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## Norwalk civic center getting new look

■ Norwalk has begun the process of redeveloping its civic center to include restaurants and housing.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

**NORWALK** – Norwalk Mayor Jennifer Perez and Councilwoman Margarita Rios gave new details about a developer's plans to enhance the city's entertainment district dubbed "The Walk."

Primestor, a Los Angeles developer, presented the council with plans to redevelop the Civic Center, AMC theater, DoubleTree Hotel, surrounding businesses and the City Hall lawn on June 1.

Under the developer's plan, City Hall lawn would undergo development to include restaurants and businesses.

"The project is expected to include dynamic retail, food and beverage along with plazas that can be activated with regularly scheduled community events," said Mayor Perez. "The public spaces will transform the former lawn into the vibrant heart of daily life for many."

Rios expressed concern over the development of the City Hall lawn, as she wondered how changes would impact future events.

"One of the issues I think is important to consider in a project like this is how much green space would we be losing or gaining," the councilwoman said. "That's where we hold our events. That's not going to be possible at the same level that our community is accustomed to, so where would we hold our events?"

"I know that the developer has proposed a side venue where we could hold live concerts or other types of entertainment, but the events we held on a larger scale would have to be held somewhere else," Rios explained.

Under Primestor's proposed plan, the enhancement would include open space, shops, dining, and housing, according to the press release issued by the city.

"I've asked the developer to give the percentages," said Rios. "If the developer is proposing housing, I want to know what percentage of housing will be there. If they're saying we are maintaining our green space, I want to know what percentage of green space we are maintaining. It helps me and the community get a better idea of what is going there."

The project is community-driven, as Primestor was given direction to get feedback from the Norwalk community about what developments they would like to see at "The Walk." The developer will reach out to the community through focus groups, door-to-door canvassing, surveys and meetings, which the city advertised through social media.

"The developer has received strong support from respondents to redevelop the Civic Center, immense desire for additional food and beverage options, and preference to dine and socialize in Norwalk," said Perez. "I am anxious to hear from our community on their thoughts for the development of the entertainment district."

Mayor Perez detailed that the project would involve a public entitlement process that would take 12 months. Construction of the project would take approximately 18 months.

## Downey's fiscal budget dips \$13 million from last year

■ Downey's 2021-22 budget reflects a sluggish economy still recovering from the pandemic.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Most of Downey's general fund spending will go towards police next fiscal year, according to a budget approved by the City Council on Monday.

Council members were presented with the city's anticipated FY 2020-21 revenues and expenditures during a special meeting last week.

On Monday, the City Council approved a balanced \$228.9 million spending plan, split between \$93 million in general funds and \$135 million in other funding: a roughly \$13 million or 5.69% decrease from the previous year.

In fact, spending is down almost unanimously across the board in all departments, except for public works, which saw a 4% increase.

Still, the city is projecting \$93.8 million in general fund expenditures, a majority of which – around 66% – will be spent on public safety.

More than \$37 million (40%) will be spent on police. Fire will receive the next largest allocation, with over \$24 million (26%).

A majority of the city's general fund revenues will come from property and sales taxes, approximately \$31.9 million (34%) and \$30.4 million (32%) respectively.



The only city department to see an increase in funding is Public Works. (Photo by Pam Lane)

Overall, general fund revenues declined more than \$13 million, or 12%, from last year.

The proposed budget also accounted for a handful of staffing changes.

Notably, Community Development Director Aldo Schindler was formally reclassified to deputy city manager.

The end of the after-school ASPIRE program – which the city partnered with Downey Unified School District on – also resulted in three full-time staff reductions, and the transfer of two parks and recreation program coordinators from

ASPIRE to parks and recreation programming. The cost of those positions was offset by the elimination of seven part-time positions.

In total, there are 425 full-time personnel currently staffed by the city.

Downey will end the current fiscal year with an estimated \$27,564,834 in reserves. City officials are anticipating to finish the upcoming fiscal year at \$27,569,928; netting just under \$5,100 after projected revenues and spending.

As the state prepares to reopen this week, officials announced

that the financial detriment to the city due to COVID-19 was not as large as initially anticipated.

Officials had originally expected to lose over \$12.7 million in revenue over FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 but ultimately only lost \$7.9 million, which will be subsidized by the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act.

The budget was approved unanimously 4-0, with Councilmember Mario Trujillo excused.

## Downey students victorious in congressional art contest

■ Aubrey Alcoy of St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy beat 75 other students to win first place.

**DOWNEY** – Aubrey Alcoy, a senior at St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, won first place in Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's annual student art competition.

The competition accepts submissions from high school student artists who live in the 40th District. Seventy-six student artists competed this year.

Alcoy won for her piece "Violence Against Women," created with graphite pencils and gouache watercolor paint on stretched canvas. Her instructor is Gabriela Arreola.

Jadyen Arana, a senior at Downey High School, won second

place for her work "There's Hope," created with watercolor, pen, newspaper, and acrylic paints. Her instructor is Darrelle Nikaj.

Litzzy Loza, a junior at Downey High School, received an honorable mention for her work "Guidance," created with acrylic paints, color pencils, lead pencil, ink pens, watercolors, gel pens, sharpies, and scrap pieces of printed texts. Loza's instructor is Yvette Puente.

The people's choice award winner was Adara Gonzales, also a junior at Downey High School and student of Yvette Puente, for her work "A Nostalgic Fantasy."

All 76 entries submitted for the art competition were judged on originality, technical skill, artistic presentation, and the use of color and contrast.

For winning first place, Aubrey Alcoy will receive a \$1,000

scholarship, a \$200 gift card for art supplies, a trip to Washington, DC, for herself and a parent to attend the Congressional Art Institute's National Exhibit Opening and \$500 for travel expenses.

She will have her entry displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, while the other winning students will have their artwork displayed in Rep. Roybal-Allard's District Office in Commerce.

Additionally, 500 posters featuring Alcoy's Violence Against Women will be printed and copies will be distributed to schools and community organizations throughout the 40th Congressional District to inspire other young artists to participate in next year's competition.

Jadyen Arana will receive a \$750 scholarship and a \$175 gift card for art supplies.

Litzzy Loza and Adara Gonzalez will each receive a \$250 scholarship and a \$125 gift card for art supplies. Each winner's school will receive a gift card ranging from \$200 to \$500 to purchase supplies to advance their art program.

Schools with five or more entries will receive a \$100 gift card for art supplies.

"Each year, it's an honor and a joy to celebrate the work of our student artists at my annual art competition," said Rep. Roybal-Allard. "Each entry is worthy of recognition and appreciation, and we are grateful to all participants for their willingness to express themselves through art and share their talent with our communities."

"To every one of them, I offer my most sincere appreciation and congratulations."

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 84°

Saturday 83°

Sunday 83°

### ON THIS DAY JUNE 17

**1775:**

The Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston during the Revolutionary War.

**1839:**

In the Kingdom of Hawaii, Kamehameha III issues the edict of toleration which gives Roman Catholics the freedom to worship in the Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaii Catholic Church and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace are established as a result.

**1856:**

The Republican Party opened its first convention, in Philadelphia.

**1885:**

The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Iseré.

**1928:**

Amelia Earhart embarked on the first trans-Atlantic flight by a woman.

**1940:**

France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

**1961:**

Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

**1963:**

The Supreme Court struck down rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or the reading of Biblical verses in public schools.

**1967:**

China announced a successful test of its first thermonuclear weapon.

**1972:**

Five White House operatives were arrested for burgling the offices of the Democratic National Committee during an attempt by members of the administration of President Richard M. Nixon to illegally wiretap the political opposition as part of a broader campaign to subvert the democratic process.

**1987:**

With the death of the last individual of the species, the dusky seaside sparrow became extinct.



**1994:**

After leading police on a chase through Southern California, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and Ronald Goldman.

**2008:**

Hundreds of same-sex couples got married across California on the first full day that gay marriage became legal by order of the state's highest court.

### Birthdays

Pop singer **Barry Manilow** (78), former house speaker **Newt Gingrich** (78), actor and comedian **Joe Piscopo** (70), actor **Greg Kinnear** (58), actor and comedian **Will Forte** (51), Mexican pop singer **Paulina Rubio** (50), tennis champion **Venus Williams** (41), rapper **Kendrick Lamar** (34), and NFL wide receiver **Amari Cooper** (27).

**Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone will be installed as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's annual installation gala on Wednesday, June 30.**

**The event begins at noon at the Embassy Suites in Downey.**

**The chamber will also honor outgoing president Maria Fernandez.**

**Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by calling the chamber at (562) 923-2191.**



**Downey's Monica Rivera has been named Woman of the Year by Assembly member Cristina Garcia.**

"Monica Rivera is a driven young woman from the City of Downey, focused on further fortifying her leadership in the brokerage industry by strategically training and developing her agents' skills," Garcia said. "She envisions an improved real estate workforce through technology and inclusion."



# Things you didn't know about Downey: History Center

By Bobbi Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

We are very happy to announce that the Downey Historical Society/Museum has opened its doors for people to visit.

Many people might not know what is housed in the museum and how important it is to the city of Downey.

Hours are 10 am to 2 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and the third Saturday of the month. The address is 12540 Rives Ave. (half block north of Imperial Highway) in Downey. Phone number is (562) 862-2777.

Resources available to the public include:

**Newspapers:** 1918-1969 (complete), 1888-1917 (some broken runs)

**Clippings:** an ongoing project, this includes newspapers and magazines

**Photographs:** 1870 to present; originals, copy negatives and prints; 35mm slides of historic scenes and current events; and postcards

**Library:** books, pamphlets and periodicals on Downey and Los Angeles County;

indians, missions, archeology, architecture, photography, biographies, ethnology, necrology, and directories; Downey High School yearbooks dating back to 1911; all Warren High School yearbooks; genealogical research on local pioneers and history of Gov. John Downey.

