Surface Warfare Officer. She was in active duty from 1994-2005 and served in the Persian gulf under Operations Iraqi Freedom, Operations Enduring Freedom, and during 9/11.

After her service, Dr. Wilks received her dental degree and graduated with honors from UCLA. Now a mother of four, she is the director of Rancho's dental clinic, which specializes in treating individuals with physical and developmental disabilities, as well as those with debilitating chronic medical conditions.

Serving also as Rancho's Triage Officer, during the multiple COVID surges Dr. Wilks ensured that personal protective equipment and supplies went to the patients and staff that needed it most. She and her team also made sure that the 35,000 surgical masks donated to the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation were distributed quickly and efficiently.

As the COVID vaccine became available, Dr. Wilks led the efforts to deploy her dental clinic dentists to administer the vaccine, which allowed Rancho's nurses to continue to care for their patients.

“It was awesome that our dentists were able to directly support the pandemic response efforts,” said Dr. Wilks. “We all felt that it was so cool to be a part of history... getting to see firsthand how excited and relieved people were to get the vaccine. For us, that was the highpoint of such a disastrous year.”

Dr. Wilks is a strong advocate for Rancho's patients and as such often works with the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and Las Floristas to provide the absolute best care and services to her patients through state of the art dentistry rooms and affordable patient transportation.

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center is grateful



Dr. Konita Wilks of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center was honored over the weekend for her military service.

to have such an incredible individual like Dr. Konita Wilks on staff.

“Dr. Wilks is an amazing member of our Rancho team,” said CEO Aries Limbaga. “We are extremely grateful for her service to Rancho and honored to recognize her distinguished service to this County.”

For more information about the programs and services funded by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation or to make a donation, please call (562) 385-7053 or visit [www.RanchoFoundation.org](http://www.RanchoFoundation.org)



## Weekend at a Glance

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### ON THIS DAY JUNE 3

**1888:**  
The poem “Casey at the Bat” by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

**1916:**  
The National Defense Act was signed into law, increasing the size of the United States National Guard by 450,000 men.

**1943:**  
The Zoot Suit Riots broke out in Los Angeles after white U.S. Navy sailors and Marines attacked Latino youths.

**1963:**  
Pope John XXIII died at age 81.

**1965:**  
Astronaut Edward White became the first American to walk in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

**1989:**  
Chinese army troops began a sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

**1989:**  
Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died.

**2001:**  
Mel Brooks' musical comedy “The Producers” won a record 12 Tony Awards.



**2008:**  
Barack Obama clinched the Democratic presidential nomination.

**2010:**  
Rue McClanahan, the actress who played Blanche in “The Golden Girls,” died after suffering a brain hemorrhage. She was 76.

**2011:**  
Physician-assisted suicide advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian died at a Michigan hospital at age 83.

**2013:**  
The trial began against United States Army private Chelsea Manning, who was accused of leaking classified material to WikiLeaks. She was convicted a month later of espionage.

**2016:**  
Boxing great Muhammed Ali died, 32 years after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He was 74.



**Birthdays**  
First Lady **Jill Biden** (70), metal singer **Kerry King** (57), news anchor **Anderson Cooper** (54), R&B singer **Lyfe Jennings** (48), and Spanish tennis player **Rafael Nadal** (35).

# 'In the Heights,' 'Mamma Mia!' star in La Mirada Theatre's season schedule

■ Eight live shows are included in the La Mirada Performing Art Center's 2021-22 calendar, including several Broadway favorites.

**LA MIRADA** - The La Mirada Center for the Performing Arts this week released its 2021-22 season calendar, highlighted by a month-long production of "In the Heights" next summer.

The calendar is also filled with concerts from musical and standup legends, including Jay Leno and the Righteous Brothers.

The full schedule is below:

## "Clue"

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 17, 2021**

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they'll never forget! Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or was it Colonel Mustard in the library with the wrench? Based on the cult 1985 Paramount movie and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is the ultimate whodunit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist.

**Engelbert Humperdinck**  
**Oct. 22, 2021 (8 pm)**

In a career spanning almost 50 years, Engelbert has generated sales in excess of 140 million records, including 64 gold albums and 23 platinum, four Grammy nominations, a Golden Globe, and stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Las Vegas Walk of Fame. He has performed for the Queen four times and many heads of state. He has recorded everything from the most romantic ballads to movie theme songs, disco, rock, and even gospel. His unique voice has charmed

millions of fans around the globe. Engelbert's music has transcended time and his voice still continues to reach out to people now serving to transport and inspire, to embrace and to provoke feelings and emotions... ingredients that are no doubt the essence of his long-lasting success.

## "Mamma Mia!"

**Oct. 29 - Nov. 21, 2021**

Get swept away by the infectious music, funny story, and dazzling dance numbers that have made Mamma Mia! a worldwide phenomenon. On the eve of her wedding on an idyllic Greek island, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings back 3 men from her mother's past. Featuring over 20 ABBA songs, including the hits "Dancing Queen" and "Take a Chance on Me," this high-spirited, feel-good sensation will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.

## "Million Dollar Quartet"

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 13, 2022**

When Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins got together for one unforgettable night, they became the Million Dollar Quartet. The true story of what happened when "The Father of Rock 'n' Roll," Sam Phillips brought these icons together for the recording session of a lifetime. And you're in the room! Featuring Over 20 Rock 'N' Roll Hits Including: "Blue Suede Shoes," "I Walk The Line," "Who Do You Love?," "Folsom Prison Blues," "That's All Right," "Sixteen Tons," "Hound Dog," "Down By The Riverside," "Peace In The Valley," "Matchbox," "Great Balls Of Fire," and "See You Later, Alligator!"

## Jay Leno

**Feb. 19, 2022 (2 pm and 8 pm)**

Leno has captivated living rooms across the world for over 20 years with charisma, comedy,



Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights" plays the La Mirada Performing Arts Center in June 2022.

and charm as host of late-night television's top-rated, "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and now with "Jay Leno's Garage" on CNBC. A television icon, stand-up comedian, best-selling children's book author, lovable TV and movie voice-over artist, pioneering car builder and mechanic, Leno has been deemed "the hardest working man in show business." He has been honored by the Television Academy with an Emmy for Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Series and was inducted into the Television Academy's Broadcast Hall of Fame.

**The Righteous Brothers**  
**March 25-26, 2022 (8 pm)**

With a string of #1 classics, including the most played song in radio history, "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame duo of Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield topped the charts in four decades. After Bobby's death in 2003, Bill Medley continued to perform to sold-out crowds around the world, but fans and



"Mamma Mia" opens at the La Mirada Performing Arts Center on Oct. 29.

friends pleaded with him to keep The Righteous Brothers alive. Says Medley: "No one could ever take Bobby's place, but when I caught Bucky Heard's show it all came together - I found the right guy to help me recreate the magic." The concert experience features their biggest hits - "Lovin' Feelin'," "Soul & Inspiration," "Unchained Melody," "Rock and Roll Heaven," Medley's Grammy-winning "Dirty Dancing" theme "The Time of My Life," and more.

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## "In the Heights"

**June 3-26, 2022**

In the Heights tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood - a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind. With a score by Lin-Manuel Miranda (Hamilton), this hip musical will win you over with its sweet story and hot tunes.

Subscriptions to this season range from \$42.50 to \$281.50 and are now available by calling the box office at (562) 944-9801. Single tickets go on sale Aug. 20.

