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## Downey students earn medals

High school students from Downey and Warren high schools were victorious at the SkillsUSA national championships.

**DOWNEY** - Career and technical education students from Warren and Downey high schools won some of the nation's highest awards at the 2021 SkillsUSA Championships, held virtually June 14-24.

More than 3,700 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 107 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking.

Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the in-person SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material.

More than 1,000 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year. Due to the pandemic, contests were conducted locally at schools or industry sites nationwide, with proctors supervising events and judges evaluating the students' work.

Local winners included:

Team B (consisting of **Amy Duong, Silvia Obispo, Julia Gonzalez, Michelle Park, Brianna Castro, Melissa Gomez, Jaquelyn Castano**), from Warren High School, was awarded the High School Gold medal in Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Team C (consisting of **Natalie Centeno, Arianna Serrano, Erick Martinez**), from Downey High School, was awarded the High School Silver medal in Career Pathways - Business, Management and Technology.

Team A (consisting of **Diego Andrade, Andrew Chan, Michael Bilodeau, Isabel Park, Andrew Nevarez**), from Downey High School, was awarded the High School Bronze medal in Quiz Bowl.

"More than 3,700 students from every state in the nation participated in the virtual 2021 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis.

"This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates our SkillsUSA partnership at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

## Contest Winners

The City of Downey recently announced the winners of its Neighborhood Beautification Awards contest.

Pictured from left: Barbara Sterling of Keep Downey Beautiful, winners Elaine and Brian Chambers, and Carol Rowland and Dick Sterling of Keep Downey Beautiful.

Winners, in no particular order, include:

Rick and Paula Barnes, 9220 La Reina

Alvarez Family, 8449 Everest St.

Leyson Holdings International, 8339 Gardendale

Leticia Gonzalez, 12268 Samoline

Brian and Elaine Chambers, 7646 Suva

De La Rosa Family, 10308 Chaney

KDS Downey, LLC, 8139 4th St.

Eduardo and Patricia Suastegui, 10052 Sideview

Andres and Norah Ruelas, 9317 Florence



## Furman Park concerts return to delight of residents

After the pandemic canceled last year's concerts, residents are happy to be back.

By **Alex Dominguez**  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - After an over one-year hiatus, Downey's Twilight Summer Concerts Series returned on Wednesday, much to the delight of residents and city staff and officials alike.

The return of the city's summer Wednesday night community outing drew a large crowd to a newly refurbished Furman Park, after the popular city program was forcibly shelved due to the coronavirus pandemic last year.

Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said she was "thrilled to be back at Concerts in the Park."

"This signals the return to normalcy in our community," said Frometa. "We are blessed to be able to enjoy each other's company, our beautiful renovated park, and the music."

The first concert this year featured the 1st Marine Division Band, consisting of 53 musicians.

Drum Major Staff Sgt. Eric N. Gonzales said he "didn't know



how much he missed performing until it went away."

"We haven't had a whole lot of public concerts in a while," said Gonzales. "To my knowledge, Downey has always had a Marine band every summer, so we're happy to be part of that and uphold that legacy."

There are five more concerts scheduled, including performances by Beatles tribute band Hard Days Night, classic soul and Motown tribute band Stone Soul, Latin quartet Conganas, and the Downey Symphony.

There is also a Summer Music and Movie night scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, at 4 p.m. at

Golden Park, featuring Raya and the Last Dragon and musical performer The Tease Band.

The music will continue next Wednesday at 7 p.m. with The Band Fresh, performing their renditions of top 40 hits.

## Congresswoman supports investigation into Capitol siege

Downey Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard votes in support of a Select Committee.

**DOWNEY** - U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) voted last week in support of legislation that would create a Select Committee charged with investigating and reporting the facts and causes of the Jan. 6 insurrection of the U.S. Capitol, as well as make recommendations to prevent similar domestic terrorist attacks from occurring in the future.

"January 6 was more than just a deadly attack on our Capitol - it was an assault on our very democracy," said Roybal-Allard. "As Members of Congress, we have an urgent and sacred duty to uncover the truth of that terrible day. That is why I voted today to establish a Select Committee to investigate the insurrection and ensure that such an attack can never happen again."

On Jan. 6, the United States Capitol Complex was attacked by

insurrectionists attempting to impede Congress's constitutional mandate to validate the results of the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

The storming of the Capitol threatened the lives of Members of Congress, staff, institutional employees, and D.C. and Capitol Police - killing five people, and injuring more than 140 law enforcement officers.

In the wake of the attack, many unanswered questions remain about both the origins of the attack and its aftermath.

The Select Committee will have 13 members appointed by the Speaker. This House-passed resolution does not require Senate approval or a presidential signature in order to take effect.

This step comes after Senate Republicans, at the request of Senator Mitch McConnell, blocked a bipartisan bill to establish an independent 9/11-type commission to investigate the insurrection. That proposal was negotiated and agreed upon

by the bipartisan leadership of the House Homeland Security Committee and was endorsed by bipartisan 9/11 Commission Chairs Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton, as well as 140 national security experts.

"The Capitol has stood for centuries as a symbol of hope and freedom and as the temple of our democracy. It is our responsibility to ensure its resilience for centuries to come," continued Roybal-Allard.

"I am proud to support this Select Committee, which will help us prevent future domestic terrorist attacks on these sacred grounds, honor those who put their lives on the line and made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our democracy and ensure that Congress can continue to serve the American people."

## The Band Fresh up next at Furman Park

**DOWNEY** - Top 40 group The Band Fresh will perform at Downey's Concerts in the Park next Wednesday.

The free live performance begins at 7 pm at Furman Park.

Free Dial-A-Ride transportation to and from the concert is available to seniors ages 60 and older. To schedule a pick-up, call (562) 904-7215.

## Weekend at a Glance

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## ON THIS DAY JULY 8

**1776:**

Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence to a crowd gathered at Independence Square in Philadelphia.

**1839:**

John D. Rockefeller, who founded the Standard Oil Co. and gave more than \$500 million to charitable causes, was born.

**1879:**

The sailing vessel USS Jeannette departed San Francisco on an ill-fated voyage to the North Pole.

**1889:**

The Wall Street Journal was first published.

**1907:**

Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies," on the roof of the New York Theater in New York City.

**1919:**

President Woodrow Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference in France.

**1950:**

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was named commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea.

**1982:**

The Iraqi government killed hundreds of Shia Muslim civilians after a failed assassination attempt against President Saddam Hussein.

**2004:**

Enron founder Kenneth Lay pleaded innocent to charges related to the energy company's collapse. (He was convicted, but died while the case was on appeal.)

**2010:**

During an ESPN prime-time special, basketball free agent LeBron James announced he was leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat.



**2011:**

Former first lady Betty Ford died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 93.

**2011:**

The space shuttle Atlantis was launched in the final mission of the U.S. space shuttle program.

**2020:**

Singer and actress Naya Rivera died in an accidental drowning at Lake Piru. She was 33.

## Birthdays

Chef **Wolfgang Puck** (72), "The Addams Family" actress **Anjelica Huston** (70), film star **Kevin Bacon** (63), country singer **Toby Keith** (60), folk singer **Beck** (51), "Gilmore Girls" actor **Milo Ventimiglia** (44), "One Tree Hill" actress **Sophia Bush** (39), and actor **Jaden Smith** (23).

# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Hot enough for you? Plentiful sunshine brings with it outdoor activities, and increased exposure to the harmful effects of the sun. What impact does that have on our health?