**Microfilm:** federal censuses for Los Angeles County from 1850-1900; Sanborn fire insurance maps of the area

**Original records:** early Downey school account books; insurance registers; Los Angeles County District Attorney's registers of arrests (1883-1919); walnut growers' stock certificate books; pioneer water company records; post office money order books; burial and cemetery records

**Periodicals:** City of Downey and Downey Chamber of Commerce; subscriptions to many publications about museum preservation and history

**Artifacts:** relics of Downey's past and other items representative of those used in the area.

Next to the Downey History Museum is the Dismukes House built in 1887 which can be

toured on special days.

The museum is staffed entirely by volunteers and depends upon donations to maintain the center and keep the center in operation. Please come to visit and learn the history of your city.

## Gen. Patton

Here are some famous quotes to inspire young and old given by George S. Patton Jr.:

"By perseverance, study and eternal desire, any man can become great."

"Do everything you ask of those you command."

"If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

"May God have mercy upon my enemies because I won't."

"A man must know his destiny. If he does not recognize it, then he is lost. By this I mean once, twice or at the very most, three times, fate will reach out and tap a man on the shoulder. If he has the imagination, he will turn around and fate will point out to him what fork in the road he should take. If he has guts, he will take it."

"Tanks are new and special weapons - newer than, as special and certainly as valuable as the airplane."

"The obvious thing for the cavalryman to do is accept the fighting machine as a partner, and prepare to meet more fully the demands of future warfare."

Gen. Patton visited his aunt in Downey many times when he was a child.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

## Crime Report

■ On 05-31-21, at 10:05 am, a resident of the 9500 block of Arrington Ave. exited his residence and saw a male adult suspect in the process of removing his catalytic converter from his vehicle. The suspect fled the location in a vehicle, leaving a hydraulic jack behind. The suspect returned, pointed a handgun at the victim, and demanded he return the jack. The victim complied and was unharmed. The suspect fled the scene.

■ On 06-03-21, at 9:45 pm, officers responded to Bellflower Blvd and the I-105 Freeway regarding a "shots fired" call.

Officers spoke with witnesses and determined two groups were at a roadside memorial when an argument occurred. One group was preparing to leave when they were shot at. No one was injured and both the victims and suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival. Officers located spent casings at the scene.

■ On 06-04-21 at 10:00 pm, officers were dispatched to the American Inn (12644 Lakewood Blvd) regarding a male in possession of a firearm and breaking into a room. Officers detained an adult male on the property. The handgun

was located. After further investigation, officers determined the male had pointed the handgun at the victim, his ex-girlfriend. The male was arrested for 245 PC.

■ On 06-05-21 at 1:55 pm, an adult male was driving erratically. The victim pulled alongside the suspect vehicle at the Lakewood Blvd. and Gallatin Ave. intersection. The suspect rolled down his window, brandished a semi-auto handgun, racked the slide, and threatened the victim. The suspect then fled the location and the victim did not follow.

# Downey Unified launching online academy

■ Students in grades 7-10 have the option to complete their schooling entirely or partly online.

**DOWNEY** - During Tuesday's Downey Unified Board of Education meeting, it was announced that the district will be launching a new online virtual academy in August.

This free online learning academy will be available to incoming seventh through 10th grade students who are interested in online and dual-enrollment education as well as extracurricular options.

During the meeting, the district shared that there were many lessons learned during last year's experience with distance learning, stating that "although online learning was tough for many, this academy will focus on serving families and students who felt that this model is the right fit for their educational goals and learning styles."

The virtual academy is an independent study model providing students with a 21st

century education and rigorous curriculum with the added freedom to design their own schedule. Virtual academy students will learn real-world skills such as time management, self-motivation, and communication while managing their coursework throughout the week, district officials said.

Additionally, virtual academy ninth and 10th grade students will have the ability to enroll in up to two courses at Downey or Warren High School. These two courses include partaking in Downey Unified's various Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways as well as the campus' athletics and extracurricular options such as band and visual performing arts.

Like most Downey Unified schools and programs, there is no tuition fee for the virtual academy. Additionally, enrolled students will receive a computer on loan and Internet stipends (if requested) to help them participate in the Virtual Academy.

Students who are self-learners and motivated to finish assignments without prompting

will find that the Virtual Academy provides an increased level of one-on-one guidance. With self-paced learning, students decide when guidance is needed and when they can move through a lesson without additional help.

For some students, this individualized assistance is key to their academic success. While teachers, advisors and counselors will check-in regularly to make sure students are on track and excelling, students can also request meetings with their support team and will receive personalized guidance related to graduation requirements, college preparedness and much more.

Although enrolled students may participate in the Virtual Academy almost exclusively online, a welcoming Student Lounge & Resource Center will be available to virtual learners during the school week at Downey Unified's Pace Education Center located in Bellflower.

This lounge will be staffed and provide a space where students can interact with peers and teachers in an environment conducive to their online learning experience.

Traditionally, online learning programs have been beneficial to many types of students who favor a flexible educational schedule such as those who are: athletes, accelerated learners, in the performing arts, homeschooled, working, college-bound or needing individualized attention.

Families with students grades seventh through 10th who are interested in learning more about Downey Unified's Virtual Academy are encouraged to visit [web.DUSD.net/virtualacademy](http://web.DUSD.net/virtualacademy) and fill out an online interest form to get updates about registration and program details.

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# Eyes on our Schools

By D. Mark Morris  
School Board President

It's officially summer for our entire Downey Unified family! I want to start by thanking all of our families as well as our entire staff for their patience, grace and flexibility this past year. I know it was an extremely challenging one and I just want to thank everyone for working together for the betterment of our students. Now let's get into some end of the school year and summer updates as well as exciting announcements that are set to come when we return in August!

The last week of May was graduation and promotion season across the district. I, along with the rest of the Board of Education, were overjoyed to be able to celebrate our middle and high school students in person. The week of May 24th started off by honoring Columbus High School's Classes of 2020 and 2021 on Tuesday, May 26th. Nearly 350 students, combined from both graduating classes, came together to be honored and cross the stage. Then all four of our middle schools' 2021 eighth grade promoting classes were celebrated followed by commencement ceremonies for our Downey and Warren high school students to finish off the week. Due to county restrictions, these high school events included two ceremonies hosted by both schools honoring the Class of 2021 as well as one final celebration on Friday, May 28th, honoring the Class of 2020. Having the opportunity to bring last year's senior class back to their respective campuses to have an in-person graduation ceremony meant so much to us and we are so thankful for all our students who decided to return and join in on this belated celebration.

As we move into mid-June, our summer school programs head into their third week where more than 8,500 Downey Unified students are being provided with various summer enrichment opportunities. These programs include summer school at each middle and high school, Extended School Year (ESY) programs and elementary STEAMworks. Also being offered over the summer months is an online summer school option as well as self-paced courses for middle school students to take at their leisure. The online learning model, which has over 2,200 students participating districtwide, is similar to the Distance Learning model which recently concluded in May. The self-paced courses are available on Canvas where incoming sixth grade through eighth grade students can access various modules related to different subject areas. Our summer school classes are currently full; however, the online modules are available for students to participate in at any time over the summer.

Also being offered this summer is our Seamless Summer Food Service Program! This program provides FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL children 18 and younger. Whether you're a student in Downey Unified or not, if you or your children are 18 years or younger, free meals are available to you at any of our meal distribution sites. 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, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. until July 2nd. Meal distributions at Stauffer Middle School and Downey and Warren high schools will be available Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., through summer school, with no distribution on Fridays. As a notice to both our families and the community, due to the July 4th holiday, meals will not be distributed on July 5th as our campuses will be closed.

As we look toward next school year, I want to share how hopeful we are in regard to having our students return to full-day, in-person instruction in the fall. With the Governor lifting most restrictions across the state on Tuesday, we are hopeful the guidance for schools will soon be released. As of now, the same mask and social distancing guidelines are in place during our summer school programs; however, once updated guidelines are provided, we will inform our families and continue planning for a successful 2021-22 school year.

With that being said, we are so excited to announce two new programs that will be launched in August! Our new Downey Unified Virtual Academy and Leap preschool program. This new online Virtual Academy begins on August 11th and is a free, online-learning academy available to incoming seventh through 10th grade students who are interested in online and dual-enrollment education as well as extracurricular options. This independent study model will provide students with a 21st-Century education and rigorous curriculum with the added freedom to design their own schedule. There were many lessons learned during the pandemic and although online learning was tough for many, this academy is being launched to focus on serving families and students who felt that this model of learning was a better fit for them. There will be more details to come as registration for our Virtual Academy opens; however,

please visit our website, web.dusd.net/virtualacademy to learn more about this program, who it's best suited to serve and to sign up for email updates.

Next school year, we will also be expanding out educational offerings to younger students through the Leap Program. This early education, fee-based preschool, is a full-day program that will be housed at the district's Pace Education Center. Leap students will receive instruction Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in thoughtfully designed and newly installed classrooms. Included in the daily instruction, students will receive breakfast, lunch and snacks. Final details are still being determined; however, interested families should be on the lookout for more information to be shared in July. Applications for the Leap program will soon be open to the community and informational parent meetings will be announced to guide families through the requirements and enrollment process. If you or anyone you know has preschool aged children, please feel free to share this information with them.

In closing, please make sure to follow Downey Unified on social media for the latest district updates as well as new program announcements. You don't want to miss out on any exciting news or new program registration/application windows! Also, if you have a student in Downey Unified, we ask our families to continue to check your emails as the district will be sharing updates over the summer. I will be sharing another update in mid-July; however, until then, I wish everyone a restful June and a very happy Fourth of July!

