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Eric Villalobos has been hired as Warren High School's band director. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

## Warren High hires new band director

■ Eric Villalobos takes over as leader of the school's band and color guard, which looks to rebuild after the previous director was ousted.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School Band and Color Guard will go through a period of rebuild in 2021. That starts with new band director Eric Villalobos.

Villalobos, 39, decided early on that he wanted to be a band director, after watching "Mr. Holland's Opus," a film centered around the 30-year musical teaching career of Glenn Holland.

"In 7th grade, after watching Mr. Holland's Opus, I was like, 'You know what? It'd actually be pretty cool to be a band director, a music teacher,'" said Villalobos. "Just because of how you can affect these kids' lives, and stuff like that."

Primarily a brass player, Villalobos started his higher education at Fullerton college, spending six years while "making a living" in instructor and assistant band director roles at several different schools in the meantime.

Eventually, Villalobos said that he realized that he had "too many things going on all at once," and he "needed something different."

He joined the Army in May of 2007.

"Really it was because I wanted to join to pay for school," said Villalobos. "I could just do my four-year commitment, come back, get the GI bill and finish school, and focus on school."

However, Villalobos says that "there was more to the Army that it had to offer me."

"I was realizing that I was a member of the team," said Villalobos. "I realized it's not about me, it's more about what am I contributing, what story am I telling?"

Villalobos would perform with several ensembles within the Army, and while deployed, would aid in the teaching of the Afghan National Army Band.

His service would take him around the United States and into Germany, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan. He would transition to the reserves – where he still performs – at the end of his active service.

Villalobos would go on to earn a Bachelors in Music Education and a Bachelors in Tuba Performance from Azusa Pacific University.

After a couple of opportunities as an assistant at California High School and Santa Margarita Catholic High School, Villalobos found himself as director at Valley Christian High School in 2019 and 2020.

Villalobos is no stranger to Warren's instrumental music program. Throughout his career, he's found himself standing across the competition field from the Bears.

"My program used to compete against [Warren] when I was at La Mirada and at Cal," said Villalobos. "I could already see that Warren was chomping at the bit to be successful, and they were."

"Watching it from the stands and just seeing how successful and how big the program has been getting, it's a lot to chew; it's a lot to digest."

Though having steadily grown in strength and accolades over the past decade – culminating in back-to-back gold medal wins at the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association field championships in 2017 and 2018 – the program has faced recent backlash amongst reports of inappropriate behavior from the band's former director Dave Niemeyer and staff, forcing the change in leadership.

The transition also comes at a time where schools are still adjusting to a post-pandemic norm.

Villalobos asks that students and parents "give him a year," saying that the theme of the year is to "reconnect and rebuild."

"My vision for this year is really just to reconnect with everybody," said Villalobos. "I think the hardest challenge for me right now is reconnecting with the upperclassmen...having a new band director is always going to be a challenge, that's just kind of the norm."

"I think my vision overall though – and this has always been a vision of mine – is just being able to create good kids... teaching kids to be musicians can mean one thing, but teaching them to be good kids so they can learn those principles and ethics and things like that is going to be more beneficial. Seeing them be successful in their future will definitely warm my heart and be even more of a success for me."

Villalobos lives in Orange County with his wife Maggie.

## Downey joins growing call for change in Cuba

■ Residents have been protesting outside Porto's Bakery, calling on the Biden Administration to provide military support.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – A large gathering of Downey's Cuban residents gathered outside of Porto's Bakery over the weekend in support of political revolution in Cuba.

The call for the end of the decades-old Cuban dictatorship has rung loud and clear in Downey over the last couple of weeks, as a third rally in support of Cuban revolution took place at the intersection of Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

Hundreds of individuals, many of which were draped in Cuban flags, shouted and chanted, drawing supportive cheers and the honking of horns from the traffic nearby.

Of course, the cries for change in Downey are merely an extension of those already happening in Cuba itself, as the people on the island have grown increasingly frustrated and angry over shortages of basic necessities and lack of freedom, made even more dire against the backdrop of Covid-19.

Rafael Delagrana, a 62-year-old Cuban refugee, says that "the



Downey residents have rallied outside Porto's Bakery in support of the Cuban population. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Cuban people have suffered for as long as I have lived."