In addition to giving off heat and light, the sun emits three types of ultraviolet (UV) rays. UVA rays are the most common form of sun exposure. UVB rays are less common but more intense. UVC rays are the most dangerous, but fortunately Earth's ozone layer blocks them.

We don't see UV rays, but they penetrate our skin. A little anatomy is helpful: The inner layer of our skin is the dermis, where the nerves and blood vessels are. The outer layer of our skin is the epidermis, which contains the pigment melanin. Melanin protects our skin and helps to make vitamin D. Those of us with lighter complexions have less melanin than darker-skinned people, and this is why fair-skinned people burn more easily.

When our body defends itself against UV rays, the skin darkens,

or tans. Too much sun exposure allows UV rays to reach the inner skin layers. This is sunburn, and causes redness, skin that is warmer to the touch, pain, itching, blisters, dehydration and peeling. It can cause skin cells to die, to be damaged, or to develop cancer.

Note that some sun exposure is important:

- A small amount of exposure to UV rays produces vitamin D, which helps the body to absorb calcium. Calcium is necessary to build and maintain healthy bones. (Vitamin D is also effective when we get it from various foods and supplements.)

- UV rays are useful for the treatment of conditions like eczema, psoriasis, rickets, and jaundice.

However, UV rays can certainly be harmful:

- Excess exposure leads to skin changes that result in freckles, moles, and skin cancers.

- UV rays can lead to early aging of the skin, which includes wrinkles, tight skin, leathery skin, and dark spots.

- Too much sun exposure can lead to a weakened immune system. When the skin burns,

existing white blood cells are used to repair the damage, pulling them away from other immune system tasks.

- UV rays can burn the cornea, or outer layer, of our eyes. Over time, cataracts may develop, leading to blindness if untreated.

- Extended exposure to UV light increases the risk of developing macular degeneration, which is the leading cause of age-related blindness.

Remember, we are all at risk from the effects of sun exposure. It doesn't matter how old we are or what our skin color is. Those who work or play outdoors need plenty of extra protection. So, enjoy our wonderful Southern California summer, and exercise caution with proper hats, sunglasses, clothing, sunscreen, and limited exposure.

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

On June 27, two Downey teams with Volitude Volleyball Club earned medals in the SCVA Summer Soiree, the largest youth tournament in California.

The four-day tournament is open to clubs throughout the United States. This year, 310 teams participated in the tournament.

The Volitude 15-1 team (in blue) finished 2nd in the age 15 and under Gold Division, and the Volitude 13-1 team (in black) finished 3rd in the 13 and under Gold Division.

Only three of 103 volleyball clubs tournament-wide earned more than one set of medals, Volitude being one of them. The 15s team was made of half 8th graders playing against teams primarily made up of freshman and sophomores. Both teams are coached by Christopher Hoodye, a DUSD employee and Warren High grad.

Besides their club teams, Volitude operates youth sports through Downey Parks and Recreation, where most of these girls got their start.





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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## FRIDAY, JULY 9

**"Unidos" Exhibit Opening,** 7 pm. Stay Gallery reopens to the public with "Unidos," featuring work by 18 local artists. Plus live music and beer from Brewjeria. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

## 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.

## TUESDAY, JULY 13

**Vaccination Clinic,** 12-4 pm. Receive a first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination. Open to anyone ages 12 and older. Register at myturn.ca.gov. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

**Vaccination Clinic,** 12-4 pm. Receive a first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination. Open to anyone ages 12 and older. Register at myturn.ca.gov. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

**Concerts in the Park,** 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. The Band Fresh will play Top 40 hits.

## 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.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

**BBQ and Festival,** 12-4 pm. A community festival featuring food trucks, jumpers, water slides, petting zoo, and more family fun. Legacy Church, 8333 2nd St.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

**National Night Out,** 5:30-8:30 pm. Now in its eighth year, National Night Out promotes community awareness by educating residents about crime prevention and local resources. It features free food, drinks, children's activities, information booths, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## 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

**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. Second of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

## 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.

# Crime Report

On June 15 at 7 am, officers responded to the 12300 block of Chavers Ave. in regards to a suspect brandishing a firearm. The adult male victim stated he observed an adult male suspect in the process of removing the catalytic converter from the neighbor's vehicle. The suspect noticed the victim, produced a handgun, and threatened the victim. The suspect fled the location and the victim was unharmed.

On June 19 at 11 pm, an adult male victim was selling a mini-motorcycle via the OfferUp application. The victim agreed to meet the adult male suspect at Golden Park (8840 Golden Ave) to complete the purchase. During the transaction, two additional suspects arrived and began striking the victim with a wrench. The victim let go of the motorcycle and the suspects left with the motorcycle. Detectives are currently handling the investigation.

On June 21 at 3 am, officers responded to Norwalk Community Hospital to investigate an aggravated assault. An adult male victim stated he was sitting on the bus bench at Bellflower Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. when he was struck on the head with a metal pipe. The victim said the assault was unprovoked and he was struck from behind. The victim sustained moderate injuries and could not provide further information regarding the suspect.

On June 23 the department received a tip regarding a large quantity of dangerous and illegal fireworks at a residence on the 10200 block of Lesterford Ave. Detectives began an investigation, which

led to a search warrant for the property being executed. The residents were not home at the time of the warrant service and detectives confiscated 375 pounds of illegal fireworks.

On June 24 at 3:15 pm, officers responded to the 13200 block of Woodruff Ave, in regards to an armed robbery. As officers were investigating the robbery, an additional call was received stating the same suspect committed an armed kidnapping of an additional adult victim near the location. Both adult victims were not harmed. During the investigation, the suspect was located in the area and seen running into a residence on the 12600 block of Glenshire Ave. Patrol officers and detectives converged on the residence which led to the suspect surrendering peacefully. The rifle used during the crimes was recovered and the adult male suspect was arrested.

On June 25 at 8 pm, the Downey Police Department conducted a DUI and driver's license checkpoint to promote

public safety and with the intention of deterring drivers from driving impaired. During the operation, 2,124 vehicles passed through the checkpoint and 6 drivers were arrested for DUI. Funding for the operation was provided through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety and through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

On July 1 at 11:40 am, officers responded to 12500 block of Old River School Rd. in regards to a stabbing. The adult male victim was stabbed in the neck and hand while walking in the area of Emily Ln. and Old River School Rd. The victim was transported to St. Francis Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. During the extensive follow up investigation, detectives were able to locate and arrest the adult male suspect later in the evening.

On June 29 at 11 am, during routine patrol, officers observed a vehicle driving recklessly in the area of Gardendale & Laureldale. During a traffic stop, officers located narcotics and an unregistered firearm in the vehicle. The adult male driver was on probation and arrested.

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# Medicine is a family business

By Alexandra Romero  
Contributor

If you can remember growing up as a child, then you can probably remember the part of your life your parents tried to influence your career choice. If you were one of those parents, you can only imagine how nice that dream would be. For Dr. Mark J. Buchfuhner, that dream came true.

His daughter, Julia Buchfuhner, is a young physician opening her practice in Downey next week after finishing nine years of medical training. She is opening her clinic inside her father's office, where they will be working side by side.

Dr. Mark Buchfuhner is a pulmonary disease and sleep medicine specialist and also a professor at Stanford, teaching sleep medicine. He was the son of two Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, survivors of the Holocaust. His parents had nothing when they immigrated to Canada but built a decent life, so it was important to Dr. Buchfuhner that he "become someone important."

He completed his training at the University of Toronto where he met his wife. On their honeymoon in June of 1980, he drove eight days to California to start his pulmonary fellowship at Harbor UCLA. After the fellowship, he found a job in Downey and has worked here for 39 years this August. He eventually opened his own practice about 20 years ago.