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## Mile-long yard sale returns next month

**DOWNEY** - After a one-year hiatus, Downey's "Mile-Long Yard Sale" returns for its 20th year on July 10.

The yard sale was started in 2001 by residents of Pangborn Avenue as a way to meet their other neighbors living along the mile-long street.

The yard sale has since become a community staple, taking place the second Saturday of every July.

Hundreds of shoppers usually attend to stroll Pangborn Avenue and its side streets. More than 30 homes typically participate in the sale.

The yard sale starts at 7 am and winds down at 2 pm.

## Rancho Golf Classic set for Oct. 18

**DOWNEY** - Online registration opens July 1 for the 31st annual Rancho Golf Classic, which raises money for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

The tournament is put on by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and will be held at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier on Monday, Oct. 18.

All money raised will go towards patient programs and services at the hospital.

For more details, visit [RanchoFoundation.org](http://RanchoFoundation.org).

## Downey resident makes dean's list

**DOWNEY** - Downey resident Fatima Jaime Rios has been named to the dean's list at Northeastern University for the spring semester, which ended last month.

Rios is majoring in behavioral neuroscience. To make the dean's list, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a grade point average of at least 3.5, and have no grade lower than a C-.

## Red Cross appeals for blood donations

**DOWNEY** - The American Red Cross said it is facing a "severe" blood shortage as hospital demand increases, including organ transplants and elective surgeries.

Donors of all blood types are needed but especially type O and those giving platelets.

Through June 30, anyone who donates blood will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Tuesday, June 22, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Promenade shopping center.

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call (800) 733-2767.

## Country star Clint Black coming to Downey

**DOWNEY** - Grammy Award winning country singer Clint Black will perform live at the Downey Theatre this fall, kicking off the theater's 2021-22 concert season after a year-long hiatus due to the pandemic.

Black's performance is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, at 7 pm. Tickets are now on sale at the theater box office.

Black has sold more than 20 million records, with dozens of those certified gold or platinum. His last album, "Out of Sane," was released last summer.

The Downey Theatre box office is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 am to 5 pm. They can be reached by calling (562) 861-8211 or by emailing [boxoffice@downeytheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@downeytheatre.com).

**POETRY MATTERS**

**WE ROSE**  
*(official Juneteenth poem)*

From Africa's heart, we rose  
 Already a people, our faces ebon, our bodies lean,  
 We rose  
 Skills of art, life, beauty and family  
 Crushed by forces we knew nothing of, we rose  
 Survive we must, we did,  
 We rose  
 We rose to be you, we rose to be me,  
 Above everything expected, we rose  
 To become the knowledge we never knew,  
 We rose  
 Dream, we did  
 Act we must

**Kristina Kay**

*Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers went in to Galveston and informed blacks there for the first time that they were free. It is celebrated in 46 states, a fun-filled day with barbecue, feasts and games, when people reflect on the African American experience, and try to imagine how those slaves felt then they found out they were free. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

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Services are provided on an individual basis in accordance with his or her needs. If you are aware of a child or student who may need services, please reach out to us using the contact information below.

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# Obituaries

## Martha White, catalyst for bus boycott

Martha White, a housekeeper whose refusal to leave the whites-only section of a bus was the catalyst for a 1953 bus boycott in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, died June 5 at a nursing home at the age of 99.

White was on her way home from work on June 15, 1953, when she boarded a city bus and saw just one open seat – in the front row, just behind the driver. Though the seat was in the section reserved for white passengers, White sat, eager to rest after a long day.

The bus driver ordered her to move, but she refused, and she was ultimately kicked off the bus and threatened with arrest. But Baton Rouge had recently passed an ordinance desegregating the buses, so White had broken no city laws.

In the aftermath of the incident, the city's bus drivers went on strike and demanded the city overturn the desegregation ordinance, which they did. In response, the city's Black community organized a bus boycott.

Just eight days later, the bus company responded with more favorable conditions for Black passengers.

White's refusal to yield her seat came two and a half years before the more famous incident in Montgomery, Alabama when Rosa Parks refused to stand for a white passenger. And Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was able to use the lessons learned in the Baton Rouge bus boycott

to guide the Montgomery bus boycott that followed, visiting the city to learn from the boycott's organizers.

## Jim Grant, first Black pitcher to win 20 games

Jim "Mudcat" Grant, a Major League Baseball player who was the first Black pitcher to win 20 games in a season in the American League, died June 11 in Los Angeles at the age of 85.

After playing in the minor leagues for four seasons, Grant made his MLB debut with the Cleveland Indians in 1958. In 1964, he was traded to the Minnesota Twins, where he would have some of the best years of his career.

It was the following season when Grant became the first Black pitcher in the American League to win 20 games – Don Newcombe had been the first to do so in the National League, in 1951.

In that same season, Grant became the first Black pitcher in the American League to win a World Series game, though the Twins lost the series to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Grant was with the Twins until 1967, then played for several other teams before his 1971 retirement. He was an All-Star in 1963 and 1965.

In later years, Grant was the Publicity Director for the North American Softball League as well as a broadcaster and a baseball historian. He wrote the 2007 book "The Black Aces, Baseball's Only African-American Twenty-Game Winners," focusing on the 15 "Black Aces" who won more than 20 games in a season.

## Dr. Ei-ichi Negishi, Nobel Prize winning scientist

Dr. Ei-ichi Negishi, a scientist who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work, which paved the way for new medicines and OLED televisions, died June 6 at a hospital in Indianapolis at the age of 85.

Negishi shared the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with two other scientists, all of whom worked to create new organic molecules by linking carbon atoms in a technique known as palladium-catalyzed cross coupling.

Negishi spent decades working on the technology, which has been used to make drugs including naproxen. It is also key to the OLED technology that has improved television and computer screens.

The Nobel committee called his work "great art in a test tube."

A native of China who was raised in Japan, Negishi studied in the U.S. and spent many years teaching at Purdue University.

## Lisa Banes, film and TV actress

Lisa Banes, an actress known for roles in movies including "Gone Girl" and "Cocktail," died June 14 at Mount Sinai Morningside Hospital in New York City after a traffic accident at the age of 65.

"Cocktail" (1988) was one of Banes' earliest films; she played Bonnie, who was involved in a love triangle with Tom Cruise's character.

In "Gone Girl" (2014), she was Marybeth Elliott, mother of Rosamund Pike's main character.

In between, Banes appeared in a number of movies and TV shows, as well as on Broadway. She had recurring TV roles on "The King of Queens," "Six Feet Under," "Nashville," and "One Life to Live," as well as starring in the TV film "Mother, May I Sleep with Danger?"

Banes also made notable guest appearances on TV shows including "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," "NYPD Blue," "Once Upon a Time," "Desperate Housewives," and "Them."

## Hal O'Leary, ski instructor for disabled kids

Hal O'Leary, the founder of the National Sports Center for the Disabled, which offers skiing and other sports for athletes with disabilities, died June 3 at Denver Hospice at the age of 94.

O'Leary was working as a ski instructor for Colorado's Winter Park Resort in 1970 when he volunteered to teach a group of children with amputations to ski. The 23 kids were visiting from Children's Hospital in Denver, and O'Leary was the only ski instructor willing to take them under his wing and imagine how he could help them succeed on the slopes.

O'Leary was inspired to create new equipment for skiers with disabilities, and the National Sports Center for the Disabled was born from his work with them. He was one of the first people to develop an adaptive sports program.

The center now serves thousands of athletes each year in a variety of sports, and it has sent athletes to the Paralympic Games.

## Ned Beatty, accomplished character actor

Ned Beatty, a prolific character actor known for roles in films including "Deliverance," "Network," and "Superman," died June 13 at his home in Los Angeles at the age of 83.

Beatty's film debut was in the harrowing 1972 classic "Deliverance," playing an Atlanta businessman on a canoe trip with his friends. In one of the movie's most shocking and talked-about scenes, his character was forced to "squeal like a pig" before being sexually assaulted.

Beatty earned an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in 1976's "Network," playing TV executive Arthur Jensen. In 1980's "Superman" and its 1980 sequel "Superman II," Beatty played Otis, Lex Luthor's bumbling henchman.

Beatty appeared in dozens of other movies. Highlights of his film career include "Nashville" (1975), "All the President's Men" (1976), "The Toy" (1981), "Stroker Ace" (1983), "Back to School" (1986), and "Rudy" (1993).

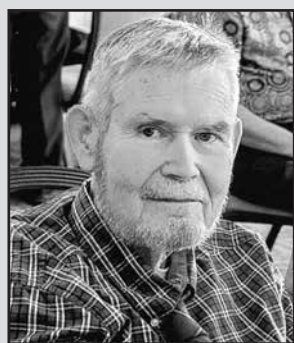
He had notable voice roles in "Toy Story 3" (2010), playing the villainous teddy bear Lotso, and in "Rango" (2011), playing Tortoise John.

On television, he had a recurring role in "Roseanne" as Dan Conner's father, Ed; and he played Detective Stanley Bolander on the first three seasons of "Homicide: Life on the Street."

Beatty also made many TV guest appearances, including "The Waltons," "M\*A\*S\*H," "Murder, She Wrote," "Highway to Heaven," and "Law & Order."

Also a stage actor, Beatty won a Drama Desk Award for his performance as Big Daddy in the 2003 Broadway revival of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

### In Memory of



## Malcolm David MacCallum, Jr.

July 3, 1938 - May 25, 2021

Malcolm David MacCallum, Jr., 82, passed away at St. Jude Medical Center, surrounded by his family, on the evening of May 25, 2021 in Fullerton, California after suffering through a series of medical complications for nearly a year.