"I was very fortunate to come to this great country, but there's people that were born the same day I was born, they've never once had a day of freedom in their lives," said Delagrana. "That's very sad."

Carlos and Betty Garrido, 57 and 56, still have family in Cuba.

"We hear it up front, what is happening in Cuba; the trials, tribulations, everything they are going through," said Carlos.

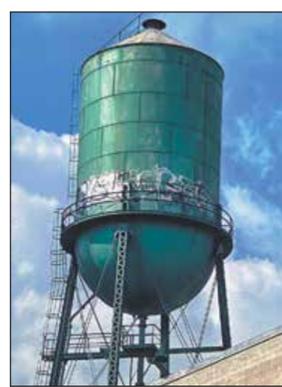
Betty described the current time – where talks of Cuban freedom have been brought to the

forefront of national attention – as "very emotional."

"This is the most hope that we've had in 62 years, since they've been so oppressed and they've gone through so much" she said.

"Nobody can understand until you live through something like that. Even though I didn't live it personally, my parents, my grandparents, I came when I was 4 years old; we have so much connection in Cuba with all our family that's still there. We know what they're going through, and nobody can tell us any different."

## South Rancho eyed for housing



(Photo by Eric Pierce)

■ Hundreds of affordable homes could be built on Rancho's abandoned south campus, a plan supported by Downey officials.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – There was no official project for the Downey Planning Commission to approve for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's south campus on Tuesday, but one thing remained clear: there were high

hopes for affordable housing.

Development of the extensive Rancho south campus redevelopment specific plan has been funded in part by the Metro Transit Oriented Development Planning Grant Program. The specific plan consists of four sub-districts, including areas designated for flex tech/ bio medical, regional public facilities, transit-oriented development, and community service.

The project is unique in that it encompasses approximately 172 acres of Los Angeles County-owned land. Of that area, around 62.5 acres (37%) is currently uncommitted and available for potential development. This is planned and programmed for a mix of transit-oriented residential, retail, and office uses, and more specifically, would allow development of up to 700 homes and approximately 1,130,000 square-feet of new, nonresidential land uses.

While nothing has been officially decided yet, the city has made attempts to gain stakeholder feedback, specifically during two community workshops throughout the preparation of the Specific Plan.

It became clear early

that several of Downey's commissioners – specifically Chair Miguel Duarte and Commissioners Art Montoya and Horacio Ortiz – had their eyes set on tackling housing.

"I think it's a great opportunity; I don't want it to be missed, to actually include affordable housing in that area," said Duarte. "If there's anything we can do just to ensure that there's some included in that area, that's my only comment."

Community Development Director Aldo Schindler said that "the best assurance we have right now" is through the inclusionary housing ordinance currently being worked on by the city.

According to Schindler, that ordinance will require a certain percentage of affordable housing units to be built in any housing project throughout the city.

There was some pushback, however, from some of the city's South Gate neighbors whose homes border the project. They argued housing development would burden South Gate – not Downey – with the stressors of an increased population in the area.

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### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 85°

Saturday 83°

Sunday 81°

### ON THIS DAY JULY 22

**1849:** Emma Lazarus, the American poet best known for her words inscribed at the Statue of Liberty, was born.

**1933:** American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world in seven days, 18 1/2 hours.

**1934:** A man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents in Chicago.

**1937:** The Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

**1942:** The United States government ordered gasoline rationing due to wartime demands.

**1943:** American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily.

**1981:** Mehmet Ali Agca was sentenced in Rome to life in prison for shooting Pope John Paul II. (He served 19 years.)

**1991:** Police in Milwaukee arrested serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to murdering 17 men and boys.

**1994:** O.J. Simpson pleaded innocent to the slaying of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

**1995:** Susan Smith was convicted by a jury in Union, S.C., of first-degree murder for drowning her two sons.



**2003:** Saddam Hussein's sons Odai and Qusai were killed when U.S. forces stormed a villa in Mosul, Iraq.

**2004:** The Sept. 11 commission issued a report saying America's leaders failed to grasp the gravity of terrorist threats before the 9/11 attacks.