He has always appreciated working with this population because, he says, "Downey patients tend to be very appreciative and really care about their health."

Dr. Buchfuhner has three kids, two boys and one girl, and hoped for all of them to be physicians like him. His daughter, Julia Buchfuhner, had no interest in becoming a physician until getting plenty of injuries playing rugby for Long Beach city's team, Belmont Shore Women's Rugby Club, and at UC Davis as an undergrad.

"This is what made me want to be a doctor and ultimately a rheumatologist," Dr. Julia Buchfuhner said. "I originally thought I wanted to be an orthopedist, but then I realized I wanted to help patients avoid surgery and treat them medically rather than surgically—hence rheumatology."

Dr. Julia will be practicing rheumatology, which primarily deals with arthritis disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and osteoarthritis. She expressed her gratitude for being able to work with her father, starting a father daughter duo.

"It feels amazing," she said. "During medical school and residency we had really been pretty good buddies. We did all of the above sports (biking, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, scuba diving) also every weekend together. I've been gone the last two years and haven't really visited given COVID, so it feels great to be able to work side-

by-side with him as well as come home.

"I remember going to my father's office in Downey as a little girl for Father-Daughter Day when he was working for a larger medical center. It's definitely come full circle."

Fulfilling her dream of becoming a doctor was not easy. In total she completed 13 years of school and nine years of medical training. The breakdown is: four years undergrad, four years medical school, three years internal medicine residency, and two years rheumatology fellowship which ended June 30.

"It's been a rough go, working often 12 hour days, 6-7 days a week, and not infrequently doing 24-hour shifts," Dr. Julia said. "Many of my 24 hour shifts in residency were at Long Beach Memorial Hospital working in the ICU. With that said, the activities I did with my dad were a huge de-stressor. Not only physically exercising and being in nature but also spending time doing these things with my father and enjoying time with him was so good for getting me through those times."

Julia and her father have shared so many similar life experiences and have achieved a lot together, they even co-wrote a chapter of a sleep medicine book which was published within the last year. This book was written primarily by Stanford professors. Julia mentioned that about six years ago, she spent many months of medical school training in the

Stanford sleep medicine clinic by her father's side.

Though they do different specialties, many of their patients overlap. For example, many patients with rheumatic conditions have lung problems such as interstitial lung disease and thus need to see a pulmonologist as well. Therefore, Dr. Julia anticipates referring patients to her father and working with him very closely on mutual patients.

She said she is excited to start this journey with her best friend, father and partner in health.

Her advice to anyone who would like to become a physician is: "It is a long road so you have to be sure it is something you want to do with every bit of your heart and being. If that's the case, then the hard work will come much easier—and it is hard work. It has become so competitive to get into medical school these days that good grades and MCAT scores aren't enough. They want to see that you are well rounded so you need to have many extra-curricular activities as I have with my father."

"I have to say, at every single stage in my application process—from medical school to residency to fellowship—I was interviewed and a major portion of the interview we talked about my time playing rugby. Rugby absolutely helped me get where I am along with all of the other fun things my father and I enjoy together."

Dr. Julia is currently



mentoring students trying to get into medical school because she thinks it is such a great profession and one that she personally enjoys so much. She also emphasized that there is a large shortage of rheumatologists, especially in the greater Downey area, with most rheumatologists booked up for three or more months. However, because she is new, Dr. Julia is able to

see patients much sooner than that.

"I will open July 14," she said. "My practice name is JB Arthritis and Rheumatology Center. The 'JB' are my initials."

The office is located at 11480 Brookshire Ave., suite 108, in Downey.

## In Memory of

### Nadine Lois Hollingsworth

November 9, 1937 – June 29, 2021



It is with great sorrow that I announce the passing of my mother, Nadine Hollingsworth, age 83, she passed away on June 29, 2021, and she suffered for 5 years with dementia/Alzheimer. Nadine was born November 9, 1937 and was preceded in death by her parents Orrin and Rose Williams. She graduate from Huntington Park High School class of winter 1956. Nadine was a Past Noble Grand of The Rebekah Lodge #307. She is also a Past Matron of Downey Chapter #160, Order of the Eastern Star. Nadine was employed at Kirk Paper Company and retired from Los Angeles County Board of Education (LACo). She was predeceased by her brother Orrin Williams and Sister Betty Williams. Nadine is survived by her son Cliff Hollingsworth and sister Lorraine Stevens, both of Downey. The funeral will be held at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary, 10229 Paramount Blvd., Downey on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

# Things you didn't know about Downey: Downey Grammar School

By Bobbi Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

Downey Grammar School was erected in 1916 by the Willard Brent Company. Many Downey tradesmen were hired for wiring, plumbing and other skills. Total building costs were \$35,500, including less than \$1,500 for architect John C. Austin, whose school designs were in great demand throughout Southern California.

A phone was installed for \$3.50 by the Downey Home Telephone Company, and

electric bills ran about \$2 per month. Arthur L. Darby charged \$19 for water from September to March, and at least 57 barrels of fuel oil from the Union Oil Company provided winter warmth.

The Board of Trustees in 1916 was composed of Walter J. Main, Joseph Smith and W.L. Moores. On the staff for the 1916-17 school year: Principal Austin N. Newbold (\$135 per month) and teachers Mrs. Phoebe Combs (\$95 per month), along with Mrs. Angie W. Davis, Misses Nin E. Gibbs, Ollie Hutchinson, Agnes Mayes and Dorothy Ardis (\$90), music teacher Miss Juinata W. Bowen (\$20) and janitor Oliver Perry (\$60).

In 1920, an old wooden auditorium was removed from the property and a west wing was later added to the school.

A separate cafeteria built on the north side of the school provided nourishing meals.

Except for major reinforcement required after the 1933 earthquake, the school retained this configuration throughout its use as an educational facility.

John C. Austin

Born in England in 1870, he studied architecture in England and Philadelphia before coming to Los Angeles about 1894. Already prestigious enough to be listed in a 1913 "Who's Who," Austin went on to design such landmarks as the Shrine Auditorium and Griffith Observatory and collaborated on the Los Angeles City Hall.

Austin lived in Pasadena

and in 1919 maintained a vacation home in Downey – the Mulberry Tree Ranch (now the northwest corner of Gardendale and Clark streets.

In addition to Downey Grammar School, the former Downey Union High School buildings, which faced Firestone Boulevard from 1921-1958, were attributed to John C. Austin, as was a five-room bungalow home erected on his south Downey ranch. As far as is known, no Austin buildings now survive in Downey.

At his death in 1963, John C. Austin was regarded as "Dean," among the most distinguished of California architects.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

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## Free community college would make our workers smarter -- and our country richer

By Brent Messenger

“Do we want to give the wealthiest people in America another tax cut,” asked Joe Biden, “or do you want to give every high school graduate the ability to earn a community college degree?”

The president’s question was not rhetorical. He was speaking at an event to promote his American Families Plan, which includes spending that would enable Americans to attend free two-year community college. Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Pramila Jayapal have introduced a similar bill in Congress. The proposals aren’t short of support: 83% of Democrats back free public college and university, as do 39% of Republicans.

The announcement elated President Biden’s own party, even as it raised Republican objections. The reaction of both sides was predictable. Free community college is a pillar of the progressive agenda. By contrast, Republicans in Congress won’t support the measures because of their significant cost.

This divide is unfortunate. Free community college should be viewed not as a partisan issue, but as an investment that will yield future returns in the form of economic growth. The bottom line: free community college will pay for itself in the long run.