David, as most people knew him, was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on July 3, 1938 to Malcolm David McCallum and Mary Ida McLeod McCallum. He was raised in Southern Pines, NC, where he graduated from Southern Pines High School and relished his first employment opportunity running the film projector at the local theater. While earning his bachelor's degree in

Engineering from North Carolina State University, David enlisted in the Marine Corps and often regaled his daughters with stories of his Boot Camp experience.

Dreams of space exploration drove David to leave his beloved North Carolina and the comfort of so many friends and family to the sunny shores of Santa Monica, California. During his four decade aerospace career he continued his education by pursuing a Master's degree in Engineering at the California State University at Fullerton and worked on such illustrious projects as the Apollo 7, Apollo 11, B-1 Bomber and the Stealth Bomber.

He met his first wife, Marie Elaine Stephenson MacCallum, at a "Come As You Are" event for the College and Career Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Downey, where they were both members. David and Marie married in the church on October 1, 1966 and lived in Santa Fe Springs and Bellflower before moving into their Downey home in 1972. They had two daughters, Laura and Rhea, and were married for 39 years at the time of Marie's passing.

David met his second wife, Sharon Lee Clegg Rose Drubin MacCallum, while bravely exploring the world of online dating. David and Sharon married on May 2, 2009 in the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton, California. David and Sharon enjoyed many travel adventures to Canada, Scotland, Alaska and annual trips to North Carolina where they would catch up with his large extended family. David resided with Sharon in Fullerton, California until he passed.

The fraternal organizations of Freemasonry occupied much of David's social calendar. He took pleasure in serving his community through these organizations and often served in leadership roles. He was Worshipful Master of Tyre Lodge in 1978 and then served several local lodges as an Inspector. He was a member of the Knights Templar and held the office of Worthy Patron three times with In Shallah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He supported his daughter's activities with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters and after they reached their majority he happily continued to support the Rainbow Girls by serving as an Advisory Board Member. More recently he served multiple years as the High Priest in Royal Arch. He felt honored to become a 33rd Degree Mason.

An avid reader, David revered Tom Clancy novels almost as much as his Bible. He married his passions for travel and education by spending several summers studying German at the University in Heidelberg, attending a handful of Clan McLeod Parliament conferences in Scotland and continuing to dream of kicking up moon dust or landing on the red planet. David's love for music was expressed through his flute playing in college, attendance at numerous symphonic and opera house performances, as well as his singing in the church choir until esophageal cancer interfered with his abilities. He will be remembered for his biting humor, ability to fall asleep anywhere and his knowledge of all things historical. He drank gin martinis with his beyond well-done steak and Dos Equis with his fajitas and in his universe no BBQ could compare to North Carolina BBQ. He was verbose and wise but took as much delight in Benny Hill as he did in Masterpiece Theater.

The memorial services will be held on August 14 at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Lakewood at 5225 Hayter Ave. The Masonic and Eastern Star funeral services will be conducted in the patio area beginning at 10 AM with the religious service beginning at 11 AM in the sanctuary. Lunch will be served in the patio after the service in the church. An additional memorial service will be held in North Carolina on August 28 at the Old Bethesda Church in Aberdeen where David's ashes will be interred in the family plot.

Above all else, David was a generous man. He tithed his entire life, enthusiastically and financially supporting several churches in California and North Carolina while also making notable donations to other organizations. To honor his spirit of generosity the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the California Eastern Star Foundation, memo: J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund, 16960 Bastanchury Road, Suite C, Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1171 or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 3201 Cross Timbers Rd., Bldg 4, Suite 300, Flower Mound, TX 75028 or the California Rainbow for Girls Foundation, Inc. – Scholarship Fund, 4745 N. Palm Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704-3002 or City of Hope, 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010.

David is survived by his wife of 12 years, Sharon Lee MacCallum of Fullerton, CA; daughter Laura Dorleen MacCallum of Downey, CA; daughter Rhea Mary MacCallum of Downey, CA; stepson Craig Rose (Felicia Rose) of Mission Viejo; stepson Brent Drubin (Chau Huynh-Drubin) of West Covina and stepgrandson, Caden Rose of Mission Viejo.

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# Stop calling it a choice: Biological factors drive homosexuality

By Bill Sullivan, Indiana University

Across cultures, 2% to 10% of people report having same-sex relations. In the U.S., 1% to 2.2% of women and men, respectively, identify as gay. Despite these numbers, many people still consider homosexual behavior to be an anomalous choice. However, biologists have documented homosexual behavior in more than 450 species, arguing that same-sex behavior is not an unnatural choice, and may in fact play a vital role within populations.

In a 2019 issue of Science magazine, geneticist Andrea Ganna at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, and colleagues, described the largest survey to date for genes associated with same-sex behavior. By analyzing the DNA of nearly half a million people from the U.S. and the U.K., they concluded that genes account for between 8% and 25% of same-sex behavior.

Numerous studies have established that sex is not just male or female. Rather, it is a continuum that emerges from a person's genetic makeup. Nonetheless, misconceptions persist that same-sex attraction is a choice that warrants condemnation or conversion, and leads to discrimination and persecution.

I am a molecular biologist and am interested in this new study as it further illuminates the genetic contribution to human behavior. As the author of the book, "Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs, and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are," I have done extensive research into the biological forces that conspire to shape human personality and behavior, including the factors influencing sexual attraction.

## The hunt for 'gay genes'

The new finding is consistent with multiple earlier studies of twins that indicated same-sex attraction is a heritable trait.

The 2019 study is the latest in a hunt for "gay genes" that began in 1993, when Dean Hamer linked male homosexuality to a section of the X chromosome. As the ease and affordability of genome sequencing increased, additional gene candidates have emerged with potential links to homosexual behavior. So-called genome-wide association studies identified a gene called SLITRK6, which is active in a brain region called the diencephalon that differs in size between people who are homosexual or heterosexual.

Genetic studies in mice have uncovered additional gene candidates that could influence sexual preference. A 2010 study linked sexual preference to a gene called fucose mutarotase. When the gene was deleted in female mice, they were attracted to female odors and preferred to mount females rather than males.

Other studies have shown that disruption of a gene called TRPC2 can cause female mice to act like males. Male mice lacking TRPC2 no longer display male-male aggression, and they initiate sexual behaviors toward both males and females. Expressed in the brain, TRPC2 functions in the recognition of pheromones, chemicals that are released by one member of a species to elicit a response in another.

With multiple gene candidates being linked to homosexuality, it seemed highly unlikely that a single "gay" gene exists. This idea is further supported by the new study, which identified five new genetic loci (fixed positions on chromosomes) correlating with same-sex activity: two that appeared in men and women, two only in men, and one only in women.

How might these genes influence same-sex behavior?

I find it intriguing that some of the genes from men identified in

## How the rainbow flag became a symbol of LGBTQ pride

June has long been recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month, in honor of the Stonewall riots, which took place in New York City in June 1969. During Pride Month, it is not uncommon to see the rainbow flag being proudly displayed as a symbol for the LGBTQ rights movement. But how did that flag become a symbol of LGBTQ pride?

It goes back to 1978, when the artist Gilbert Baker, an openly gay man and a drag queen, designed the first rainbow flag. Baker later revealed that he was urged by Harvey Milk, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S., to create a symbol of pride for the gay community.

Baker decided to make that symbol a flag because he saw flags as the most powerful symbol of pride. As he later said in an interview, "Our job as gay people was to come out, to be visible, to live in the truth, as I say, to get out of the lie. A flag really fit that mission, because that's a way of proclaiming your visibility or saying, 'This is who I am!'"

Baker saw the rainbow as a natural flag from the sky, so he adopted eight colors for the stripes, each color with its own meaning (hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow

for sunlight, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit).

The first versions of the rainbow flag were flown on June 25, 1978, for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. Baker and a team of volunteers had made them by hand, and now he wanted to mass-produce the flag for consumption by all. However, because of production issues, the pink and turquoise stripes were removed and indigo was replaced by basic blue, which resulted in the contemporary six-striped flag (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet). Today this is the most common variant of the rainbow flag, with the red stripe on top, as in a natural rainbow. The various colors came to reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ community.

It was not until 1994 that the rainbow flag was truly established as the symbol for LGBTQ pride. That year Baker made a mile-long version for the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Now the rainbow flag is an international symbol for LGBTQ pride and can be seen flying proudly, during both the promising times and the difficult ones, all around the world.

Ganna's study are associated with olfactory systems, a finding that has parallels to the work in mice. Ganna's group found other gene variants that may be linked with sex hormone regulation, which other scientists have previously suggested plays a large role in shaping the brain in ways that influence sexual behavior.

Males with a genetic condition called androgen insensitivity syndrome can develop female genitalia and are usually brought up as girls, despite being genetically male – with an X and Y chromosome – and they are attracted to men. This suggests that testosterone is needed to "masculinize" a prenatal brain; if that doesn't happen, the child will grow up to desire men.

Similarly, girls who have a genetic condition called congenital adrenal hyperplasia are exposed to unusually high levels of male hormones like testosterone while in the womb, which may masculinize their brain and increase the odds of lesbianism.

It's also possible that hormonal shifts during pregnancy could affect how a fetus' brain is configured. In rats, manipulation of hormones during pregnancy produces offspring that exhibit homosexual behavior.

## Why does homosexual behavior exist?

Several hypotheses have been advanced to explain how homosexuality can be beneficial in perpetuating familial genes. One idea involves the

concept of kin selection, whereby people work to ensure the passage of their family's genes into subsequent generations. Gay uncles and aunts, for example, are "helpers in the nest" that help raise other family members' children to nurture the family tree.