## "The Sound of Music"

**April 22 - May 15, 2022**

The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony, Grammy and Academy Award-winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and the unforgettable title song. Children (3+) and adults will re-discover the inspiring story of family, faith, joy and courage in turbulent times - all to songs we know and love. Celebrate

## Greek church plans celebration

**DOWNEY** - St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Downey will celebrate the Greek bicentennial this Saturday from 3-9 pm.

The celebration is free and open to the public.

Music will be provided all day by DJ Peter Loukatos. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, including arni stin souvla, souvlakia, wine, soda, sweets, and coffee.

Opening ceremonies begin at 3 p.m. with remarks by Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa and a presentation of flags.

This will be followed by a torch relay for the opening of the children's Olympic Games.

Children are invited to participate in a variety of Olympic activities either individually or as a group from 3:30-5:30 pm.

Starting at 7 pm there will be a presentation honoring the people and events of 1821 with music, dance and the presentation of Olympic medals.

"We have planned a great day for all to enjoy as we commemorate 200 years of freedom," the church said.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church is located at 10830 Downey Ave.

## Library group installing officers

**DOWNEY** - Friends of the Downey City Library is hosting its annual meeting and installation of officers Friday, June 11, at 11 am inside the library's Cormack Room.

The slate of officers includes Virginia Yoshiyama (president), Veronica Arce-Hernandez (secretary), Susan Bouris (treasurer), Nancy Krusbe (newsletter editor), Ramie Johnson (bookstore director) and Toni Stewart (publicity director).

Three positions remain vacant: 1st vice president and program director, 2nd vice president and membership director, and fundraising director.

Members of the Friends of the Downey City Library can self-nominate for any position or nominate another person with their permission.

Nominations can be made to either Nancy Krusbe at (562) 928-4327 or nkrusbe@yahoo.com or Virginia Yoshiyama (562) 861-4528.

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# Crime Report

On May 19 at 11:50 am, officers responded to the Stonewood Mall in regards to a tailgate theft in progress. The suspects fled prior to officers arriving. Due to the witness' quick call to police and the fast response, officers located the suspects in the area. The tailgate was returned to the victim and an adult male and adult female were arrested.

On May 19 at 5:25 pm, officers responded to the 8000 block of Adoree St. in regards to an in-progress catalytic converter theft. The victim saw a male suspect attempting to cut the catalytic converter from his vehicle. The victim chased the suspect away from his vehicle. While the suspect was running away, he swung a hand-saw at the victim, narrowly missing the victim. The suspect entered a black Suburban with a female adult driver and fled the scene. The license plate was captured by a witness. The Detective Bureau is currently investigating.

On May 20 at 4 pm, two suspects entered the smoke shop located at 7352 Stewart and Gray Rd. The adult male and adult female pointed a firearm at the clerk and demanded money. One suspect removed approximately \$800 U.S. currency from the register. Both suspects entered an older model Nissan Altima and fled. Detectives responded and the investigation is ongoing.

On May 23 at 9:20 am, officers responded to the 8000 block of 4th Street in regard to a burglary in progress. The victim received an alert via his Ring camera and immediately drove to the residence, where he located the adult male suspect inside. The suspect fled the location and was detained a short distance away by responding officers. The suspect was arrested.

On May 23 at 11:55 am, officers responded to the 10200 block of Mattock Ave. in regards to a home invasion robbery. Two adult male suspects armed with an AR-15 rifle entered the home and confronted a single female resident. They demanded \$30,000 cash and eventually left with electronics and other items from the home. The victim was uninjured. The detective bureau responded and followed various investigative leads. At approximately 2000 hours, all the suspects were located in the city of Whittier and arrested. All the stolen items and the rifle utilized during the crime were recovered. There was no threat to public safety as it appears the victims were targeted.

On May 26 at 9:15 pm, an intoxicated male adult pedestrian was crossing the 9400 block of Florence Ave. outside of the crosswalk when he was struck by a motorist. The unidentified motorist was traveling at a high rate of speed and fled the scene. The pedestrian was transported to St. Francis where he was treated for minor injuries. The case is being reviewed by traffic investigators.

On May 28 at 4:25 pm, officers responded to disturbance at 13107 Lakewood Blvd., T and T Nail Salon. The male adult suspect entered the salon irate and demanding to use the internet. The suspect grabbed a pair of scissors and threatened to kill the salon staff and a female patron. The subjects in the salon locked themselves in a separate room as the suspect began to stab the counter with the scissors. The suspect fled the location, and was located by responding officers. The suspect was arrested for criminal threats.

On May 29 at 3:40 pm, officers responded to 9001 Apollo (Walmart) regarding a stabbing. The victim, a male adult, was inside Walmart with his children when he had a brief verbal altercation with the adult male suspect. The argument continued outside and led to a physical altercation. After the altercation, the victim drove to a family member's home and realized he had been stabbed in the back. The victim was transported to St. Francis with a non-life threatening wound, treated, and released. The victim is no longer cooperating with the investigation.

On May 30 at 12:10 pm, the adult female victim was sitting to the front of 9000 Apollo Way, Lane Bryant. Two male adult suspects approached the victim from behind and grabbed her purse. Both suspects fled on foot prior to officers arriving.

## Bicycle, pedestrian safety operation planned by police for June

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Police Department will conduct bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement operations during the month of June aimed at keeping people who need to go out to exercise or run essential errands safe.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is requiring residents to stay home as much as possible, the Downey Police Department recognizes the need to protect the public by looking for violations made by bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians that make roads unsafe.

These violations include drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, failing to stop for signs and signals or any other traffic violation. Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped when riding on the wrong side of the road, not complying with stop signs and signals, or other violations of the same traffic laws that apply to them

as drivers.

"Just because there's less traffic doesn't mean traffic rules go out the window," Chief Dean Milligan said. "To protect you and your family, we want to make sure those that are out are following rules intended to keep them safe."

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising at an alarming rate. In 2016, 138 bicyclists and 867 pedestrians were killed on California roads. Pedestrian fatalities are up nearly 33 percent from 2012, and the number of bicyclists killed is up nearly 25 percent over the past five years. In 2019, the Downey Police Department investigated 3 fatal and 97 injury collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians.

## Police stepping up DUI patrols in Downey

**DOWNEY** - Additional officers from the Downey Police Department will be out on patrol during the month of June looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Downey Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they need to run essential errands.

"Safety is paramount, but especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," Chief Dean Milligan said. "We are all in this together and want everyone to be as safe as possible when they are out. One way to do that is by not driving impaired."

The Downey Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or operating heavy machinery, which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home. Driving sober is your safest bet.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI will pay a stiff price: an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

## POETRY MATTERS

### At Brookshire Park after Rain

Sit with me under the young pepper tree  
And watch the sky through its feathery leaves;  
The light bursts breaking the cumulus clouds  
With sprays of pink berries dangling down,  
The pale pink berries of the pepper tree.  
At the park on a late-winter day after rain  
The winds surge and I see a world new again  
Charged with goldfinch, bluebird, and hummingbird gleams  
And children overcome by the joy of the scene—  
Let's chase winged yellow, blue, ruby and green  
Where even the strewn bottles shine.