The best jobs require more than a high school diploma. A high school graduate makes \$39,000 a year on average, a figure that jumps to \$46,000 with an associate degree. That’s almost \$300,000 more in earnings over a 40-year career. But nearly 30 percent of Americans over age 25 lack higher education.

Republicans are right that a federal program won’t be cheap. President Biden’s plan calls for \$109 billion to pay for free, two-year degrees. But that’s peanuts compared to what America will lose in economic output should our skill levels stagnate. A lack of workers with associate or bachelor degrees will cost America \$1.2 trillion in economic output over the next decade.

The lost output occurs when employers can’t fill jobs that need the specialized training higher education provides. Even with record unemployment last year, employers have 8.1 million jobs left unfilled.

Employers struggle to find workers with the right mix of technical and soft skills. Some reports show that 83% of bosses can’t find the right candidates. Three-quarters believe that applicants don’t have skills they’ll need on the job.

Free community college can help close the skills gap by preparing students for the jobs of the future. In 2019, community colleges granted a million associate degrees and certificates. Nearly 60% of associate degrees and 94% of certificates were for health care, IT, business, computer science, and construction trades.

Those skills can help workers succeed outside of the traditional office. Freelance job openings have skyrocketed amid the pandemic, and nearly 70% of remote workers say they’re open to such an opportunity. Some of the fastest-growing positions involve accounting, data analytics, and health care.

It’s understandable that fiscal conservatives object to proposals for free four-year degrees. A degree in Film Studies or liberal arts majors may not give workers tangible skills they’ll need on the job. But investment in community colleges is different. It’s a cost-effective use of federal dollars, a “bridge-loan” that recipients who otherwise wouldn’t go on to higher education will pay back many times over in higher income taxes and increased productivity.

Nearly a dozen states already recognize the benefits of free two-year college. It’s time the federal government jumped on board.

*Brent Messenger is vice president of public policy & community engagement at Fiverr. This piece originally ran in The Hill.*

## Let’s fix Medicare enrollment

By Janet Trautwein

Each year, an obscure federal rule forces thousands of seniors to pay penalties for the rest of their lives simply because they made an honest mistake while signing up for Medicare. That number will rise unless Congress modernizes the program’s enrollment process.

Seniors are twice as likely to be working today as in 1985. So more of them have to decide whether to sign up for Medicare when they become eligible at age 65 or keep their job-based health plan. Making the wrong decision can be costly.

Enrollment in Medicare Part A, which covers hospital care, is automatic and free for most people. But seniors must elect to join Parts B and D, which cover doctor’s bills and prescription drugs, respectively.

Seniors can postpone signing up for Parts B and D until they stop working, at which point a special enrollment period begins.

But some of these people may be better suited to stay on their employer-sponsored plans temporarily under the terms of a 1985 law known as COBRA. The law allows people to remain enrolled in an employer-sponsored plan for up to 18 months after exiting a job, provided they pay the full premium.

Perhaps they’ve already met their deductible for the year. Or maybe they have a younger spouse still on their health plan. In each case, COBRA may be a better option.

Because their employer-sponsored coverage continues seamlessly, these seniors may believe they can continue to delay enrolling in Parts B and D. But that’s not the case -- and so the “COBRA trap” is sprung.

Medicare requires seniors to have “creditable coverage” if they choose not to enroll in the program. In other words, they must have health benefits that Medicare considers to be as good as or better than its own.

Employer-sponsored plans count as “creditable.” But COBRA

generally does not.

That doesn’t make sense. If an employer-sponsored plan is considered creditable, how can an extension of the exact same plan under COBRA not be?

The moment COBRA beneficiaries leave their jobs, they have eight months to sign up for Medicare Part B -- and 63 days for Part D -- under the terms of their special enrollment period. If they don’t, then they may be locked out of Medicare when their COBRA coverage ends.

That can create quite the headache. Former COBRA beneficiaries have to secure alternate coverage to tide them over while they wait for Medicare’s open enrollment period at the end of the year.

Then there are the penalties associated with late enrollment. Those who sign up late for Part B pay a 10 percent penalty for each full 12-month period they could’ve been enrolled. On average, these penalties add more than \$8,000 to a beneficiary’s lifetime Part B premiums.

Seniors who fall into the COBRA trap are doing the same thing as their peers with employer-sponsored coverage. They’re just being penalized thousands of dollars for it.

Fortunately, there’s an easy fix. Last year, Congress passed the bipartisan BENES Act, which streamlines Medicare’s enrollment process. But left on the cutting room floor was a provision that would have required the government to notify seniors before their 65th birthday of the enrollment rules and how Medicare interacts with other insurance coverage.

Congress could bring back this provision in a new bill. Even better, it could eliminate the COBRA trap altogether -- by defining COBRA as creditable coverage for Medicare.

*Janet Trautwein is CEO of the National Association of Health Underwriters (www.nahu.org). This piece originally ran in the Orlando Sentinel.*

## Don’t blame bail reform for violent crime

By Steve Chapman

The Fourth of July is an occasion for the reading of the Declaration of Independence. But a better project might be the reading of the Constitution, a document that many Americans revere without fully understanding.

Among this group are many police officers, even though they take an oath to uphold it and are greatly affected by it in the course of their duties. One provision that sometimes gets short shrift is the Eighth Amendment, which says, “Excessive bail shall not be required.”

That provision rests on the longstanding right of criminal defendants to be granted bail except when no amount would ensure their appearance in court — notably in capital cases. But for others, the

right to be released before trial is implicit in the amendment. Denying bail, after all, has exactly the same effect as imposing excessive bail.

Some states, recognizing this fundamental liberty, have enacted laws ending the use of cash bail. The reason is that requiring a money payment leaves huge numbers of defendants languishing in jail not because they have been proven guilty or are deemed dangerous, but because they are poor. The vast majority of them will show up in court without it, and judges can require electronic monitoring to make sure they do.

But bail reform has coincided with a spike in violent crime across the country, and some cops have said this is no coincidence. New York Police Commissioner Dermot Shea decried his state’s changes as a “challenge to public safety.” When Illinois enacted a law this year abolishing cash bail, the head of the Chicago police union said it had “just handed the keys to the criminals.”

The evidence for the charge is skimpy. Violent crime surged last year even in places that didn’t reform bail laws, which suggests something else — such as the pandemic or the economic shutdown or both — was the real cause. And overall crime in the United States fell in the first half of 2020, according to the FBI — which is not what you would expect if hordes of unrepentant criminals were streaming out of the jails.

The opponents of bail reform miss some major points. Bail isn’t supposed to guarantee that no one accused of a crime will commit crimes while awaiting trial. It’s inherent in bail that some defendants will do exactly that. The only way to prevent it is to lock them all up before the government has proven they did anything wrong.

“This traditional right to freedom before conviction permits the unhampered preparation of a defense, and serves to prevent the infliction of punishment prior to conviction,” the Supreme Court said in 1951. “Unless this right to bail before trial is preserved, the presumption of innocence, secured only after centuries of struggle, would lose its meaning.”

Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx understands this even if her detractors don’t. In a videoconference Wednesday sponsored by the Illinois Justice Project, she noted that some people think defendants should be locked up even before being convicted.

“They missed the step in the middle, where we haven’t actually gotten to a trial yet,” she said pointedly. But “the presumption of innocence maintains with the accused until there’s a finding of guilt.”

The logic of those who oppose eliminating cash bail is that dangerous suspects shouldn’t go free. But the only sure way to determine which ones are dangerous is to put them on trial. Besides, requiring monetary bonds doesn’t keep the more dangerous defendants behind bars. It keeps the poorer ones behind bars.