**2008:** Estelle Getty, who played the sarcastic Sophia Petrillo on "The Golden Girls," died at age 84.

### Birthdays

"Lethal Weapon" star **Danny Glover** (75), R&B singer **Keith Sweat** (60), comedian **David Spade** (57), actor **John Leguizamo** (57), professional wrestler **Shawn Michaels** (56), "Pretty Little Liars" star **Keegan Allen** (32), pop singer **Selena Gomez** (29), football player **Ezekiel Elliott** (26) and English royalty **Prince George** (8).

The eight-piece classic soul and Motown tribute band Stone Soul performs next at Furman Park this Wednesday starting at 7 pm.

Stone Soul plays renditions of The Temptations, The Four Tops, and more.

Downey Dial-a-Ride offers free transportation to and from the concert for residents ages 60 and older.





Guitar students from the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities.

## Arts groups awarded county grants

**DOWNEY** - Three Downey non-profit groups have been awarded grants by the Los Angeles County Department of Arts & Culture.

The Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities was awarded \$16,300. The organization will use the money to pay music instructors at its after-school classes.

The Downey Symphonic Society, which operates the Downey Symphony, was selected to receive \$15,400. The money will be used to support the orchestra's Music in the Schools program.

Lastly, Japanese Culture and Traditions Inc. was awarded \$4,400 in support of its annual Coming of Age Ceremony, a Japanese cultural tradition.

The Department of Arts & Culture distributed \$4.518 million in grants in total to 231 nonprofit arts organizations.

L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis called the grant program "critical to helping the local arts ecosystem thrive through the inclusion of arts organizations that exemplify culture, traditions, and artistic creativity that celebrate the diversity of this county."

## Razorbacks open training camp Monday

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Razorbacks will open training camp Monday at Discovery Sports Complex, marking the official opening of the 2021 season.

The Razorbacks are returning after a 20-month hiatus due to Covid-19 restrictions. This season marks their 61st year of youth football in Downey.

Training camp is free and open to the public. The first game of the season is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11; all home games are played at Downey and Warren high schools.

The Razorbacks are part of the SCEYFL-AAU conference which is comprised of 27 member associations located throughout Southern California. The AAU Super Bowl will be held at Sofi Stadium on Nov. 26.

As part of a fundraiser, the Razorbacks are selling tickets for a VIP tour of the stadium that day from 9 am to 5 pm. Tickets are \$20.

To purchase tour tickets, or for more information about the Razorbacks, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220.

## Professors win seats on school board

**NORWALK** - Dr. Robert Cancio and Narcis Brasov appear to have won seats on the Norwalk-La Mirada school board, according to semi-official results released by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

Brasov, a law professor at Trinity Law School, collected 2,330 votes while Cancio, an assistant professor of sociology at Loyola Marymount University, received 2,259.

Election officials said there are "still many outstanding ballots to be processed and counted." Brasov and Cancio, however, maintain comfortable leads over their opponents.

According to election officials, only 6% of registered voters cast ballots in the election.

## Hikers from Downey High rescued

**DOWNEY** - Two teenage hikers who had been missing on Mt. Baldy were found safe Tuesday.

The two teenagers were found by a search-and-rescue team at about 9 a.m. and were airlifted from the mountain.

The teens were among 51 students from Downey High school's soccer and lacrosse teams, along with two coaches and a teacher, who hiked Devils Backbone and Ski Hut Trail before breaking up into several groups Monday morning, according to the San Bernardino County sheriff's department.

A large group of the students eventually walked back to their vehicles and left the area. But at 7 p.m., several of the teenagers called for help and said they were unable to hike out safely, authorities said. During that rescue, 10 minors and three adults were airlifted from the mountain, but two hikers - a 15-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy - remained unaccounted for.

Ground crews and the sheriff's helicopter continued searching for the last two teenagers throughout the night. They were found at about 8:40 a.m. and airlifted to safety.

Authorities say both hikers appear to be OK.

## College student earns fellowship

**DOWNEY** - Downey resident Nicole Jowett has been awarded an \$8,500 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship, one of only 62 people nationwide to receive the honor.

Jowett received a bachelor's degree in film and electronic arts from Cal State Long Beach and will pursue a master's degree in television writing and producing at Chapman University.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Its Fellowship Program allocated \$649,000 annually to outstanding students for first-year graduate or professional study.

# DACA ruling prompts calls for immigration reform

■ A federal judge ruled that DACA is illegal, putting a halt to new applications.