Lubna Haddad Walford

"This poem is for my parents," says Lubna, "who lived out their American dream here. There is so much natural beauty flitting around. It's good to pause and appreciate it. My father still talks about how much he loves this city, and still tends a flourishing garden with a heart filled with gratitude." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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## ¡Felicitaciones a todos los graduados!



# Obituaries

## Kay Lahusen, LGBTQ activist and photographer

Kay Lahusen, an activist and photojournalist who chronicled some of the earliest U.S. protests for LGBTQ rights, died May 26 at a hospital in West Chester, Pennsylvania at the age of 91.



Lahusen and her partner, Barbara Gittings, were key members of the early

movement to secure equal rights for the LGBTQ community. The 1969 Stonewall uprising was, for many, the moment that brought the movement to the attention of the mainstream, but even before that, Lahusen and others marched for their rights.

Those early protests, in the mid-1960s, simply demanded equal rights for LGBTQ citizens. In one, Lahusen carried a sign reading "The American way: employment based upon competence, ability, training; not upon private life" – reflecting the

fact that sexual orientation was not a protected class and didn't become one until recent years.

Lahusen photographed many of these marches, and she and Gittings also produced the pioneering lesbian newsletter, "The Ladder." Gittings edited the journal, while Lahusen wrote for it under the name Kay Tobin. She also took photos for the journal, including groundbreaking cover photographs of notable lesbians at a time when it could be dangerous to be so public about one's LGBTQ status.

Lahusen was also among those who successfully fought for the American Psychiatric Association to remove homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses.

was collages composed of bright, simple shapes that resonated with the preschoolers who were her audience. She also illustrated books including "Eating the Alphabet," "Crocodile Smile," and "Color Zoo," for which she was awarded a Caldecott Honor.

## Kevin Clark, drummer in 'School of Rock'

Kevin Clark, a drummer and actor who played the young drummer, Freddy "Spazzy McGee" Jones, in the 2003 movie "School of Rock," died May 26 in Chicago when his bicycle was struck by a car at the age of 32.

Clark began taking drum lessons when he was just five years old. At 12, he saw a newspaper ad seeking children who could play a musical instrument to star in a movie with Jack Black.

Though he had no acting experience, Clark auditioned, playing "Iron Man" for his audition. He got the part and seemed like a natural, playing the drummer who eagerly embraced a punk aesthetic as he played music with his classmates.

"School of Rock" was Clark's lone acting credit, but he was a drummer all his life. He played in Chicago bands including Dreadwolf, Funk it Let's Jam, and Jess Bess and the Intentions.

He also taught drums at a Chicago-area School of Rock location.

Miranda Cosgrove, who starred as the band's manager in "School of Rock," wrote on Instagram that she was "stunned and saddened" by the news.

"The world lost an amazing soul," Cosgrove wrote. "I'll always remember your spirit and how kind you were to me. I'll

never forget all the memories. You'll always be missed Kevin."

Rivkah Reyes, who played the bassist Katie in the movie, wrote on Twitter that they'd "never forget your hugs and your laugh and the sheer joy on your face when we'd run into each other in Chicago. Thank you for always showing up for me with that 'big brother I never had' energy."

## Gavin MacLeod, actor found fame in TV sitcoms

Gavin MacLeod, an actor known for his roles on TV shows including "The Love Boat," "McHale's Navy," and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," died at his home in Palm Desert at the age of 90.

Best known as Captain Merrill Stubing on "The Love Boat," a role he played from 1977 to 1986, MacLeod was nominated for three Golden Globes for the role and parlayed his fame portraying the cruise ship's captain into a gig as global ambassador for Princess Cruises.

Prior to his tenure on "The Love Boat," MacLeod had his first taste of fame playing Joseph "Happy" Haines on "McHale's Navy" from 1962 to 1964, when he left the show in pursuit of larger roles.

His breakout performance came in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," where he played news writer Murray Slaughter from 1970 to 1977.

When MacLeod got a call from his agent about an audition for Mary Tyler Moore's new show, he was thrilled, he said in a 2017 interview with Maritime Matters. He loved the scripts the show's producers sent him, but he wasn't sure about the role they

wanted him to audition for – Lou Grant.

Having worked with Moore when he guest starred on "The Dick Van Dyke Show," MacLeod didn't feel he was the right choice to play her boss. He auditioned for the Lou Grant role, then asked if he could try reading for the role of Murray Slaughter.

He ultimately got the role he really wanted, and Ed Asner was unforgettable as Lou Grant in a role that spun off to its own show during the years when MacLeod was creating his own iconic role on "The Love Boat."

MacLeod was also in movies including "The Sand Pebbles" and "Kelly's Heroes."

In later years, MacLeod made appearances on TV shows including "The King of Queens," "That '70s Show," and "The Suite Life on Deck."

## John Davis, real Milli Vanilli singer

John Davis, one of the real vocalists behind Milli Vanilli including their 1989 hit "Girl You Know It's True," died May 24 at the age of 66 from COVID-19.

Music producer Frank Farian created the French/German dance pop duo Milli Vanilli with frontmen Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan. The duo became international stars behind the hit songs "Girl You Know It's True" and "Blame It On The Rain."

Milli Vanilli won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1990. It was discovered after the award that the duo were lip syncing songs on stage, which featured the voices of the real singers who recorded the originals in studio.

John Davis was one of the real singers, along with others.

After the scandal, Farian changed the group name to The Real Milli Vanilli featuring Davis and Brad Howell, another Milli Vanilli singer. The group's 1991 single "Keep on Running" was a top ten hit in Germany.

Davis remained in Germany and later performed with Fab Morvan as the group Face Meets Voice.

## B.J. Thomas, 'Hooked on a Feeling' singer

B.J. Thomas, a Grammy-winning pop country singer known for the hits "Hooked on a Feeling" and "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," died May 29 at the age of 78 from lung cancer.

Thomas hit the top ten on the charts 26 times and sold 70 million albums worldwide.

Thomas had a winning formula combining country with pop music, including his version of the Burt Bacharach and Hal David song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," which won the Academy Award for Best Original Song as part of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

His other popular hits included "Hooked on a Feeling," later made famous by Blue Swede, and "(Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song."

Thomas also performed the theme song titled "As Long As We've Got Each Other" for the hit sitcom "Growing Pains."

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A few years after graduating high school, Norm enlisted in the US Air Force. He traveled the world as an US Air Force Military Policeman, also competing on the US Air Force Pistol Team. After returning home he met his future wife, Sharon Marlene Davis of Boise, Idaho and her daughter, Robin.

Norm moved with his wife, Sharon and daughter, Robin Christine Shelton to Huntington Park, California in 1959. In 1960, Norm and Sharon welcomed twin sons, Paul Edward Shelton and Mark Leonard Shelton. In 1961 Norm moved the family into their own home in Norwalk, California, where they made many memories. Norm instilled a proud work ethic and love of sports into the family, coaching his son's and neighborhood friends to many baseball, football and basketball championships. Later in life Norm enjoyed playing poker with his friends almost every weekend. He also loved traveling to Las Vegas and the Barona Casino to have fun.

Norm was a man who was ALWAYS there to support his children and grandchildren. He attended Little League Baseball, Bobby Sox Softball, Pop Warner Football, Dance Recitals and Competitions to College Baseball and College Softball. He was our family's Biggest Fan!

Three days after celebrating his 86th Birthday with his family, they all came together again for one last time to share his last moments before being welcomed into heaven by his family of Angels, Mark, Robin and Sharon on April 8, 2021.