Cash bail is a form of punishment that may actually generate more crime rather than less. Defendants who can’t raise the money may lose

## Manger scene?

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the article regarding the flying of the LGBTQ flag at City Hall during Pride Month.

While I don’t wish to get into the debate over the merits of flying the flag, I would like to ask Councilmembers Mario Trujillo and Catherine Alvarez if they would be willing to support a manger scene at City Hall during the month of December?

**Kevin Morris Downey**

## Columnist needs a reality check

Dear Editor:

I read Ms. Jamie Stiehm’s “The Founding Fathers’ trouble with women” commentary forward and backward. It didn’t make good sense in either direction. A better title would be “Ms. Stiehm’s trouble with reality.”

She has assembled a litany of facts, which in the greater context of human history, are trivial and irrelevant. Civilizations, cultures, and the people they consist of evolve and grow over time. A brief glance at the history of the West validates this, but the details are a discussion for another day. The United States of America is an example of this evolutionary process. When first founded, slavery existed in the Southern states, until the conservatives and churches of the North had their way in a bloody war and erased the cursed behavior of the Democrats in the South. Likewise great strides were made to wipe out segregation in the South (where the Democrats still reigned) by the Republican president Dwight Eisenhower in the 1950s. There are many more examples, but these make the point.

When our Founding Fathers laid the foundation for our society, it was far from perfect. When Thomas Jefferson wrote those words “All men are created equal . . .” he said things that had not been said before and needed to be said. He gave our nation a goal to aspire to and we have been doing that ever since. The people we are today is not the people we were then.

This brings us to the terrible flaw in Ms. Stiehm’s critique. First, she is damning the current status quo, based on who we were, not who we are. All of us can look into our childhoods and see an abundance of questionable behavior. Using Ms. Stiehm’s logic, at the very best her childhood would be considered “childish and immature”. So, by her own standards, as an adult she is hopeless, childish, immature and suitable for institutionalization.

There is a phrase in the Bible, “When I was a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man I put the ways of childhood behind me.” There are various interpretations with the one I prefer being: We grow, in the beginning we were children today we are adults. We move forward in life as adults, not as children. That same chapter ends with, “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

My suggestion is that Ms. Stiehm fills her life with more love. Love of herself, her family, friends, community, and this wonderful United States of America that has given her the opportunities in life she has. You should not journey through life dwelling on the past, cursing earlier behavior that no longer exist. This will hinder you and fill your life with misery.

**Scott Ramey Downey**

## Attack on religion

Dear Editor:

I have read many of Anita Rivero’s letters and although I often disagree with her, I usually choose to not respond. However, after I read her latest letter from July 1, 2021, I could not let her disrespect and bigotry stand.

Three times in her letter she states the falsehood of our country being founded on “the separation of church and state.” Please show me where in the Declaration of Independence or which Amendment of the Constitution that we can find the statement “separation of church and state?” The truth is, this statement never appears in any of our country’s founding documents, yet people who are hostile to religion have turned the meaning and intent of the First Amendment upside down over the last several decades and continuously trot out this falsehood.

People twist a statement that Thomas Jefferson wrote in a private letter to the Danbury Baptist Church in 1801 in which the former President assures the Baptists that government will not interfere in their religious practices due to the “wall of separation” provided by the First Amendment. That wall is meant to keep the government out of the church’s business, not to prevent people of religion from expressing their religious beliefs and values, including in the “public square.”

If that wall were meant to keep religion out of government and the “public square,” then how do you explain all of the statues of pastors in Statuary Hall, and religious paintings in our nation’s Capital building? How about Moses and the Ten Commandments that are displayed throughout the Supreme Court building? Better yet, we can read and see from the Founding Fathers’ own words and actions.

After being sworn-in, our first President, George Washington, along with members of Congress, promptly proceeded to St. Paul’s Chapel and offered a prayer of dedication to God on behalf of the country. Benjamin Rush, who signed the Declaration of Independence said “The Bible contains more truths than any other book in the world.”

And our first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay, quoted scripture (2 Tim. 3v16) by saying “Let us therefore persevere steadfastly in distributing the Scriptures far and near... We are assured that they ‘are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.’” And Thomas Jefferson, who many people like to claim was a deist or even an atheist, once said “The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend all to the happiness of man. ....”

And did I mention that church services were held in the Capital building and attended by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and many others? These church services were the largest services held on the East Coast for many years!

We’ve even had clergymen elected to federal office. The very first Speaker of the House, Frederick Muhlenberg, as well as our 20th President, James Garfield, were ordained ministers.

And speaking of prayer, to this day Congress still opens up each session with a prayer.

Ms. Rivero then states that “followers of any church must not be allowed to dictate and impose their own beliefs on the rest of us.” Oh really? So if someone is religious and believes in God then they have no right to participate in government or petition their elected representatives? This is religious bigotry, not at all inclusive, and violates the “Equal Protection” clause of the 14th Amendment.

If we were to follow her illogic then very few of us, including our Founding Fathers, could participate in our government and culture.

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jobs, homes and custody of their children. Dooming these people to poverty and dislocation is not a formula for putting them on the straight and narrow.

In Illinois, as in many other states, judges may deny bond to defendants whom they find would pose a risk to public safety if set free. Getting rid of money bail doesn’t prevent judges from simply denying bail to this select group. The right to bail is not unlimited.

But selling freedom only to those who can afford it is not a formula for fairness or safety. Our system of criminal law and justice rests on the presumption of innocence. The critics of bail reform prefer a presumption of guilt.

*Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.*



# Glennfest Film Festival returning to Downey this October

■ The volunteer-based festival looks to rebound after a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

By Lorine Parks Society Editor

"We know a few things for sure," said Glenn Stephens, originator of Downey's own Glennfest Film Festival. "The details are still to be worked out."

That good news was followed by the reveal of a tenth anniversary fete coming in October, with the title, "Nine, Ten, Big Fat Hen." In keeping with Glennfest tradition, these shows are absolutely free.

"For one" said Glenn, "we've got dates now. Save the week of Oct. 4-11. And we have the Downey Theatre for Friday and Saturday, October 5 and 6."

That's welcome news to film fans starved for the kind of special interest flicks one would ordinarily have to drive to the Westside or Pasadena to see. Only they're in Downey, and they're free to the public.

"And we have a name," said Glenn, "We're calling it 'Nine, Ten, Big Fat Hen.' That's because we're combining the best of films we didn't get to show for 2020, our ninth year. We already paid for the films for 2020, so we've got a super array now for our tenth season."

Movies range from a kid-oriented musical, women's rights, and a documentary about Hungary's crown jewels, to a disaster and the disabled in Japan.

"And going forward," said Glenn, "we know we need sponsors and volunteers. Every little bit helps."

Postponed last year because of COVID-19, Glennfest has left a pent-up demand. As a venue for independent and often-missed films, both feature length and short, Glennfest thrives on the shared experience of a live audience experiencing the film together.

"There's nothing like being in a darkened theatre sharing a common experience on screen. Laughing, being in suspense, that forms a bond with people who were strangers minutes before. That's why we skipped last year," said Glenn. "I didn't want remote or encapsulated drive-in substitutions."

High on this year's list is "Wind in the Willows," a film adaption of the musical version of the beloved Kenneth Grahame children's classic that features Mr. Toad on his wild ride.

"Kids of all ages will love it," said Glenn. The show played to sold-out audiences in London's Palladium before the pandemic.

Another film will portray ordinary lives in Cuba, to be followed by parting curtains and a live exhibition of Spanish dance styles such as flamenco and gypsy. Patron-level donors will be seated on the stage, as the featured dancer always prefers to perform with the audience around her. There's talk about bringing the Cuban ballet back too.