Another idea suggests that homosexuality is a "trade-off trait." For example, certain genes in women help increase their fertility, but if these genes are expressed in a male, they predispose him toward homosexuality.

Sexual behavior is widely diverse and governed by sophisticated mechanisms throughout the animal kingdom. As with other complex behaviors, it is not possible to predict sexuality by gazing into a DNA sequence as if it were a crystal ball. Such behaviors emerge from constellations of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of genes, and how they are regulated by the environment.

While there is no single "gay gene," there is overwhelming evidence of a biological basis for sexual orientation that is programmed into the brain before birth based on a mix of genetics and prenatal conditions, none of which the fetus chooses.

*Bill Sullivan is a professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology at Indiana University and author of "Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs, and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are."*

# Draft registration for women? The Supreme Court rightly stays silent

By Steve Chapman

To everything there is a season, and in a season when the Supreme Court will decide many important questions, the justices have recognized an important truth: For major constitutional issues, there is a time to act, and there is a time to do nothing.

They followed this wisdom in declining to hear a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of requiring only men to register for the military draft. You may ask: What draft? The justices may have asked themselves the same question.

Aware that military conscription hasn't happened since 1973 — a year after Amy Coney Barrett, the newest justice, was born — they understand that there is no urgency about resolving a question that is important in principle but moot in practice.

Despite the absence of a draft, all males from age 18 to 25, including noncitizens, have to register with the Selective Service System — just in case the government should one day want to invite them to boot camp.

Anyone who doesn't comply is ineligible for federal student aid, federally funded job training and, in the case of foreigners, U.S. citizenship. In some states, failure to register means you can't attend a public university or get a driver's license. Failing to register is a felony, but not really: No one has been prosecuted since 1986.

In 1981, the court said excluding women was fine because they couldn't serve in combat. But since then, women have been admitted to every role the military has. As Defense Secretary Ashton Carter announced in 2015, "They'll be allowed to drive tanks, fire mortars and lead infantry soldiers into combat." There are female fighter pilots, ship commanders and

paratroopers.

The basis for the 1981 decision has disappeared. Those challenging the law, a group called the National Coalition for Men, clearly have the better of the argument. In recent decades, the court has repeatedly ruled that the constitutional mandate of equal protection requires women and men to be treated the same.

Discrimination against women is not allowed. The justices ordered the Virginia Military Institute, a public college that had been all-male since its founding in 1839, to admit women. Nor is discrimination in favor of women allowed: The court also said that Mississippi University for Women, the first public women's college in America, had to admit men to its nursing school.

It's safe to assume that even a court loaded with conservatives would find it hard to justify a system that obligates one sex while sparing the other. In time, the government will have to choose between making everyone register and making no one register.

But that doesn't mean the court should butt in now. The burden on men is modest, and it would not be lighter if women were also forced to shoulder it. The chance of actual conscription, in our modern era of high-tech warfare, is too remote to warrant immediate reform.

Besides, as Justice Sonia Sotomayor noted in a statement explaining the decision not to hear the case (joined by Stephen Breyer and Brett Kavanaugh), Congress may very well address the issue itself.

## Problems with critical race theory

Dear Editor:

Regarding the editorial "Truth About Critical Race Theory, (6/10/21). Susan Estrich is intent on avoiding the real reasons so many reasonable people disagree with critical race theory.

Vice President Mike Pence did not say what he said to "reclaim his stake to Donald Trump's base." This claim by Ms. Estrich is simply an effort to invalidate anything Vice President Pence has to say, or anyone else for that matter.

Critical race theory looks first at a person's race, and then maybe who the individual is – unless you are white, in which case there is a forgone conclusion that you are hopeless. Likewise, if you are a successful black, brown, or any other skin color person (except for white), and you do not believe in this race-based view, you are also prejudged as damaged beyond repair.

It appears their strategy is "divide (by race) and conquer. First on the agenda is to conquer the whites, by far the largest group by race in the United States. After that it will be everyone else who does not agree with their agenda, black, brown, yellow, green or purple it doesn't matter. Likely the same divide by race strategy will be used again, and again.

Getting to the point, critical race theory is a modern-day rationalization of blatant racial prejudice at its worst. Only an academic suffering hypoxia in their lofty ivory tower could conjure up such an abomination. This is what has so many people upset, including Vice President Pence, and me.

Scott Ramey  
Downey

A congressionally created commission issued a report last year that said, "The time is right to extend Selective Service System registration to include men and women." The Biden administration asked the court to stand down, giving Congress time to decide whether to enact that change.

Consider this unlikely spectacle: A Democratic administration asked the court not to issue a decision that would align with its own preferences, and liberal justices declined to consider a case in which they would probably prevail. This deference to the other branches of government reflects an approach commonly championed by conservatives.

Supporters of gender equality might wish to achieve this victory immediately. But there are good reasons to commend the court and the administration for their caution. Decisions by elected representatives generally win greater public acceptance than decrees by judges.

Judicial abstinence isn't likely to preserve the male-only registration system in the end. No one seriously denies that men and women deserve the same opportunities and duties, except in rare circumstances. If Congress refuses to uphold that principle, the court will have plenty of chances to do so.

There are times when the court has to settle an issue. But wise justices also know when to say: "You know what? We're not needed here."

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

## 28th Amendment

Dear Editor:

Every day in my mail are 5-10 letters demanding help of some kind and donations of money. I cannot help everyone, and I don't intend to try.

It is my decision to concentrate on one, the most important (to me), the 28th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States: The limit of terms for Congress.

I was put in charge of the City of Downey and the 40th area of the state of California. It was with great pride and pleasure that I accepted this appointment.

I have had many letters from Congressmen offering their help. I am donating money for this one election.

The latest and most important said that he had introduced legislation into Congress and would have the members vote in public, on TV. So, we're started. We don't have to have 100%. We just need 2/3 of the House and 2/3 of the Senate, then it goes to the states for ratification.

I am 99 years old. My birthday is July 1, and I will be 100 years old. Wouldn't this 28th amendment be a terrific birthday present?

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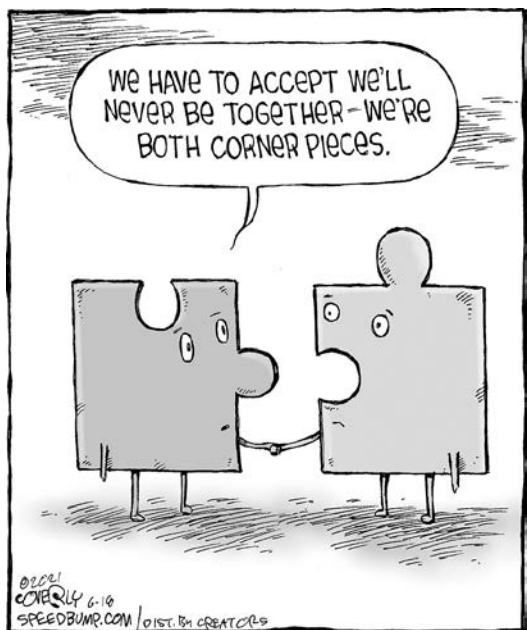
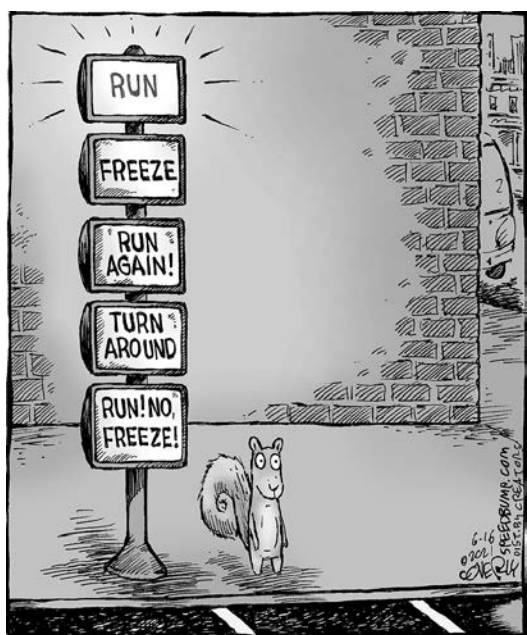
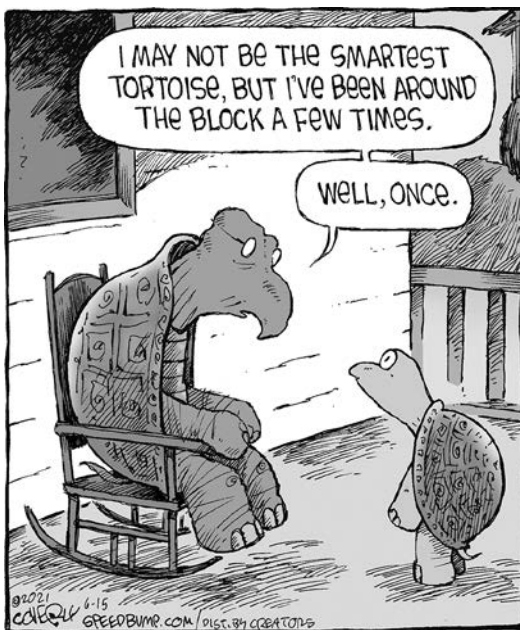
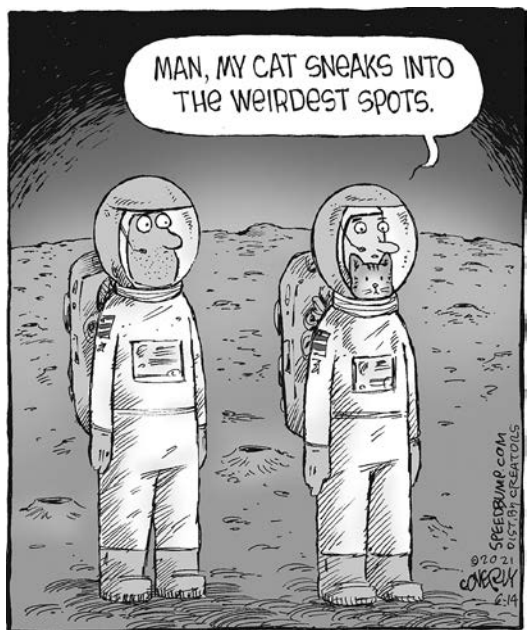
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 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT,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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