**DOWNEY** - Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard called on the Senate to provide "Dreamers" a path to citizenship after a federal judge ruled DACA illegal last week.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, offers temporary protection from deportation and permission to work for about 650,000 young people who came to the U.S. as children. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that the Trump administration's decision to stop the program was "arbitrary and capricious," and an estimated 300,000 people became eligible to apply for DACA for the first time in December.

This included some 55,500 people who turned 15, the minimum age to apply, since the government had stopped accepting new applications.

The Obama administration began DACA in 2012 after Congress failed multiple times to pass more comprehensive immigration reform. The program offers two-year permits and protection from deportation, after which recipients must apply for renewal.

Last Friday, U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen sided with Texas and eight other states and decided that DACA was unlawful because former President Barack Obama did not have the authority to enact such a policy. He ordered the immigration agency to stop approving new applications.

"As the Member of Congress representing the highest number of DACA-eligible youth and as the original co-author of the DREAM Act, my heart shatters at this terrible news," said Roybal-Allard, who represents Downey in Congress.

"It pains me that the livelihoods of Dreamers who contribute so much to our



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Congress member from Downey, called on the Senate to provide citizenship to 'Dreamers.'

communities and nation, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, are once again in limbo.

"This decision reemphasizes the dire need for the Senate to pass H.R. 6, my Dream and Promise Act. And I urge the Senate to do so as quickly as possible to protect our Dreamers and provide them with a pathway to citizenship."

Immigrants who already have protection under DACA will not be affected by the order and can still submit applications to renew their permits. The judge said in order to keep DACA in place, the Biden administration would need to ask for public comment on the policy, among other actions.

A path to permanent residency and citizenship for young people brought to the U.S. as children has broad support from Americans.

About three-quarters of respondents to a survey by Pew Research Center last year said they approve of a pathway to permanent legal status.

To be eligible for DACA, applicants must have come to the U.S. before they turned 16 and have lived here since June 15, 2007, in addition to attending school or having graduated from high school and not been convicted of certain crimes.

The Biden administration is expected to appeal Friday's ruling.

"[Last week's] ruling is evidence that DACA is not enough. The program has always been temporary, leaving hundreds of thousands of lives vulnerable to the next attack," said Greisa Martinez Rosas, executive director of the immigrant youth organization United We Dream, in a written statement.

She also wrote, "Until President Biden and Democrats in Congress deliver on citizenship, the lives of millions of undocumented people remain on the line. Democrats must pass a pathway to citizenship this year, no excuses!"

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# Mayor's Corner

By Claudia M. Frometa  
Mayor

Hello Downey, while I am encouraged by the continuing climbing vaccination numbers in our city, I am concerned we are inching closer to experiencing a fourth surge of the Coronavirus. This fourth surge is due to the highly transmissible and aggressive Delta variant impacting the unvaccinated population.

A reminder to all of us that this pandemic is not over. Over the past three weeks, the number of hospitalizations across Southern California has tripled, primarily impacting unvaccinated individuals. Deaths amongst seemingly healthy individuals who contracted Covid-19 are being attributed to their unvaccinated status.

Currently, there is great concern throughout the healthcare community that the rise in variants and the resurgence of the spread of Covid-19 will continue if people remain unvaccinated.

The latest figures released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (update from 7/16) indicate the vaccination rate for Downey residents 16 years of age and older is now 69.3%. For adults 65 years of age and older, it is now 89.2%. I hope you will consider a vaccination. Our goal in Downey is to surpass 75% before the end of summer and the return to fall and flu season.

Please call the L.A. County Department of Public Health Vaccine Center at 833-540-0473. The call center is open daily from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Information is available in multiple languages by calling 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. For more information, please visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com).

## Update on Public Safety and Speed Enforcement

As your Mayor, Public Safety is one of my biggest priorities. Since taking office, I have been working closely with our Downey PD and have asked to increase speed enforcement and focus on street racing activities, including those doing donuts on various parking lots around our city. I'm happy to report that our 2nd quarter numbers are as follows:

Street Racing Detail, from April to June: the department issued 334 Citations. There were 11 arrests and 7 vehicles impounded. Those caught doing donuts have their vehicles impounded for 30 days.

Department-Wide Traffic Citations Issued: 3,678

At our resident's request, there was an Etched Catalytic Converter event, and 114 cars were assisted.