"It takes three things to put on a successful film festival," said founder Glenn. "One is to find the films. We have a screening committee that evaluates all our choices. One of those jurors' criteria is, will this be of interest in Downey."

Holdovers films from 2020 include "Slava: Snow," a surreally beautiful film about a troupe of clowns touring Siberia in winter; and "Macbetto," a contemporary Italian Mafia rendition of Shakespeare's classic performed in under 30 minutes.

"Steam Room Stories - the Movie" is a boisterous farce involving a chorus of beefcake guys acted by amateurs as steam room attendants.

"They are innocent of acting technique and are just having fun showing off," said a review, and there's a villain, a rich dame who wants to possess the waters of the Steam Room to

lift her sagging empire.

There will be a Bea Romano Award film that Glenn is dedicating to "our dear friend and supporter, Bea, who was an amazing creator and supporter of the arts in Downey." And the director of the movie about the Me Too movement, "This Changes Everything," has agreed to be interviewed.

"Second," said Glenn, "we need a place to show the movies. The Downey Theatre is tentatively booked for October 5th and 6th and several other venues are in contention to show the rest of the entries."

Negotiations are on-going for venues that have survived the COVID-19 hiatus. Notably, David Devis's Epic Lounge is still available. "We're proud that we helped build the stage there," said Glenn.

One tantalizing combination of film and venue is a former farm converted into the expansive Southeast Japanese Center in Norwalk for a Japanese film "Talking To the Starry Sky," about the dramatic 7.2 earthquake and tsunami in East Japan in 2011, and the plight of the disabled.

"Our selection unanimous was in choosing it," said Glenn.

"While focusing on a past event, this film depicts a

reality that all of us will face in the future. We would like as many people as possible to see it," said Director Yurugu Matsumoto.

"Third ingredient to make a successful film festival," said Glen, "is to fill the seats. This is where volunteers can help us get the word out to organizations and their members."

Glennfest showcases films from the United States and around the world. Some fill a special niche or special interest, or are flicks that didn't have the backing to get the exposure they needed. If this kind of movie is your cup of tea, remember that the experience is absolutely free.

"Free" has to cost someone something, and that means volunteer hours plus monetary donations that bring Glennfest to everyone. All kinds of help are welcomed, and sponsorships that bring rewards such as preferential seating and exclusive interview opportunities with local stars. More details to come.

To volunteer, contact Glenn on the website, [www.glennfest.com](http://www.glennfest.com).

## Theatre releases dates for 'Beauty and the Beast,' 'Grease' sing alongs

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Theatre has announced the rescheduled dates for its "Beauty and the Beast" and "Grease" singalong concerts.

The "Beauty and the Beast" performance is now scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2022, while "Grease" will be presented Sunday, April 10, 2022.

The "Beauty and the Beast" show includes trivia and goody bags for all. Guests are encouraged to dress as their favorite character from the Disney film.

The "Grease" screening includes lyrics displayed on screen, so audience members can sing along.

Tickets are now on sale at the Downey Theatre box office or by calling (562) 861-8211. Previous ticket holders have several options, including retaining their tickets for use on the rescheduled dates.

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**Pleasant Holidays.**

# Downey teen on mission to build micro libraries

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Tuesday at Wilderness Park for the park's newest addition: a free little library.

The library was constructed and installed (with city permission) by Downey teen Sam Sarofeem Jr., 18, as part of his Eagle Scout project.

As of this week, Sarofeem has built and constructed nine micro libraries. Six are located at Downey parks, including Dennis the Menace, Discovery, Golden, Apollo, Furman, and now Wilderness.

Sarofeem also installed libraries at Warren and Downey high schools, and at a private residence.

Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa attended Tuesday's ceremony and praised Sarofeem for providing "a great service to others."

"One of the things that makes Downey the special community that it is, is precisely this," Frometa said. "I'm excited to help push this through so that in every park in the city of Downey we have one of these little libraries, and children and families and seniors, as they visit our parks, they can stop at the little libraries -- leave one, take one -- and be able to continue literacy and adventure in our city.

"What a great role model you are to so many young men and young ladies who want to serve their community."

Also in attendance was Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco. She thanked Sarofeem for his community involvement going back to his days at Doty Middle School.

"What a great and fabulous idea of having these little libraries at our parks," said Pacheco. "It is an opportunity for everyone to grab a book, to read, to read to their children, so this is an added benefit to our Downey parks and to our city of Downey."

Sarofeem said he was inspired to build the little libraries to help children who may not have access to reading material.

"Books should and will always have a special place in our culture and heritage," said Sarofeem. "I want to encourage the youth of Downey to make reading books a habit and hope people use these little libraries as free access to literacy."

About two dozen people attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, including Sam's parents, Lupe and Sam Sarofeem Sr., and his sister, Sarah Sarofeem.

"This experience has left a lasting impression on me," Sarofeem said. "I've learned valuable lessons, spent quality time with wonderful people and was able to make a small contribution to our community."

The micro library is currently stocked with children's books. Residents are invited to take a book and restock the library at their leisure.



Sam Sarofeem Jr. at Tuesday's ribbon cutting ceremony at Wilderness Park. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

# Reopening is bittersweet for family who lost loved one

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The reopening of society after over a year and a half of the Covid-19 pandemic comes as little comfort to those who lost loved ones along the way, including the family of Susana Nunez.

Nunez was born December 15, 1974.

Known as "Sunny Sunshine," Nunez's family describes her as "always happy" and "a giant goofball."

"A huge smile," said her sister Rebecca Nunez. "The most contagious laughter. Silly, so smart. She was so creative."

Nunez spent most of her life in Downey, after her family moved to the city in the early 1980s. A product of the Downey Unified School District, she graduated from Downey High School in 1993.

After graduating from Cal State Los Angeles, she would return to the district as a teacher.

Unfortunately, a battle with mental health would force her to end her career prematurely and become highly dependent on her family.

Still, her sister paints a picture of a highly nurturing, loving individual. This was none more evident than when she contracted

Covid-19, shortly after her parents.

"It was awful; we did everything we could to be safe ourselves while taking care of them. They were incredibly ill," said Nunez. "Around the 25th, 26th of December, Susy started to get sick... It was really awful because by the time my dad had gotten out of his second stint in the hospital, Susy started to get really bad."

"She was a little stubborn; she wanted mom and dad to be the priority, to take care of them."

Almost overnight, Nunez's symptoms became increasingly severe, and she was rushed to the hospital. She passed away January 6 at the age of 46.

Nunez's family held a private service for her three months after her passing, due to the backlog of need that many funeral homes and cemeteries were experiencing at the time.

Rebecca also held a public Zoom service, which she says drew hundreds of her sister's loved ones and admirers.

"We broke Zoom; there were so many people that joined," said Nunez. "Even though Susy had been sick, she had had a lifetime of friends and family that loved her...people from all ages of her life and past. It was beautiful."

As many seem to feel that the light at the end of the pandemic

tunnel is in reach, Nunez's sister and her family are finding it hard to wholeheartedly share in the relief and joy.

"There's this dichotomy that exists," said Nunez. "People talk about Covid being over, and things are opening back up, and vaccines, and it's wonderful; on one side it's wonderful, and beautiful, and I'm so that we're getting there. But on the other end, I hate that her life, unfortunately, is associated with this giant thing."

"It almost feels like this thing was bigger than her...like she's a statistic, and it kills me."

Nunez says that she has dealt with feelings of guilt and selfishness.