**MONDAYS**  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

**TUESDAYS**  
 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezhualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

**THURSDAYS**  
 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.  
 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

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

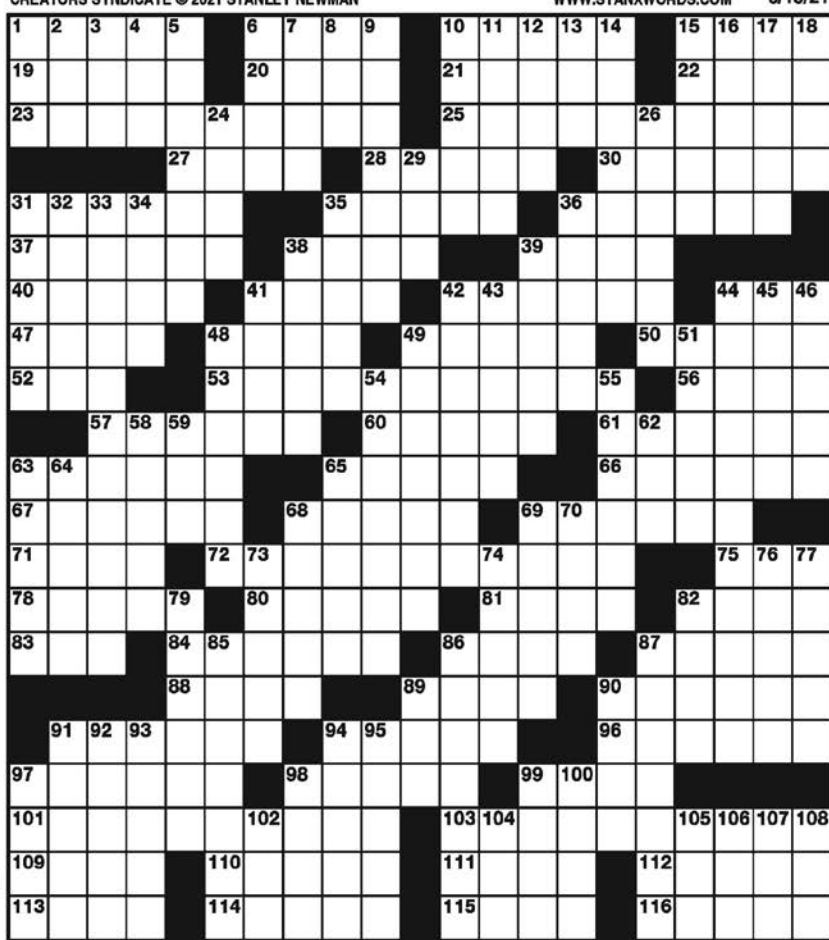
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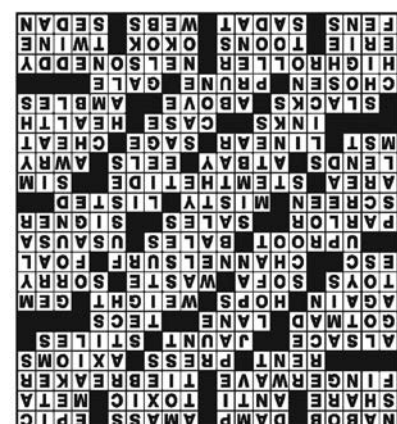
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 19

**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.

**Live Music,** 8-11:30 pm. Sublime tribute band Doin' Time performs live. Ages 21 plus. \$10 presale, \$20 at the door. Bastards Canteen, 11045 Downey Ave.

**Fetish & Bondage Dance Night,** 9:30 pm. A fetish and bondage show by Sadist Rubber Nun & The Pain Department. Live music by Pyroclastic and guest DJs Gun:Blaid and Karloz Sinistro. Free entry before 10 pm. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 22

**Red Cross Blood Drive,** 10 am to 4 pm. Donate blood to the American Red Cross and receive a \$5 Amazon gift card. Make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org. Downey Promenade

## SATURDAY, JUNE 26

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

**Downey Central Market,** 12-5 pm. More than 40 vendors selling unique, vintage and specialty items. Plus food and more. 2 day event. Downey YMCA parking lot, 11531 Downey Ave.

**Downey Pride Night,** 8 pm. Drags, dancing and drinks. Featuring an appearance by special guest Vivienne Vita. \$5 cover. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 27

**Downey Central Market,** 12-5 pm. More than 40 vendors selling unique, vintage and specialty items. Plus food and more. 2 day event. Downey YMCA parking lot, 11531 Downey Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

**Chamber of Commerce Installation,** 12 pm. The Downey Chamber of Commerce installs its new board officers, including incoming president

Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

**Downey Police Citizen Appreciation Parade,** 6:30 pm. Decorate your car and drive by the Downey Police Department to show your support of Downey police officers.

**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. Rio Hondo Event Center, 11627 Old River School Rd.

**Mile-Long Yard Sale,** 9 am to 2 pm. More than 30 homes typically participate in this annual, one-day yard sale on Pangborn Avenue.

**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

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

**31st Annual Rancho Golf Classic,** 11 am. The Rancho Foundation's annual golf fundraiser benefiting patient programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Online registration opens July 1. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr. in Whittier

## SUNDAY, MARCH 20

**Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along,**

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

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

# Former Rio Hondo College student bound for Harvard

■ At 36, Joel Ramirez has overcome obstacles to earn a college degree and earn admittance to Harvard.



Rio Hondo College alumnus Joel Ramirez, who will be attending Harvard in the fall for a Ph.D. program in human evolutionary biology, said his goal is to become a full-time professor.

**WHITTIER** - Rio Hondo College alumnus Joel Ramirez loves learning - a passion he hopes to spark in others by becoming a full-time professor and mentoring eager students, providing valuable research to the study of human movement and improving his community.

Ramirez's determination has carried him through family problems, financial burdens and personal ailments - earning the first-generation college student a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a master's in kinesiology from Cal State University Los Angeles (CSULA). Now, the 36-year-old is setting his sights on Harvard University, where he will pursue a Ph.D. in human evolutionary biology in fall 2021.

Ramirez is the first in his family to be born in America, his mother and grandmother immigrated from Mexico. When his mother got injured and lost her job, the family's only source of income, Ramirez supported his family by getting a job at a bank while in high school.

However, the bank operations began inflicting physical and psychological distress on Ramirez and he developed post-traumatic stress disorder and fibromyalgia. His diagnosis forced him to leave his job, and he was placed on long-term disability.

Yet, Ramirez never faltered; he enrolled in Rio Hondo College's fitness specialist program in the kinesiology department so he could learn

about human movement, and use that knowledge to help in his recovery.

"Joel is a highly motivated student who may have one of the highest levels of persistence of any student I have known," Professor of Kinesiology Dr. Jodi Senk said. "He goes above and beyond what is asked from him whether it's projects, research, or participating in our advisory group."

Before COVID-19, Ramirez was a regular motivational speaker for Senk's classes, sharing his research and personal accomplishments to help others aspire to achieve their goals.

"Dr. Senk has been a fantastic educator and mentor; moreover, Jodi encouraged me to do what I didn't think I could, more so than any other faculty member," Ramirez said. "Without the passion Dr. Senk possesses in the field of exercise and in being an educator, I would not be where I am today."

Ramirez said that beyond Senk, Rio Hondo College's professors Mark Matsui, Raymundo Esquivel, Coraline Glerum, Juana Mora, Zachary Sharrett and Bianca Urquidí also provided profound personal and academic encouragement, and he hopes to emulate their styles once he becomes a professor.

Ramirez also said his education at Rio Hondo College and CSULA has improved his quality of life, giving him better mobility and a career to aspire to.

"We are so proud to have an alumnus such as Joel Ramirez representing Rio Hondo College as he not only attends Harvard, but also enters the workforce in a field of study that he is passionate about," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. "We at Rio Hondo College are doing our best every day to encourage the next Joel Ramirez on their way to academic and personal greatness."

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# Lessons my dad taught me

By Gail Earl  
Contributor

I know that I have written many stories about my dad; how he was the most warm-hearted, tender, amazing man I have ever met.

I'd also like to tell you about how fun he was too. My entire life was filled with his adventures and the special ways he shared them with his kids. Here are just a few of my favorite everyday memories.

"STILTS." Dad built a pair of stilts for my best girlfriend and myself. They were made from 2 x 4's with crutch tips on the bottom. They were very tall and we had days and days of fun racing up and down the street with them.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me to be adventuresome.

"WATERMELON SEEDS." Dad loved to entertain us and make us laugh. He was a pro at shooting watermelon seeds across the yard and hitting a target. He was so accurate, he would just tell us what he was aiming for and a spit second later, the seed would be sitting bullseye.

I'll never forget the look on my sister's face when he shot one across a picnic table and it landed right in the middle of my sister's forehead. We all knew this was no accident!

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me to enjoy being silly.

"PVC." My dad loved PVC. He made many everyday inventions. If anything needed to be made or modified, he found a way to include PVC. He made many Christmas lawn decorations with millions of lights strung in and around the PVC.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me to think outside the box.