Norman is survived by his son, Paul Shelton, wife, Rosie and daughter in law, Candie Shelton. Grandchildren, Joshua (wife Kari), Katrina, Tyler (wife Melissa), Mason, Marc, Brandice Khamis and Brittany Shelton. Great Grandchildren: Brooklyn, Jaxson, Wyatt, Peyton, Maverick and Hunter Shelton, Zachary, and Jayden Shelton.

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## Relocate Marilyn Monroe

By Froma Harrop

Palm Springs, California, has a world-class art museum. And the museum building is itself a world-class example of midcentury modern architecture.

Thus, it was understandable that a group of Palm Springs residents would object to placing a kitschy 26-foot statue of Marilyn Monroe right in the museum sightlines. The “artwork” reproduces the famous scene in “The Seven Year Itch” in which Marilyn walks over a sidewalk grate and the rising air lifts her skirt way high. She’s seen bending over as she unsuccessfully tries to hold down her skirt.

If all goes according to the plan, which was somehow approved by the city council, Marilyn’s rear end would face the urbane museum’s front door. As fashion designer Trina Turk put it, “The view as you exit is of Marilyn mooning the museum.”

Turk is co-founder of the Committee to Relocate Marilyn. Her group says it would be cool with putting the statue somewhere else in the city, even a nearby park.

Don’t get me wrong. “The Seven Year Itch” is a great movie. In addition to putting Marilyn’s voluptuous body on generous display, it showcases her considerable talents as a comedienne.

But childish renditions of pop culture figures really don’t enhance an upscale thoroughfare leading to a grown-up cultural institution. Also, the scene depicted in the statue was filmed on a New York City sidewalk whose vibe couldn’t be more different from the desert oasis of Palm Springs.

Commercially named “Forever Marilyn,” the statue is the work of John Seward Johnson II, an heir to the Johnson & Johnson fortune.

In 2003, then-Washington Post art critic Blake Gopnik called a Corcoran Gallery exhibit of Johnson’s works “the most mind-numbing, head-spinning, belly-flipping experience you’re likely to come across.” In sum, he said, “This show is really, really bad.”

Gopnik suspected that the powers at the Corcoran may have harbored

impure motives in featuring this artist. “They might have noticed,” he wrote, “that not a single other American museum has ever seen fit to give Johnson a show — despite the prospect of pleasing an art-loving millionaire and potential benefactor.”

“Forever Marilyn” has been around. It’s been displayed in Chicago, Stamford, Connecticut, and elsewhere — and not to universal applause. How is it that Palm Springs gets stuck with it?

It’s true that Marilyn spent some time in Palm Springs, as had other Hollywood stars. But she lived in 43 homes, and this one was rented.

Predictably, one feminist Marilyn critic, Elizabeth Armstrong, has declared the statue misogynistic — that is, hating of women. She also accused its creator of promoting upskirting (taking a photo of a person’s genital area without their knowledge). That would be a misdemeanor in California.

And it insulted Marilyn the thespian, whom Armstrong said “wanted to be taken seriously as an artist and not just a sexual icon.”

Well, let’s not go there. Whatever Marilyn’s ambitions, she most definitely intended to and succeeded in playing simple-minded sexual kittens. She was an actor, you know.

The real issue remains what putting this cheesy statue where its backers want it would say about Palm Springs. The museum chairwoman, Jane Emison, complained that “the statue will damage our credibility and our goal to highlight Palm Springs as a world-class destination for midcentury architecture and design for international cultural tourists.”

The big question, implied by Emison, is what kind of tourist Palm Springs wants to attract. Can’t a city renowned for its dramatic desert setting and sophistication sell itself on those virtues?

Here’s hoping Palm Springs can resist the growing push to infantilize the culture. There’s such a thing as civic dignity. And Disneyland, after all, is only an hour and a half drive away.

*Froma Harrop is a columnist who writes about culture, politics and economics.*



## Traffic circles don’t get enough love

By John Stossel

I hate waiting at traffic lights.

There’s a solution: traffic circles, or roundabouts.

Traffic circles terrified me when I first confronted them in Europe. A movie, “National Lampoon’s European Vacation,” captured my experience when it portrayed Chevy Chase driving in London, unable to exit a rotary all day.

Besides being hard to navigate, I also assumed roundabouts cause problems, but a Freakonomics podcast woke me to their advantages. Roundabouts are a reason Britain’s rate of traffic deaths is less than half the U.S.’s.

“We’ve converted almost all of our traffic lights to roundabouts because we save lives,” says the mayor of Carmel, Indiana, Jim Brainard. His little town now has 133 roundabouts.

A University of Wisconsin–Madison study confirmed that roundabouts save lives. Roundabouts increased crashes a bit, but deaths and injuries dropped by 38%.

It’s because of the angle of the cars, says Brainard. “Instead of a T-bone, you got a sideswipe.”

Roundabouts also slow cars down a little, giving drivers more time to react.

“That makes it seem like it’ll take longer for cars to get through intersections,” I say to Brainard.

“It really doesn’t,” he responds. “A roundabout moves 50% more traffic than a traffic light.”

More than a four-way stop sign intersection, too, according to a test run by the TV show “Mythbusters.”

Roundabouts are also better for the environment. “You never come to a complete stop,” Brainard points out. “Tremendous amounts of fuel are saved.”

Indianapolis realtor Jason Compton says roundabouts even increase the value of homes “because they just flat out look better (by adding) more green space.”

Sometimes communities put artwork in the middle.

Bottom line: Roundabouts are safer, cost less, move more traffic and are better for the environment.

Yet, most Americans still say, “I don’t want these things.” I tell Brainard. “They’re confusing. I’m more likely to have an accident!”

“Well, it takes public education,” he responds. “Chevy Chase didn’t do us any favors.”

Brainard points out that Chase was stuck in a large rotary, not a

roundabout. Some traffic circles and rotaries have many lanes. The one by Paris’ Arc De Triomphe connects 12 roads!

“Those are dangerous,” says Brainard. “That’s not what we’re building. Modern roundabouts are small; the smaller they are, the safer they become. They’re very different.”

Europe learned that lesson. European countries are building lots of small roundabouts.

“America is way behind,” I tell Brainard.

“America is catching up,” he replies. “When I started, we probably had under a couple of hundred in the United States. Today, we’re pushing five or six thousand.”

That’s progress.

Still, his little town, with just 97,000 residents, has 2% of all the roundabouts in America.

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## Taking liberty for granted

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

“Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.” — Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826).

No one knows if Thomas Jefferson personally uttered those words. They have been widely attributed to him, but they don’t appear in any of his writings. If he did not literally utter them, he uttered the sentiments they offer. They remind us not to take liberty for granted.

As America returns to pre-pandemic normalcy, we should think about the dangers of taking liberty for granted. This column has argued frequently that personal liberty is our birthright. It is a natural right. It doesn’t come from the government. It comes from our humanity, which is a gift from God. As God is perfectly free, so are we.

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution presume that our liberties are natural and cannot be suppressed or taken away by the government absent due process.

Due process requires a notice of charges, a fair hearing with all constitutional protections at which the government must prove fault, and the right to appeal. The Constitution doesn’t grant liberty; it restrains the government from infringing upon it.