"We're one tiny family compared to everything else," said Nunez. "It's not like she passed in a way that I'm not reminded of every minute; every minute, I hear Covid...there's no moment I can't associate it with her passing. We don't get a lot of relief."

If there is any comfort, it's in the thought of her sister's spirit.

"I think she would tell us that she's okay, and that we will be okay, that the family is really strong," said Nunez. "I think she would tell us to stop crying, and tell us to be excited over the fact that we are here...the fact that things are getting better is a good thing; don't dwell on this, you have so much to live for."

# Congresswoman delivers \$28 million stimulus check to Norwalk



From left: Mayor Jennifer Perez, Rep. Linda Sanchez and Councilmember Ana Valencia.

■ The federal funds are part of the American Rescue Plan stimulus package approved by Congress.

**NORWALK** – Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-CA) on Tuesday delivered a check in the amount of \$28,046,746 to the City of Norwalk, highlighting the funding the city received through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan.

The American Rescue Plan – passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden in March – delivered over \$43 billion in relief to local and state governments in California.

Tuesday's event was part of Sánchez's efforts to meet with city councils, school boards, colleges and universities, business owners, essential workers, and other community leaders across the 38th Congressional District to

discuss relief funds and ongoing efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This pandemic hit our communities hard," said Sánchez. "As we mourn the loss of over 63,000 lives here in California alone, it is critical we deliver relief directly to working families, small businesses, and local governments so they can continue working to get us back on track. That is exactly what the American Rescue Plan did – it extended a lifeline to millions right here in Southern California and I was proud to support it. I am glad to be here today in Norwalk to highlight over \$28 million the city received through this relief package."

Norwalk mayor Jennifer Perez said the funds are critical for Norwalk to address the pandemic's economic effects over the past year.

"Our plan will offer aid to households, small businesses,

and impacted nonprofits," Perez said. "In addition, we will utilize the funds to address strategic priorities that will benefit the health and safety of the community."

Sánchez continued: "One of the most important aspects of the American Rescue Plan is that it delivered financial relief directly to workers, businesses, and local governments. From families struggling to get by to essential workers and first responders working around the clock – this package put money in the pockets of those who needed it most. By delivering this money directly to the City of Norwalk, the federal government is acknowledging the sacrifices made over the course of this pandemic and is providing this city with the tools needed to finally get us back on track."

The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill to speed up the country's recovery from the economic and

health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of this relief package, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund provided billions of dollars directly to municipalities to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs, stabilize households and businesses, and address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic.

On Tuesday, Sánchez also presented checks to the City of Lakewood and Cerritos College.

The relief for Californians included an estimated:

\$43 billion in direct aid to the State of California and local governments to support essential workers, continue delivery of essential services, deliver relief to hard-hit families and businesses, and make necessary investments in water and broadband infrastructure.

\$3.8 billion in child care relief by investing in California's child care system and providers through the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program.

\$105 million for Head Start to help California families continue to access important quality early learning opportunities.

\$15 billion for California's K-12 Schools to re-open with necessary resources to keep students and educators safe. This includes repairing ventilation systems, reducing class sizes and implementing social distancing guidelines, purchasing personal protective equipment, and hiring support staff to care for students' health and well-being.

\$5 billion for California's institutions of higher education

to help weather the COVID-19 pandemic. Half of the funds received by colleges and universities must be distributed to students to help with hardships caused by the pandemic.

\$2 billion to help Californians with emergency rental assistance.

\$1.6 billion for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim public transit agencies to be used to ensure safe access to reliable transit services.

## POETRY MATTERS

### Beautiful Women

More things come to them,  
and they have more to hide.  
All around them: mirror, eyes.

In any case  
they are different from other women  
and like great athletes have trouble making friends,  
and trusting a world quick to praise.

I admit without shame  
I'm talking about superficial beauty,  
the beauty unmistakable  
to the honest eye, which causes  
some of us to pivot and to dream,  
to tremble before we dial.

"Boxers punch harder when women are around,"  
Kenneth Patchen said. Think what happens  
when beautiful women are around.  
We do not question  
that a thousand ships were launched.

In the eye of the beholder? A platitude.  
A beautiful woman enters a room,  
and everyone beholds. Geography changes.  
We watch her everywhere she goes.

Stephen Dunn, *New and Selected Poems 1974-1994*

*The speaker of Dunn's poems is "a regular guy cursed with an understanding of human nature more subtle than he'd prefer," Joel Brouwer noted in the New York Times. "Each line is a discovery," said Dunn, who died last month on his eighty-second birthday. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021126211

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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

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/17/21, 6/24/21, 7/1/21, 7/8/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021146510

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DVIRTUAL ASSISTANT, 1538 SOUTH MCBRIDE AVE, COMMERCIA CA 90040, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAISY CARRILLO, 1538 SOUTH MCBRIDE AVE, COMMERCIA CA 90040 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021143957

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) OH MY POPS, 13514 HALEY AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALMA VANNESSA RAMIREZ, 13514 HALEY AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605 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: 09/2020

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

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**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021130874

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RARE FIT, 2934 1/2 BEVERLY GLEN CIRCLE, #507, LOS ANGELES CA 90077, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AFRIKA CHAO LLC, 2934 1/2 BEVERLY GLEN CIRCLE, #507, LOS ANGELES CA 90077 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

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

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must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/24/21, 7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021143527

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WRIGHT CARPENTRY, 370 GRAND AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90814, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANU RAY, 370 GRAND AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90814 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: 09/2017

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

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**The Downey Patriot**  
7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021141285

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MARBELLA INSURANCE, 8856 LINDELL AVE APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAURICIO GONZALEZ, 8856 LINDELL AVE APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021130281

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REDWOOD ROOM, 313 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504, LA COUNTY, 9041 AERO DR., PICO RIVERA CA 90660

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TEA.N.D INCORPORATED, 3131 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021130439

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LA PALOMA RESTAURANT, 1316 E DUARTE RD, DUARTE CA 91010, LA COUNTY, 2132 S ROSS ST, SANTA ANA CA 92707

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4683628 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) D & M CORPORATION, 2132 S ROSS ST, SANTA ANA CA 92707 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2021

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 10, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
6/24/21, 7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021130320

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TAMARACK INN, 9257 SLAUSON AVE., PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9041 AERO DR., PICO RIVERA 90660

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) B.A.V. INCORPORATED, 3131 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 09, 2021

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021130281

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REDWOOD ROOM, 313 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504, LA COUNTY, 9041 AERO DR., PICO RIVERA CA 90660

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TEA.N.D INCORPORATED, 3131 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

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

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

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## GOVERNMENT

### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT PLN-21-00079

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 21st day of July, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-21-00079) Special Event Permit: A request to hold a 16-day circus from July 23, 2021 to August 19, 2021. The applicants are Circus Vargas, and this will be the second time that the circus will take place within the parking lot of the Stonewood Mall located at 251 Stonewood Street. The hours of operation are from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (varies by day). The circus includes a large performing tent and concessions, on property zoned SP-89-1 (Stonewood Specific Plan).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or participate via teleconference to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 1111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Senior Planner Alfonso Hernandez at (562) 904-7154, or at [ahernandez@downeyca.org](mailto:ahernandez@downeyca.org).

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21

### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT PLN-21-00063

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 21st day of July, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

(PLN-21-00063) Specific Plan Amendment: The City of Downey has prepared the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Specific Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report to promote future development of the southern portion of the Rancho Los Amigos Campus. The Specific Plan is a City initiated Specific Plan located completely on land that is owned by the County of Los Angeles (County). In accordance with the goals of the City of Downey's Vision 2025 General Plan (DGP), the RLASCSP promotes a transit oriented development with a focus on a diverse mixture of land uses. The plan also prioritizes creating more livable communities with access to both regional transit and promotes alternative transit opportunities.