"LIBRARIES." Dad took us to the library on Saturday mornings. I'll never forget the happy comfort I felt sitting on his lap and

sharing books.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me about the many adventures awaiting just inside a book.

"CLACKERS." Dad had a game that he called "Clackers." All it was was each of us running to get an empty soda can, laying it flat on the ground, and smashing our foot down (in tennis shoes) on top of the can.

When you smashed it, the can would wrap around the bottom of our shoe and hold in place. Then there would be a mad scramble to the corner and back to the porch. As you ran, the cans made this "clickity-clacking" sound, thus the name of the game.

At any given moment, Dad would yell "Clackers!" and everyone would run for a can. This game went right through my childhood.

When I was 17, my family and I were at a hotel in Pismo Beach. Dad yelled "Clacker!" and without skipping a beat, the game was on. Dad and I were circling the pool so many times and laughing so hard we were quite surprised to see that the manager had been called to make us quiet down.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me the value of laughter.

"FLASHLIGHTS." Dad loved flashlights. He was just fascinated with them. Every time he went to the store, he'd buy another one.

Every night after dinner, the whole family would go for a walk around the block. Everyone had to have their own flashlight. This tradition was a family favorite and continues today with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me the value of tradition.

"WHISTLES." My dad loved to whistle. It was a constant around my house and all through his life. It just made him happy. He even made a family whistle that was used very often when we were trying to locate one of the other family members.

I have always been a whistler and it, too, puts me in a happy mood.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me not to be afraid to express my happiness.

"HANKY HAT." My dad always had a neatly-ironed white handkerchief in his pocket. It never stopped amusing us kids to see him pull it from his pocket, tie little knots in each corner, and plunk it down on his scalp to make a perfectly adequate hat to protect him from the sun.

We have many photos of him at picnics, parks and many other occasions with his "hank hat" on.

Thank you, Dad, for teaching me to be inventive.

Dad taught me to understand that the prize in life is one's own happiness. He taught me to have a happy life and not be stifled by what anyone else might be thinking. He taught me to be memorable. He taught me to celebrate being funny. He taught me to celebrate me being me.

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

# Mr. America

By Sharon Benson Smith  
Contributor

Don and Frances Howorth lived a few houses west of us on Gleason Street in East L.A. They had one child, Don Jr. (nicknamed Dickie). You never would have guessed that this skinny boy would achieve one title after another in the years to come.

If you grew up in the 50's, you'll recall opening a comic book and seeing a 97-pound weakling at the beach, having sand kicked in his face by a muscular or herculean man, known to us as Charles Atlas. That weakling could have been Don Jr., as could the herculean man years later when Don's manly strength and muscular development earned him one prestigious title after another in the bodybuilding world.

Mom and Dad and the Howorth's were very close friends; they went on outings together, they always attended the Benson Family Reunion, and they even went on a trip to Michigan together to visit Don Sr.'s parents. They were friends right to the end.

They moved to San Gabriel in 1941, but they always came back to visit or to play cards and dominoes. Frances always wanted a girl, so she took me under her wing, and I stayed with them for a week during summer vacations.

Dickie was four years older than I, and was always gone with his friends who lived in the area.

Dickie (now Don) went to Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra. He participated in gymnastics and became a standout in free exercise, high bar, and tumbling. Looking back, I do recall seeing his gym equipment in their

garage.

He met Steve Reeves at a gym in 1956 and was inspired by his aspirations in bodybuilding. He then joined the gym and started his bodybuilding regimen and, in time, became known as one of the original gurus or classic bodybuilders of the Golden Era.

Born in 1935, he won the title of Mr. Los Angeles in 1962. He went on to become Mr. California in 1963 and, after competing three times, he won the title of Mr. America in 1967.

It was total commitment and sacrifice to his workout that helped him become so legendary. His shoulder to waist ratio earned him the title of "The Duke of Delts."

Then movie offers came along. He appeared in a television version of "The Wild, Wild West", and a few others. He was photographed with Mickey Hargitay (who was married to Jayne Mansfield), and he gave training advice to Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Thinking back over the years and particularly if you lived on Gleason Street, you would find it very difficult to believe that the skinny kid of the block achieved title after title and became legendary long before he was renowned worldwide as Mr. America.

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



# Whittier teens gain national prominence for chess playing

■ A group of Whittier teens discovered chess during quarantine. Now they are some of the nation's best.

**WHITTIER** - When Whittier High School senior Isabel Luna joined the school's Chess Club, she was looking to challenge herself and connect with her peers in a way that went beyond Zoom conferencing. At first intimidated by what she perceived was a male-dominated sport, Luna learned that chess can be mastered with patience and dedication.

Quarantining at home, Luna discovered correspondence chess, which is typically played through the postal system or email. Through correspondence chess, Luna has sharpened her skills in the comfort of her home, gained new friends and exercised her brain. In the process, Luna has emerged as one of the top-ranked female correspondence chess players in the United States.

Luna, along with eight of her Whittier High Chess Club teammates, are listed in the U.S. Chess Federation's Top 20

Women Correspondence players for May 2021. Joining Luna on the list are Whittier High seniors Sadie Cruz and Amanda Guevara; juniors Sophia Reyna, Mary Lusinyan, Samantha Silva and Marie Molina; sophomore Ena Pejovski and Whittier High Class of 2020 graduate Lee Chu. Several other chess club members are working toward qualification.

"I wanted to show myself and others that anyone can play chess," Luna said. "Correspondence chess is a great way to learn and build your chess skills. Anyone can play, no matter what age or gender, and it's never too late to start learning. I would encourage anyone to play, especially girls who are interested. Give chess a chance. You may surprise yourself."

The growing interest and participation of Whittier High students enabled Chess Club adviser Kele Perkins to secure a \$2,500 grant from U.S. Chess Women to develop its correspondence program.

"Correspondence is a great way for new players to learn the game, and it's perfect for these times," Perkins said. "Our kids play via email. Although it can

take weeks or even months to complete a correspondence game, the pace allows players to take their time and slow down in critical positions. The kids learn more this way than they would playing a fast-paced timed game."

In 2020, Perkins noticed that the U.S. Chess women's correspondence Top 100 player listing was almost completely devoid of names, with only the top two slots filled.

Perkins sensed an opportunity to expand chess club membership and diversify its ranks with female participation. Perkins began a recruitment drive, with students responding enthusiastically.

The correspondence list is one of several memorable moments for Whittier High chess players during the 2020-21 school year.

In March, Whittier High was the top scoring high school in the 2021 Southern California SuperStates Chess Championship, K-12 division, a competition that included public and private high schools from all over southern California and a number of players who have achieved the title of International



Whittier High School Correspondence Chess Players from left to right: Isabel Luna, Soledad DeAguayo, Mary Lusinyan, Sadie Cruz, Sophia Reyna, Amanda Guevara and Samantha Silva. Not pictured: Ena Pejovski.

Master and National Master.

Junior Joaquin Perkins led the six-member team with four points. Perkins, who has won 9 national scholastic titles and is the son of Kele Perkins, survived six grueling rounds and finished in fourth place overall.

"I'm glad the team was able to compete despite the limitations," Joaquin said. "We

each had our tough games and losses, but everyone managed to score some points."

The Super States championship is Whittier High's first varsity state title since 2017. Whittier High won JV state titles in 2016, 2018 and 2019.

"Chess has been a tradition at Whittier High for many years, thanks to the hard work and

dedication of Kele Perkins and his students," Whittier High Principal Timothy J. Liggett said. "It's exciting to see our Cardinals get national recognition, but it's even more rewarding to see the enthusiasm and rising participation rates among students."

# Sunshine Shuttle gets funding for new electric bus

■ Congress approved funding for a new electric bus to service South Whittier and Los Nietos.

**SOUTH WHITTIER** - Federal funding has been allocated for a new electric bus to be operated by Sunshine Shuttle.

The bus line serves Los Nietos

and South Whittier, providing residents access to shopping centers, community centers, medical facilities, parks, libraries, and job training and employment sites for Cal-WORKS recipients.

Rep. Linda Sanchez set aside \$480,000 for the bus in the INVEST in America Act, a \$547 billion measure reported out by the House and Infrastructure

Committee that will cover funding for highways, transit, and rail across the country.

Sunshine Shuttle operates three routes and connects regional and municipal transit services including Norwalk Transit, Montebello Transit and LA Metro.

"I am proud to designate funding for a project that

improves access to community centers, medical facilities, and other services that are crucial to our communities," said Sanchez.

"This funding will go to replace two existing shuttles that are now beyond their service life, and helps ensure residents of Los Nietos and South Whittier can stay connected to reliable public transport.

"It is a prime example of the transformations we must make at the community level to curb global emissions through zero emission public transportation. I will continue to fight for this funding and for other resources that will improve public transportation in our neighborhoods."

Sunshine Shuttle charges 25 cents per ride for two of its routes

(routes A and B). Its third route (route C) is free.

Riding the shuttle is always free for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and children ages 5 and younger.

Sunshine Shuttle is owned and operated by L.A. County.