Some liberties are so essential to the pursuit of happiness that the Constitution prohibits their infringement, period — with or without due process. These are the liberties that we exercise every day — worship, speech, peaceable assembly, self-defense, privacy, ownership and use of property, commercial transactions, travel. We voluntarily establish governments to protect our liberties.

Are the governments we have established morally legitimate? They are when they have, as Jefferson wrote in the Declaration, the consent of the governed, and when they defend our liberties. Absent consent and defense of liberty, government is not legitimate.

Jefferson argued that government exists only to secure our rights. When it fails to protect our rights, or when it destroys our property, we have the right to alter and abolish it.

These principles of personal liberty in a free society were mocked and attacked by the government during the recent pandemic, and most folks went along with it.

How, in a land made prosperous by rugged individualism and personal sacrifice, not by government, did the people become sheep when their governors — without legal authority and in utter defiance of constitutional guarantees that they swore to uphold — signed orders that purported to deny the right to worship, work, travel, assemble peaceably and use private property as one sees fit?

Why did so many folks who believe in personal liberty accept these illegal orders and cave to them? Why did we wear medically useless masks on our faces when we, not the government, own our faces? Why did we allow the government to close lawful businesses? Why did police and prosecutors break their oaths to defend the Constitution in deference to these gubernatorial power grabs?

The same Constitution that restrains the federal and state governments from curtailing fundamental liberties also guarantees those liberties. Stated differently, the 14th Amendment — which imposes the guarantees of the Bill of Rights on the states and prohibits the states from impairing those guarantees — also enables Congress to intervene when states fail to uphold basic, fundamental, constitutionally protected rights.

Did the feds come to the rescue of any of us in beleaguered states where our liberties were curtailed by executive decree? They did not.

Did the courts, whose principal role is to apply and enforce the Constitution, invalidate the unlawful commands of governors or curtail the unconstitutional prosecutions of those who had the courage to defy them? They did not.

Did any legislative body — state or federal — use its powers to write laws to invalidate the unlawful, unconstitutional, immoral orders of governors? They did not.

There is a common thread running through all this, and it leads to the dark and baleful state of voluntary servitude — a lamentable, Orwellian state of affairs where people are so afraid of a new demon that they voluntarily bow to rules and commands that bankrupt them and crush their liberties in a vain hope for safety.

The core thread running through all this is fear. Fear of sickness and death. Fear of bucking the tide. Fear of exercising personal liberty. Fear that the government might be right.

## Wishful thinking

Dear Editor:

I look forward to the day the majority of our representatives in Washington and Sacramento are fiscally responsible.

**John Lacey  
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All these lockdowns happened overnight. There was no great public debate about them. There was far more acquiescence than challenge to them. The public took for granted that the governors actually had the authority they claimed they had and actually could become dictators in a crisis of fear — a crisis they created. Now that this is for the most part behind us, the question arises: Why did we let this happen?

It happened because we take liberty for granted. We repose the Constitution for safekeeping in the hands of men and women who, in the eternal conflict of personal liberty versus governmental power, side with power. These are folks popularly elected who don’t care about liberty; they care about control.

At this writing, there is no clear answer as to the cause of COVID-19. But the cause of the pandemic was taking liberty for granted. What kind of a society is ours? You can go to jail for fishing or barbering without a license, but if you are a governor, you can crush the liberty of millions and destroy the property of thousands with impunity.

The next time this happens, will we cave, or will we resist?

One of the rights championed by Jefferson and his fellow founders was the right to secede from the government — the right to avoid a government to which one never consented. This is the core natural right for which the American Revolution was fought.

For a government without the consent of those it governs is invalid and illicit — and of no lawful authority. It only endures when masses of folks and shapers of opinion take liberty for granted.

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## Cyber security

Dear Editor:

The recent cyber attacks from the Colonial Pipeline to the most recent attack to JBS Food Supply reveal how vulnerable we are, how unprepared we are to defend ourselves from these attacks and how incompetent are the people in charge.

I find hard to understand that the CEO of Colonial Pipeline did not invest in cyber security but did not hesitate in paying a millionaire ransom to the hackers.

Cyber attacks represent a clear and present danger to the security to the US and hence they must be prevented and stopped. It is time to create a Manhattan Project like group that includes, in addition to the UK and Canada, all the advanced countries in Europe and Japan to come up with answers to this problem.

We have been able to land a man on the moon, land on Mars and develop a vaccine against the Covid-19 virus, we certainly have the technology to prevent and stop cyber attacks. It just has to be properly managed.

Our nemesis in Russia, China, Iran and North Korea will get bolder because they see that we are not prepared and are doing nothing to stop it. Threats don’t work on them and hence we must build the capability of doing to them what they are doing to us now.

Only then we will be safe.

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# Short Stories: Love Under the Gazebo

By Yolanda Adele

It was a gloriously warm day in the park. Some couples were arm in arm meandering past the walkway, while others picnicked on the thick blades of grass. Parts of the grounds were ablaze with the feverish pink-colored blossoms from the giant mimosa trees and lemon lilies embraced the gazebo where musicians were playing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Tender sounds of music and floral fragrances wafted down past the blades of grass where another kind of world exists and another kind of gathering was taking place.

Colonies of ants from near and far came to attend the wedding of Private Andy and Lady Bette. Manny, the praying mantis, was to perform the ceremony. Everything was set, except for the heart of the bride to be. For you see, she had fallen in love with another

gentlemen crawler while Andy was away on patrol duty. He was in the Queen Ants' Army which often kept him far from his Lady Bette.

She was a pretty little beetle, who any man-bug would want to call his own. Lady Bette would have been very lonesome were it not for Sammy Snail who liked to read sonnets to her by the little creek in the evenings. At first it was innocent enough, but lately the mood changed under the stars and moonlight glow. Sammy was so different from her fiancée. He was sensitive and appreciated poetry, whereas Andy thought Longfellow was a worm of a guy (literally).

Sammy Snail was very shy, in fact, he was in psycho-therapy to help him come out of his shell. Yet, though unknowingly, he had captured Lady Bette's heart. How could she tell him that she had fallen in love with him? After all she was already betrothed.

She went to see Spider Max,

Sammy's good friend, who just happened to be married to her best friend, Bonnie Bee, and told them of her feelings. To her surprise they told her that Sammy had confided in them about his love for her. This news made her jubilant. She was filled with new hope of becoming Mrs. Sammy Snail.

She hoped Sammy would make the first move, though she knew that would be difficult because he didn't exactly move very fast about anything. She did not dare push or confront him; after all she was a lady.

Her wedding day arrived, and still Sammy had not approached her. There was nothing she could do but go through with the marriage and be a soldier's bride. Everything was in place. The silverfish marched in procession, followed by the leaf-ants. The bees began their buzzing rendition of "The Wedding March." The Army troops stood at attention by the groom at the top of the

mount. Tearfully Lady Bette adjusted the little pink blossom atop her head, and then picked up her tiny bouquet of white baby's-breath. She reluctantly began her march towards Andy. From time to time her eyes wildly searched for Sammy.

When she finally reached Andy she turned and looked over her shoulder one last time. It was then that she spotted Sammy. She looked at him with pleading eyes. His eyes meet hers. At that instant Sammy knew he had to do something... fast. Spider Max put one of his arms around Sammy and whispered, "Don't be a slug, claim her for yourself. What are you waiting for?"

"Max, you know that Andy and his Army chums will attack us for sure. We can't fight all of them."