The Project site is located in the City's southwest corner, north of Gardendale Street and south of Imperial Highway. The City of South Gate borders the Project site to the south and west. The Project site's southwest corner is bisected by the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridor.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or attend to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

The City of Downey, as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in conjunction with the Specific Plan. The Notice of Availability and Public Hearing were previously noticed on June 8, 2021, and made available for a public review beginning on June 8, 2021 and ending on July 22, 2021, in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 1111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information contact Principal Planner Guillermo Arreola at 562-904-7154 or at [garreola@downeyca.org](mailto:garreola@downeyca.org).

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21

### NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00221

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA to Proposed name (1) IKE CARLOS GARCIA

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 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 DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JUNE 23, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney or Petitioner  
CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA  
11538 PRIUSS AVENUE  
DOWNEY, CA, 90241  
(562) 676-7941  
[Garcia099@gmail.com](mailto:Garcia099@gmail.com)

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF SALES TAX**

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**REPORT GRAFFITI TO THIS NUMBER. 923-4484**

## REVENUE BONDS BY THE DOWNEY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, at its regular meeting commencing at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on July 13, 2021, in the City Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241, the City Council of the City of Downey (the "City") will hold a public hearing at which it will hear and consider information concerning the (i) approval by the City of the proposed issuance of sales tax revenue bonds (the "Bonds") by the Downey Public Financing Authority (the "Authority") the net proceeds of which are expected to be applied to finance various street and roadway improvements and the substantial public benefits of such financing by the Authority in accordance with the criteria specified in Section 6586.5 of the California Government Code, and (ii) the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council of the City approving the execution and delivery of certain pledge agreements to be entered into with the Authority in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The improvements to be financed with the net proceeds of the Bonds are anticipated to be located at some or all of the locations identified in the City's Citywide Pavement Management Program Update dated April 2021 as Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the City. All the areas and improvements are eligible for funding from Measure M and Measure R.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed lease financing may either appear in person at the public hearing or submit written comments which must be received by the City Council prior to the public hearing. Written comments should be sent to the City Clerk, City of Downey, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241.

M. Alicia Duarte, CMC  
City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/8/21

### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW (SPA/CUP/SPR) PLN-20-00120

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 21st day of July, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

(PLN-20-00120) SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW: A request to approve an amendment to the Downey City Planning Specific Plan, a Conditional Use Permit and a Site Plan Review application to allow a commercial remodel resulting in 4 tenant spaces, site improvements and a drive-through facility with accessory monument signs, for property located at 8300 Firestone Boulevard, within the Firestone Boulevard Gateway District of the Downtown Downey Specific Plan.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects).

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 1111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information contact Principal Planner Guillermo Arreola at 562-904-7154 or at [garreola@downeyca.org](mailto:garreola@downeyca.org).

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00225  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SONIA GONZALEZ, LAWRENCE SALAZAR FOR ELIJAH SALAZAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) ELIJAH DIEGO SALAZAR to Proposed name (1) ELIJAH DIEGO GONZALEZ  
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 25, 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 25, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SONIA GONZALEZ, LAWRENCE SALAZAR  
7814 3RD STREET  
DOWNEY, CA 90241  
(562) 822-5932  
SONIAGOCFA4EVER@YAHOO.COM

The Downey Patriot  
7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00235  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows:  
Present name (1) EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE to Proposed name (1) EDWARD NOBUO HIROMOTO  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
Date: SEPTEMBER 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 29, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE  
7745 COOLGROVE DRIVE  
DOWNEY, CA 90240  
562-240-7347

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7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21

**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. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
Date: AUGUST 13, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: S27, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 275 Magnolia Ave. 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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT JUNE 28, 2021  
JUDGE MARK C. KIM  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JENNIFER KARINA ROBLES  
300 LONG BEACH BLVD.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90802  
(562) 380-7185  
roblesdirect@gmail.com

The Downey Patriot  
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUBEN LEYVA**  
Case No. 21STPB04278  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUBEN LEYVA  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: FRANCIS LEYVA  
in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FRANCIS LEYVA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice

to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 19, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner: FRANCIS LEYVA  
7630 SUVA STREET  
DOWNEY, CA 90240  
562-646-2041

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7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21

**City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support**  
DOWNEY - The Downey City Council on Tuesday agreed to continue financial support for the Stay Gallery, a downtown art gallery, for another three years.  
The city's agreement with Downtown Art Site - operators of Stay Gallery - was originally set to expire in 2021. The city's agreement with Downtown Art Site - operators of Stay Gallery - was originally set to expire in 2021. The city's agreement with Downtown Art Site - operators of Stay Gallery - was originally set to expire in 2021.  
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# Baseball, softball players make All-CIF

**DOWNEY** - Two baseball players from Warren High School have been named to the 2021 All CIF Southern Section team.

Hauze Fragoso and Robert Linares were named to the Division 3 team, which is comprised of the best high school baseball players from the region. Fragoso and Linares will both be seniors next school year.

Meanwhile, Downey High School's Omar Serrano made the All CIF team for Division 4. Serrano was a senior and graduated last month.

Hailey Harris, a senior pitcher for Downey's softball team, made the Division 2 All CIF softball team.

Harris finished the season with a 8-1 record and 0.79 ERA.

# Police plan DUI patrols

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Police Department will be conducting roving DUI patrols this month, looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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

Drivers are also reminded that while medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under its influence remains prohibited.

# National Night Out returns

**DOWNEY** - Downey will host its eighth annual National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Civic Center.

The free community event is celebrated across the country the first Tuesday in August.

It is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in crime prevention programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and build police-community partnerships.

Downey's event will feature free food, drinks, children's activities, community information booths, and more.

For details, contact Momi Cervantes at (562) 904-2357 or mcervantes@downeyca.org.

# Cerritos finishes Liberty Park fitness upgrades

**CERRITOS** - The Cerritos City Council recently held a ribbon cutting to commemorate improvements at the Fit Core Area at Liberty Park.

Enhancements included removing existing fitness equipment and sand surface material and installing new fitness equipment and rubberized surfacing.

The new rubberized surface complies with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) design guidelines.

The cost of the improvements was approximately \$55,000 and was partially funded by Community Development Block Grant funds.

"The city is excited to announce the completion of the Liberty Park Fit Core Area for the enjoyment of the community," remarked Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu.

"The area provides a variety of workout activities to be done in a beautiful environment."

**The Downey Dirt Devils, a youth travel ball organization located in Downey, participated in the 2021 USSSA International World Series this past week.**

**The mostly 13-year-old team played in the 14U division and although the underdog, walked away as champions. This accomplishment is highly regarded in the travel baseball world.**

**These boys played several games throughout five days in 100+ degree weather. They played their hearts out and now have the honor of being called champions.**

**The team is led by Coach Jose Rodriguez, a Downey resident and Warren High School graduate, who has been actively coaching in the Downey community under the Downey Dirt Devils organization for many years.**

**Several of the boys on this championship team will be attending Downey and Warren high schools this fall.**



# City Council approves downtown security

**DOWNEY** - The Downey City Council has approved a security contract with Servexo Protective Services to provide security guard services in Downtown Downey and for city parks and facilities at their last council meeting.

Under the agreement, guards will continually patrol the core downtown area, including the parking structure, against loitering, graffiti, parking regulations, maintenance, etc.

Cost of the agreement is not to exceed \$200,000. The contract was approved unanimously.

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