There was also a DUI Checkpoint: 997 vehicles were screened, resulting in 6 DUI arrests, 13 field sobriety tests

administered, there were also 29 citations issued for unlicensed drivers, 7 citations for driving with a suspended license and, 13 vehicles were impounded.

If there is street racing in your neighborhood, please report it to Downey PD. If you must report a non-emergency issue, please contact the Downey Police Dispatch at 562-861-0770.

I'm also happy to report the Downey Police Department Coffee with a Cop events are back. They held their first event last week on July 14, Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco and I had the pleasure of attending. I encourage you to get involved and attend to connect with our officers.

Also, regarding Public Safety, many of you have contacted the City Council via phone, emails, and letters regarding Downey's stance on L.A. County's District Attorney George Gascon. Your messages have not fallen on deaf ears. We are aware 23 cities across Southern California have taken a vote of no confidence. Out of respect and consideration to one of our council colleagues currently working for D.A. Gascon, we will not be discussing this matter until sometime in the fall. As your Mayor, I want you to know I hear you, we hear you, and we are here to serve our constituents and answer your concerns. We are currently working with our Downey PD on a Public Safety Town Hall. More to come in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned.

## Infrastructure Improvements, Street Rehabilitation, and Public Works Update

During the 2nd quarter of this year, we have rehabilitated 1.5 miles of pavement along Old River School Road from Arnett Street to Imperial Highway.

Additionally, construction of landscaped medians and pavement rehabilitation along Telegraph Road from east to west city limits is currently underway. This is a joint project with the City of Pico Rivera and Downey as the lead agency. The contractor has completed the installation of raised concrete medians and repaved the segment between Paramount Boulevard and the west city limit. The contractor is now working on the segment between Paramount Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard.

Finally, during our last council meeting on July 13, the council awarded a construction contract to Hardy Harper, Inc. for the rehabilitation of 62 residential streets in the southeast part of the city. Aside from rehabilitating approximately 8.5 miles of asphalt pavement, this project will also replace damaged or uplifted sidewalks, curbs, and gutters and construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb access ramps.

## Concerts in the Park Continue

## at Furman

We have had a great turnout for the Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Attendance has increased steadily from approximately 500 people to about 700. These concerts will continue through August 11. Next week, July 28, we will welcome Stone Soul, an 8-piece Classic Soul, and Motown tribute band. August 4 will be CONGANAS, the Latin Jazz group. And to close out our season we will have the Downey Symphony on August 11. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Fourth of July and Illegal Fireworks Citations

This holiday is always a busy one for our Police Department. This year, along with over 120 calls for illegal fireworks, there were three reports of fires. PD issued 38 citations for possession of illegal fireworks. At one location, there were 375 lbs. seized. Strict enforcement and crackdown of illegal fireworks will continue. There are steep fines for possession, starting at \$2,000 and up to \$3,500 per citation. Please contact our Downey Police Dispatch at 562-861-0770 to report illegal firework activity.

## The Arts in Downtown Downey

Stay Gallery has reopened and is currently exhibiting the works of 18 artists from the greater L.A. area, including Downey locals. The exhibit titled "Unidos" highlights the impact of Covid-19 on these talented artists. It is a must see! Stay Gallery is open Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm and Saturday 10 am-2 pm. Let's support our local artists. For more info, visit their website at [stayarts.org](http://stayarts.org)

## ON-GOING

Update on Illegally Dumped Items from March to June

CalMet picked up a total of 87 tons of illegally dumped items. Our Public Works Department picked up a total of 186 tons of illegally dumped items. The total tonnage picked up during the second quarter of this year is 273 tons.

## Downey's anti-litter campaign #BINIT

Let's continue to do our part by putting all trash in its place. To report illegally dumped items to the City of Downey,



please call 562-904-1161. If you would like bulky items removed, please call CalMet at 562-259-1239 (option 3) and save these numbers on your phone. Better yet, I'd like to encourage all our Downey residents to download the Downey App on your mobile device. Through this App, you will be able to immediately report illegally dumped items, street repairs, trash, graffiti removal, neighborhood light repairs, etc.