"Sam I have a plan. Just leave everything to me. First stop this show." With that Max left to crawl up a tree just above the groom and the ant troops.

Suddenly Sammy cried out, "You can't marry him Lady Bette. You love me and I you." Andy turned a bright red with rage. And before he could tell his Army buddies to attack sticky web netting fell upon them.

Lady Bette dropped her bouquet and ran behind Sammy, pushing him into a nearby dirt hole. They tunneled their way through the soft soil until they came up under the gazebo platform. They were safe there. The scent from the lemon lilies tickled their senses. They giggled with glee before sharing their first kiss, of many to come.

The musicians were playing their last tune, "The Parties Over-Lets Call It A Night." When the melodious sounds ended, many humans got up to leave. Numerous shoe soles and heels stepped on the web-trapped ants. The rest of the ants, along with the other wedding insect guests scurried away from the

threatening, flattering experience.

Sammy and Lady Bette were married below the gazebo in a very private ceremony. Max was the best man and Bonnie Bee the matron of honor.

Andy Ant survived the stampede of the wedding lost. And it was not long before he found a lady that he was better suited for. She was Sergeant Amy Ant. They enjoyed going on ant marches. She was the weight lifting champion of the Queen's Brigade.

As for Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Snail, they made their home below the gazebo, surrounded by sweet fragrances of spring. Often times these newly-weds danced to the music from the bandstand that filtered down to their happy home. For the rest of their lives love was in full bloom under the gazebo.

# Short Stories: The Way it Was

By Sharon Benson Smith

Not long ago, you couldn't open the local paper without reading an article on the Salton Sea, Joshua Tree, or the endangered desert tortoise, all subjects of which will forever remind me of my dad.

More recently though, the flash point seems to be Echo Park and the cleanup of the homeless encampment, the uptake in crime, the repairs needed, the reopening

this month, and how the enforcement of it all will change.

However, I would like to share my personal experience of "the way it was."

Long after granddad and grandma White divorced, and he was courting his second wife ("Aunt Annie" to me), we traveled to Brand Boulevard in Glendale via the electric trolley or Red Car to visit her. That Red Car ride, in itself, was an adventure! But, then, going anywhere with him was always something new and

different and considered by me to be a fun-filled adventure.

I must have been a precocious eight or nine years old at the time, and before we arrived at the Glendale destination, granddad took me to Echo Park.

When we arrived at the park, we went straight to the boathouse where he rented a famed paddle boat; then we went to the hot dog stand and bought food to feed the ducks. The lake was also home to geese, swans, turtles, fish, frogs and several species of birds. But

I recall our favorite pastime as being feeding the ducks.

I also remember that the lake was as blue as could be and you could see the downtown L.A. skyline in the background, plus there was lush greenery and a walkway completely around the lake.

Granddad paddled us all around the lake as we talked and chuckled at the various sights and sounds. As I fed the ducks, we took in all the breathtaking surroundings. It would be the first time I laid eyes on the then-lovely Echo Park.

I hope he is now reading this over the shoulder of his "Pootsie Gal" and that he recalls the family's feelings of love and gratitude for him. Then, of course, in his shy-like manner, as whenever he was being complimented or shown any affection, he uttered his famous last words: "Ah Tut!"

Regardless of the present-day condition of the park, I certainly hope it can be restored to its original beauty or, better yet, "the way it was."

It's been about 75 years now, but it will forever remain a sweet memory of that wonderful day spent with granddad in a paddle boat and feeding the ducks at Echo Park.

With love written all over it, "Pootsie Gal."

# Short Stories: Almost Vegan

By Sharon Benson Smith

I can remember the days when my Tracy still lived at home, and she said to me once: "Mom, I'm going to live with you until I'm 35." It was cute to hear then but has me pondering now that it could have been because when we went out to dinner at our then-favorite restaurant, Charlie Brown's, she could order anything her little heart desired. And what her little heart desired then was always prime rib with all the trimmings. That went on for many enjoyable years.

Then, as is to be expected, my little girl grew up, got a job, and moved out on her own.

As time went on, her eating habits changed drastically (to me anyway). She became vegan! To me, she was a hard core vegan. That meant no animal products, i.e., meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, etc. She even squeezed lemon

juice on her salad rather than a dressing of any kind. Much to my amazement, she was adamant about that diet or style of eating, and that was her bill-of-fare for many years.

She was always consistent about going to the doctor for her regular check ups, but when diagnosed as being anemic, she asked me to come with her to an upcoming appointment at St. Jude's in nearby Fullerton. I was eager to go as I had been concerned about her eating habits and the possible effects.

When the doctor entered the room wearing a jacket with "Oncology" on the pocket, I tried to keep my cool for her but I was a quiver of nerves. I didn't let on to her but my heart was hammering, racing and spinning in my chest.

I can't begin to tell you how relieved I was to hear him say she just needed to incorporate more protein into her diet to remedy

the blood problem she was experiencing. She followed the doctor's orders, and improvement was noticeable soon afterward.

It is now years later and things are somewhat the same, except there is one thing I know for sure...she said goodbye to prime rib and all the trimmings, and hello to chicken and turkey meat. And that's perfectly okay with me, as I have a healthy, fit, and thriving daughter. (Oh, and pretty too!)

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# 'The Last Five Years' musical opens in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH** - International City Theatre virtually presents "The Last Five Years," an intimate, emotionally powerful musical by Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Jason Robert Brown.

Directed by Jamie Torcellini, "The Last Five Years" will stream June 3 through June 20 on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (dark Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays) at www.InternationalCityTheatre.org.

"The Last Five Years" captures some of the most heartbreaking and universally felt moments of modern romance, ingeniously deconstructing a five-year love affair — from meeting to break-up and from break-up to meeting.

Jamie, a young up-and-coming novelist, falls in love with Cathy, a struggling actress. Their story is told almost entirely through song, using an intercutting timeline device: Jamie's songs start as they first

get to know each other and move forward to the end of their marriage, while Cathy's songs begin as the marriage dissolves, moving backwards in time to the beginning of their love.

"The Last Five Years" premiered at Chicago's Northlight Theatre, going on to an off-Broadway production at the Minetta Lane Theatre in New York City. It was named one of the ten best productions of 2001 by TIME magazine, and garnered the Drama Desk Award for music and lyrics.

In the two decades since, the musical continues to see productions across the country and around the world, including an off-Broadway revival at Second Stage in 2013. A film adaptation was released in 2014, starring Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan.

Tickets to "The Last Five Years" are priced at \$35 per household.

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, JUNE 5

**Catalytic Converter Etching**, 8 am to 12 pm. The Downey Police Department and Titan Tow are offering free catalytic converter etching. Limited to the first 100 Downey residents to sign up. Contact Downey PD for details. Titan Tow, 11911 Woodruff Ave.