### FICT. BUS NAME

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021113794

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **KOKO'S CLOTHING, 7542 SUVA ST, DOWNEY CA, 90240, LA COUNTY, 7542 SUVA ST, DOWNEY CA, 90240**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA P. CASTRO, 7542 SUVA ST, 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: N/A

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

S/SANDRA P. CASTRO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 18, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**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

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S/SALATIEL SOLIS VARGAS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 27, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/27/21, 6/3/21, 6/10/21, 6/17/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021141316

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PC OFF ROAD AUTHORITY, 2693 N GLENSIDE STREET, ORANGE CA 92865, COUNTY OF ORANGE COUNT**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: AI #ON REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PHILLIP SCHWAPPACH, 2693 N GLENSIDE ST, ORANGE CA 92865-2224

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

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

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

S/PHILLIP SCHWAPPACH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 19, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**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

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S/XIOMARA SOMOZA, OWNER

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

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/27/21, 6/3/21, 6/10/21, 6/17/21

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ALL SMOGS WHITTIER, 12502 CARMENITA RD., WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HOANG THANH PHAM, 1025 W. ASH AVE, FULLERTON CA 92833 (2) CLARITA LILIA GRANDA, 1025 W. ASH AVE, FULLERTON CA 92833

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021

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S/HOANG THANH PHAM, OWNER

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

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021113726

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FYEYRE CLOTHING, 7542 SUVA ST, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, 7542 SUVA ST, DOWNEY CA 90240**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DERLY BAUTISTA, 7542 SUVA ST, DOWNEY CA 90240

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: 04/2021

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S/DERLY BAUTISTA, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**950 HILGARD AVE APT 6, LOS ANGELES CA 90024, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GILSON THOMAZ MACIEL, 950 HILGARD AVE APT 6, LOS ANGELES CA 90024

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

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

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S/GILSON THOMAZ MACIEL, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 3, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**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

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S/RIVA G. SARMIENTO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 25, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/3/21, 6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 202119060

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TACOS Y BIRRIA LA UNICA #2, 11508 PRUESS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YASMANY MENDOZA-BRAVO, 11508 PRUESS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241

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: 06/2021

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S/YASMANY MENDOZA-BRAVO, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021109087

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **NATIONAL HOMES AND INVESTMENTS, 11100 PANGBORN AVE. STE H, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 11100 PANGBORN AVE. STE H, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JULIETA M SANDOVAL, 11100 PANGBORN AVE, APT. H, DOWNEY CA 90241

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2021

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S/JULIETA M SANDOVAL, OWNER

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

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**MENDOZA-BRAVO, 11508 PRUESS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241**

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: N/A

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S/ROBERT GOMEZ, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 4, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021109087

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **NATIONAL HOMES AND INVESTMENTS, 11100 PANGBORN AVE. STE H, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 11100 PANGBORN AVE. STE H, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JULIETA M SANDOVAL, 11100 PANGBORN AVE, APT. H, DOWNEY CA 90241

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2021

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S/JULIETA M SANDOVAL, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/10/21, 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021126211

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FLOW FINANCIAL, 6820 OTIS AVENUE, BELL CA 90201, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT GOMEZ, 6820 OTIS AVE, BELL CA 90201

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: 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/ROBERT GOMEZ, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 4, 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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### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-03 FY 2020/21 RESIDENTIAL STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, July 1, 2021** which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 21-03 - FY 2020/21 Residential Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on 64 street segments in Zone 9 of the southeast section of the City of Downey. This project includes cape seals, type III slurry seals, reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete leveling course, base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes the construction of new curb and gutter, removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and sandrels, sidewalk, driveway approaches and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings, and loop detectors; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 21-03.

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

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**City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support**

The City Council on Tuesday agreed to continue funding the Stay Gallery, a downtown art space, for another year. The council also approved a new ordinance to allow the gallery to use public space for outdoor seating.

The Stay Gallery is a downtown art space that has been a part of the city's cultural scene since 2012. It is a non-profit organization that provides a space for local artists to showcase their work. The gallery is located in a historic building in downtown Downey and is a popular destination for art lovers and tourists alike.

The city's agreement with the gallery is a three-year contract that was renewed for another year. The gallery's monthly rent is \$10,000, but the city has agreed to provide additional financial support to help the gallery cover its operating expenses. This support includes covering the cost of the gallery's electricity, water, and other utilities. The city also agreed to provide the gallery with a space for outdoor seating, which is a popular feature of the gallery's outdoor cafe.

The city's agreement with the gallery is a testament to the city's commitment to supporting the arts and culture in downtown Downey. The Stay Gallery is a vital part of the city's cultural scene and provides a space for local artists to showcase their work. The city's financial support of the gallery is a key factor in the gallery's success and is a key part of the city's cultural strategy.

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time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

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**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00141  
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 E. HEDDA STREET  
LONG BEACH, CA 90805  
562-310-5227  
torrestar@hotmail.com

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award. In accordance with Section 21003.5 of the Public Contract Code, Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor".

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00204  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA ARAYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MARIA ARAYA to Proposed name (1) MARIA RIVERA CASTILLO  
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: AUGUST 13, 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 JUNE 14, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA ARAYA  
7409 FOSTORIA STREET  
DOWNEY, CA 90241  
323-282-1741

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 17725.5.

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

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

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

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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

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**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 CROSSLAKE 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 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  
orloding@gmail.com

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00206  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DALIA G. RAMIREZ AND GUSTAVO A. LIZARRAGA ON BEHALF OF DALEYZA MILAGROS RIZO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) DALEYZA MILAGROS RIZO to Proposed name (1) DALEYZA MILAGROS LIZARRAGA  
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: AUGUST 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 JUNE 15, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner DALIA G. RAMIREZ  
3140 FLOWER ST.  
HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255

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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  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: AUGUST 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 JUNE 15, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner DALIA G. RAMIREZ  
3140 FLOWER ST.  
HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255

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

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 national bank, check drawn by 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 hereinbefore 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.** Trustor: ROSIE M HOPES, AND ELIJAH E HOPES, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS. Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/27/2008 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 LYNWOOD, 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 Mortgagor, 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](http://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](http://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. Date: 05/21/2021 Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC 1500 South Douglas Road, Suite 150 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (844) 477-7869 or [www.STOXPOSTING.com](http://www.STOXPOSTING.com) for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 Tai Alalima, Director

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## Open houses are back.

For a home on the market, a Sunday open house feels like a tradition to most home sellers, real estate agents and curious neighbors who love to peek inside properties on their street.

The coronavirus pandemic halted open houses in some parts of the U.S. for nearly a year, and in other areas properties are selling so fast there's not even time to have an open house in 2021.

Still, an open house can be a productive way to show a home, take a tour and connect with a real estate professional. Here are 10 tips for both buyers and sellers to make for a successful open house:

### Make Your Home Tour-Ready

Even in a hot seller's market where there are more buyers vying for a home than there are properties for sale, you'll set yourself up for failure if you have an open house before your home is in good shape.

Eager buyers won't overlook major flaws in your home - they'll either opt to pass or make an offer below what you feel your home is worth. Mow the lawn, plant flowers, paint the front door if it's seen better days and repair any issues.

### Clean and Declutter

Beyond the larger projects you should undertake to prepare your home for tours, don't forget to depersonalize, remove items from closets and surfaces and give the entire place a deep clean.

Clean the floors, vacuum, wipe down baseboards and windows. Shoes, laundry and dishes should be out of sight. Any valuables should be moved out of the house or locked away for safe keeping.

### Let People Know

In order to have people show up to your open house, they have to know about it. Your real estate agent will likely take the reins in marketing the open house with signs in front of your house and

around your neighborhood as well as posting on the local multiple listing service and consumer-facing listing sites like Zillow, Trulia and realtor.com.

The more people who know about the open house, the more you're likely to tap into the large buyer pool.

### Stay Away

Once the house is open to the public, make yourself scarce. Just as you remove any family photos around the house, buyers don't want to meet the seller while they're trying to form an honest opinion of the property.

Take your pets with you during the open house as well. People may be allergic, and not everyone is a fan of dogs or cats, even if they're friendly. Evidence of a pet in the house can also be a turnoff for some buyers - which is why deep cleaning to remove any residual pet smell is a must.

### Give Your Agent Control

As the seller, make sure you pick a listing agent whom you trust with your home. During an open house, you have to be willing to

relinquish control to your agent, and trust him or her to show off your property in the best light.

### Move Fast

If you're a buyer attending an open house to consider making an offer, you have to be ready to move fast. Realtor.com reports that the inventory of homes for sale in April decreased by 53% over that past year. The average number of days on market in the U.S. was just 43 days in April, which includes time spent under contract, and is 20 days less than in April 2020, according to realtor.com.

If a home you're serious about has an open house its first weekend on the market, come to the open house prepared with an understanding of your financial situation, a loan preapproval when possible and a willingness to make an offer after touring.

### Bring Your Agent

If you're already represented by a real estate agent, try to visit open houses together as you would a private showing. Your agent can also speak to the listing agent on your behalf - a necessity if you're

serious about making an offer.

"The pleasant and seemingly helpful open house host is not there to represent your best interest. They are there to represent the seller's best interest," said Ken Reid, owner of Buyers Brokers of Arizona.

### Schedule a Private Showing

If you can, schedule a private showing outside of the open house hours. This will give you the chance to take your time and form an opinion without other competing buyers serving as a distraction.

Especially if you expect the home to have multiple offers its first weekend on the market, try to see the home privately ahead of time. Or, if that's not possible, attend the open house and schedule a private showing afterward to finalize your opinion.

### Take Notes


If the house meets your needs on paper, take the tour with your checklist of must-haves in mind and point out issues that may be deal-breakers. A crack in the wall or sign of a possible water leak are worth jotting down to ask the listing agent or an inspector about.

With the market moving as fast as it is, notes will help you remember the pros and cons of each home you tour, which will otherwise start to blend together if you view more than a couple houses in a day.

### Talk to the Agent


If you're not serious about shopping for a home yet, the agent hosting the open house can be a helpful resource, though you should consider working with a different agent if you're serious about buying the house you're touring.

The listing agent will likely offer you his or her services as a buyer agent, or even to list your current house, but be sure to thoroughly vet any agent as a good fit before signing a contract for representation.



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