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

**Bicentennial Celebration**, 3-9 pm. Join St. George Greek Orthodox Church as they celebrate the Greek Bicentennial. Food, music, and games for kids. St. George Greek Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 12

**562 Flea Market**, 10 am to 4 pm. Shop vintage clothes, music, jewelry, art, plants, home decor, Y2K, and more. Masks required. Dog friendly. Christ Lutheran Church, 7707 Florence Ave.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

**Retro Game Exchange**, 10 am to 2 pm. Fans of retro and modern games and collectibles are invited to buy, sell and trade with each other. Featuring video games, consoles, Funko pops, DVDs, VHS, and more. Face masks required. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 17

**Town Hall Meeting**, 6 pm. Councilman Sean Ashton hosts an in-person town hall meeting. Hear city updates and share your questions and concerns with the council member. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 19

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up**, 9 am. Spend one hour helping to clean up a Downey neighborhood. Wear old clothes and closed toe shoes. Gloves,

safety vest, litter sticks and trash bags will be provided. Meet in the Big Lots back parking lot.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 26

**Downey Pride March**, 10 am. Downey second annual pride march returns. Meet at Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## SATURDAY, JULY 10

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**, 7 am. Featuring keynote speaker Glenn Leonard of The Temptations. More details to be released soon.

**Resource Family Recruitment Event**, 9 am. Find out how you can help any of the 30,000 children in L.A. County foster care. Calvary Chapel Downey (south sanctuary), 12808 Woodruff Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## SATURDAY, JULY 24

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

**Downey Pride Picnic**, 12-4 pm. Downey's first LGBTQ picnic with children's activities, live music and entertainment, raffles, information booths, and free food. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

**Backpack Giveaway**, 2-4 pm. Bring your children to receive a free backpack, courtesy of Gangs Out of Downey. Live music to follow. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs a free concert under the direction of conductor Sharon Lavery. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

**Dr. Mary Stauffer Celebration of Life**. A public service for Dr. Mary Stauffer, who died earlier this year at age 103. To receive an invitation with details about the service, fill out the following form online: <https://tinyurl.com/mrsfCOL>

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

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

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

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

*Some events may charge admission fees. Email calendar listings to [eric@thedowneypatriot.com](mailto:eric@thedowneypatriot.com)*

# Downey resident raffles sneakers at a bargain

Jaden Andalon created Pluto Sneakers, a company that raffles high-demand sneakers.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Although popular, there are not many hobbies more competitive and expensive than collecting shoes. Downey resident Jaden Andalon is trying to help that.

It was an idea thought of while the 23-year-old was lying in bed, watching a similar raffle event.

"I started Pluto Sneakers just a month ago. It's basically a raffle sneaker page that I started on Instagram for people who don't want to buy sneakers at the high resell price, which ranges anywhere from \$200 to thousands of dollars," said Andalon. "I buy sneakers and I raffle them off. It's a 10-person raffle system."

"I've been into the fashion / sneaker game since high school, and I've been following pages. I would be watching in bed, people doing these raffles, and people paying anywhere from \$100 to \$160 per slot, and I thought I could do a better price for that. I was laying down in bed, looking at my shoes, and I was like 'I need to start something.' So, the next day I started a sneaker page, I raffled off a pair of my shoes I never wore, and from there I started buying more shoes and raffling."

Andalon watches trends and websites to determine which shoe styles to target. Once he has a shoe for the Pluto Sneakers page, hopefuls pay \$40 for one of 10 spots. When raffle time comes, Andalon goes live on Instagram and spins a wheel on his computer to determine a winner.

While he admits that participation is a gamble, he says that those who participate have fun while potentially winning a pair of nice shoes for a steal of a price.



Jaden Andalon, owner of Pluto Sneakers. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"You can buy the shoe for \$400, or you can win a pair of shoes for \$40," said Andalon. "If you're on the Instagram live, I promise you're going to have a lot of fun. I've gotten plenty of responses in my DM's saying, 'Keep doing what you're doing, your attitude and you as a person makes me want to go in more.'"

"I'm doing it more for the people that love shoes but don't want to buy it for a high price."

In fact, he's really not making much profit himself, putting in around \$2,000 of his own funds and profiting only about \$700 so far. And for now, that's okay.

"I'm not making too much money right now, but it's all for fun in my eyes," said Andalon.

Pluto Sneakers can be found on Instagram at @pluto3sneakers.

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## BULK SALES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 214395-CS  
 Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and address of the Seller/Licensee are: 10951 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY INC. AND SOUTH CITY GAS INC, 10951 E IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650. The business is known as: CHEVRON EXTRA MILE AKA; SOUTH CITY CIRCLE K & 76. The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: 10951 E IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650. 25903 PALA, SUITE 300, MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691. The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT and are located at: 10951 E IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650. The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE now issued for the premises located at: 10951 E IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650. The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is JUNE 23, 2021 at the office of: R ESCROW CORPORATION, 1205 E. CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866. The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$950,000.00 which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH THROUGH ESCROW \$950,000.00. It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRIME TIME COLLECTIBLES, 7007 GREENLEAF AVE, SUITE 202, WHITTIER CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PRIME TIME BROS LLC, 7007 GREENLEAF AVE SUITE 202, WHITTIER CA 90602. State of Incorporation: CA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2021. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/PRIME TIME BROS LLC, MEMBER, DAVID ALVARADO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 12, 2021. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021098323  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOLIS RECYCLING, 4601 GRATIAN ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SALATIEL SOLIS VARGAS, 4601 GRATIAN ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90022. State of Incorporation: CA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/SALATIEL SOLIS VARGAS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 27, 2021. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021099918  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELITE MORTGAGE PARTNERS, 8050 FLORENCE AVE STE 21, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) XIOMARA SOMOZA, 8050 FLORENCE AVE STE 21, DOWNEY CA 90240. State of Incorporation: N/A. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/XIOMARA SOMOZA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 28, 2021. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021118190  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KAA-B'S UNLIMITED, 11411 FOSTER RD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RIVA G. SARMIENTO, 11411 FOSTER RD, NORWALK CA 90650. State of Incorporation: N/A. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2021. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/RIVA G. SARMIENTO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 25, 2021. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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File Number 2021096742  
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## GOVERNMENT

### CITY OF DOWNEY

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Downey has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget at a Special Council Meeting on June 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in the Downey City Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA.

Copies of the Proposed Budget are available for review at the City Clerk's Office, City Library and City's website: <http://www.downeyca.org>. Persons who have any questions should contact Anil Gandhi, Director of Finance and Information Technology, at (562) 904-7265.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
 City Clerk  
 June 3, 2021

The Downey Patriot  
 6/3/21

### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT PLN-21-00032

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 16th day of June, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-21-00032) Specific Plan Amendment: A request to amend the Florence Avenue/I-5 Specific Plan 90-1 revising Section III- A (G) (Development Standards- Signs) related to freestanding signs and incorporating new sign standards for electronic message signs within the Specific Plan 90-1, currently consisting most notably of properties commonly known as 11111 Florence Avenue, 11000 Florence Avenue, and 10645 Studebaker Road.

Public Participation and Accessibility for the June 16, 2021, Downey Planning Commission Meeting Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20 executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Officer Order January 29, 2021 - Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 - Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Tier 1 Surge Response, the Regular Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. will allow members of the public to participate and address the Planning Commission during the public comment portion of the meeting via teleconference.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or participate via teleconference to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. The agenda will include a special notice with clear instructions on the various methods that the public can participate in the meeting.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Associate Planner Irving Anaya at (562) 904-7154, or at [ianaya@downeyca.org](mailto:ianaya@downeyca.org).

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### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### FEES AND CHARGES FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Downey has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution adopting City Fees and Charges, at a Special Council Meeting on June 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in the Downey City Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA.

This Public Hearing and Notice is intended to comply with the provisions of Government Code Section 66018. The Resolution will set forth the City fees and charges for various services.

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Copies of the Resolution adopting City Fees and Charges are available for review at the City Clerk's Office, City Library and City's website: <http://www.downeyca.org>. Persons who have any questions should contact Anil Gandhi, Director of Finance and Information Technology, at (562) 904-7265.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
 City Clerk

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## 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.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storageandtreasures.com](http://www.storageandtreasures.com) on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 ending at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8150 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

| Name           | Unit # |
|----------------|--------|
| Diana Escobedo | 1443   |
| Sepp Williams  | 274    |

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

Dated this 27th day of May 2021 and 3rd day of June 2021.  
 Self Storage Management Company  
 Bond #: WLI1254152

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## NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 21LBCPC00141  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner WILLIE SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) WILLIE SMITH to Proposed name (1) WILLIE SMITH-JORDAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING  
 Date: JULY 2, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 27  
 The address of the court is 275 Magnolia Long Beach, CA 90802  
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 18, 2021  
 JUDGE MARK C. KIM  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
 WILLIE SMITH  
 3705 HEDDA STREET  
 LONG BEACH, CA 90805  
 562-310-5227  
 torreystar@hotmail.com

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00157  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD to Proposed name (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS HOLDEN  
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

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

NOTICE OF HEARING  
 Date: JULY 2, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312  
 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 18, 2021  
 JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
 MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD  
 11134 JOSLIN STREET  
 SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670  
 (310) 344-4196  
 MICHAELGOODM@AOL.COM

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T-Mobile proposes to modify/upgrade telecommunications antennas and associated equipment currently collocated on a building located at an address 9245 Florence Avenue, Downey, Los Angeles County, CA 90240 (N 33° 56' 40.8", W 118° 06' 39.5"). T-Mobile is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking or with questions on the proposed facility should contact Impact7G, Inc., Attn: Ms. Andrea McCool at 9550 Hickman Road, Clive, IA 50325 or call 515-473-6256 (Ref. Impact7G #939 CA).

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00179  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA JOSE ESPARRAGOZA, BELTRAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MARIA JOSE, ESPARRAGOZA, BELTRAN to Proposed name (1) MARIA JOSE, ESPARRAGOZA BELTRAN

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

NOTICE OF HEARING  
 Date: JULY 23, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312  
 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650  
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT MAY 24, 2021  
 JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
 MARIA JOSE, ESPARRAGOZA, BELTRAN  
 11015 CROSSDALE AVE  
 DOWNEY, CA 90241  
 (562) 805-1084  
 MAJOO.EB@GMAIL.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00160  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ORLANDO GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ

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

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **JULY 16, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312**  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA., 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** MAY 14, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ**  
8110 BERGMAN LN.,  
DOWNEY, CA., 90242  
(562) 213-3133  
ordoming@gmail.com

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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUBEN LEYVA**  
Case No. 21STPB04278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUBEN LEYVA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: FRANCIS LEYVA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FRANCIS LEYVA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **JUNE 15, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M.**, in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
**FRANCIS LEYVA**  
7630 SUVA STREET  
DOWNEY, CA 90240  
562-646-2041

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No. 095318-CA APN: 6262-018-017 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/24/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 6/30/2021 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/30/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2651648 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOSE R. PACHECO, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9251 BELCHER ST, DOWNEY, CA 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$599,746.93 If the Trustee is unable to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. TRUSTEES: ROSIE M HOPES, AND ELIJAH E HOPES, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/27/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2390616 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Described as follows: As more fully described in said deed of trust Date of Sale: 6/23/2021 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$578,928.53 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12108 GERTRUDE DR LYWOOD, CA 90262 A.P.N.: 6174-022-023 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further

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T.S. No.: 21-25166 A.P.N.: 6174-022-023 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. TRUSTEES: ROSIE M HOPES, AND ELIJAH E HOPES, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/27/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2390616 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Described as follows: As more fully described in said deed of trust Date of Sale: 6/23/2021 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$578,928.53 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12108 GERTRUDE DR LYWOOD, CA 90262 A.P.N.: 6174-022-023 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further

recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can

receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site www.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 21-25166. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are

an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 21-25166 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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## How to choose the right real estate agent

### 1. Check out the local housing market in person

Drive or walk around your neighborhood and look for repeat agent names on real estate signs (bonus if there's a "sold" sign next to them!). According to our research, 16 percent of sellers find agents from a for-sale sign, while 16 percent hire an agent based on knowing them from their community.

### 2. Talk to an agent in person at an open house

Pop into a nearby open house and observe how the agent engages with potential buyers. Take the time to interact with the real estate agent — don't just grab a business card and leave. Keep an eye out for personality and professional chemistry. Seven percent of sellers find their agents at an open house.

### 3. Compare real estate agents online

Do a quick name search online for the real estate agents you've identified. An agent's online presence (e.g., real estate websites, search engines and social networks) is the next best thing to a personal referral. Read what people in your area are saying about a recommended real estate agent. And, take note of how that agent responds to negative reviews. Use Zillow's Agent Finder tool to search for agents in your area by star rating.

### 4. Get a referral

There's nothing better than a personal referral from a friend or family member you trust. According to Zillow research, more than one in five sellers (22%) find their agent because of a referral from a friend, relative, neighbor or colleague.

### 5. Meet with at least three agents

When hiring a real estate agent, don't settle on the first agent you meet. According to Zillow research, 56% of sellers only ever contact one agent, but by talking with multiple agents, you'll be able to compare and contrast to find someone who will be a good fit. Handle it like a job interview — because it is! While you might have a front-runner based on a referral or local reputation, ask each of the three agents the same questions and compare their responses.

### 6. Ask the right questions

- How long have you been working in real estate?
- Do you primarily work with buyers or sellers?
- How many active clients do you have at a time?
- Are you part of a team?
- What's your specialty?
- Are you equipped to handle my unique situation?
- How will you market my home?
- Can you put me in contact with some references?

### 7. Explain your communication preferences

Make sure you're on the same page from the get-go. Discuss how the agent will keep you informed and how often you expect to hear from them. If you prefer email but the agent is most responsive to phone calls, you may not be a good fit for each other. Or, if you know you're going to have lots of questions and expect quick responses, but the agent usually just sends bi-weekly updates, you may want to find someone who is a better fit.

### 8. Clarify your motivation to sell

Make sure you've made clear any requirements that are specific to your own home sale. Are you on a strict timeline? Need to reach a specific bottom dollar? Looking to fall within a particular timing window to avoid capital gains taxes? Make sure to share these details from the beginning so your agent knows what to expect.

### 9. Discuss selling strategy and number of showings

Make sure you and your potential real estate agent are on the same page about their selling strategy. Will you do open houses? How many showings do you want to do? How much lead time will the agent give you before a showing? How will the property be marketed?

### 10. Agree on all the important details

The best agent-seller relationships are those with clearly defined expectations. Make sure that, in writing, you've agreed upon the commission structure, list price, and contract length (i.e., what happens if your home hasn't sold after a certain amount of time).

### Alternatives to working with a typical real estate agent

If you decide not to engage with a traditional seller's agent, consider these alternatives:

#### For sale by owner

Known in the industry as "FSBO," this approach is

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#### Checklist: What to look for in a real estate agent

Throughout your real estate agent search, consider the following hallmarks of a good real estate agent:

Familiarity with the local

area and neighborhood

Takes the time to become familiar with the features of the home he/she is selling

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