## COVID-19 Business and Rental Assistance

There is currently \$750,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding available. \$175,000 has been awarded. We have assisted 7 small businesses. Currently, there are 15 applications under review and 157 businesses on the waitlist.

We have disbursed \$60,000 in downtown restaurant parklet grants, 36 temporary outdoor dining permits processed, and 10 temporary outdoor business activity permits have been processed.

## For Our Renters

There is \$950,000 in funding available; \$444,000 has been awarded. Currently, we have a 3-month subsidy, 191 households have been assisted, and 1,788 applications have been distributed.

New applicants that qualify and go through the process will automatically receive three month's rental assistance. Those that received one month of assistance previously, please contact our Community Development at (562) 299-6706 or visit our website at [www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance](http://www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance).

To clarify, the lengthy application process is mandated by the federal government. Applicants must prove they have been financially impacted by

Covid-19.

## Regarding California's Residential Rent Repayment Program

Downey residents can submit an application for the state rental assistance program through the state website, at: [https://housing.ca.gov/covid\\_rr/program\\_overview.html#renter](https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/program_overview.html#renter)

For those of you who would like to get personal assistance, please call the regional office to seek assistance with submitting their state rental assistance program application. The office is located at:

Community Family Service Center  
6662 Loveland Street  
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Also, the State has a program hotline for residents and landlords to call for further information, or questions/concerns: (833) 430-2122, Monday-Sunday 7 am - 7 pm

## Regarding Public Events in Downey

As we welcome summer events and activities, please remember there is a process in Downey to host or hold a public event in any of our parks, especially if vendors are involved, even if this gathering is of religious nature. City permits MUST be acquired, and the event

must go through an approval process. To prevent any future event from being canceled and the organizers fined, please visit City Hall to ask about the event permit process.

Thank you, Downey, for allowing me to serve you as Mayor this year. It continues to be a challenging time as we navigate through the uncertainties of this ongoing pandemic. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you. Thank you for your support and for extending your grace not only to me as your Mayor but to the rest of our Council. I also want to extend my great appreciation to our City Manager, our city staff, Public Works, Community Development, Parks & Recreation, and Downey Police and Fire who continue to work tirelessly to make Downey the great city it is.

Please stay safe, healthy, continuing to practice handwashing and be well. Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns at 562-904-7274 or email me at [CFrometa@Downeyca.org](mailto:CFrometa@Downeyca.org) I welcome appointments for in-person visits. You can also follow my Facebook page for regular updates at Claudia M. Frometa Mayor, City of Downey, along with our City's Facebook page, City of Downey Government Agency, for regular updates. #DowneyStrong #ThisIsDowney #UnitingForce #MayorFrometa

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# Obituaries



Biz Markie

## Biz Markie, rapper known for 'Just a Friend'

Biz Markie, a rapper best known for his 1989 hit song, "Just a Friend," died July 16 at the age of 57, according to his manager.

Markie had moderate success on R&B radio with his early singles "Make the Music With Your Mouth" (1987) and "Vapors" (1988). But it was "Just a Friend" that made him a star, reaching No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 and achieving platinum status.

The video was an MTV hit, and the song was later ranked among VH1's "100 Greatest Songs of Hip Hop."

Markie became known as the "Clown Prince of Hip Hop" for

his funny music and persona. Later singles were popular with rap audiences but didn't cross over to mainstream radio play, including "What Comes Around Goes Around" (1991) and "Young Girl Bluez" (1993).

In later years, Markie was a frequent guest on songs by other artists, including the Beastie Boys and Will Smith. He toured with Chris Rock in 2008, DJing as the opening act.

Markie made appearances on the early '90s sketch TV show "In Living Color." In 2002, he had a cameo in "Men in Black II," playing an alien whose language sounded like beatboxing. He was in the 2014 Syfy Channel movie "Sharknado: The Second One," and he performed "Just a Friend" on TV shows including "Empire" and "Blackish." In 2005, Markie competed on the first season of

"Celebrity Fit Club" and won, losing more weight than any other contestant.

Markie's third album, 1991's "I Need a Haircut," sampled other songs in a practice common to hip hop music. Among the songs sampled was "Alone Again (Naturally)" by Gilbert O'Sullivan, who sued Markie's label, Warner Bros. Records, for unauthorized use of his song.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled in favor of O'Sullivan, calling the sampling copyright infringement. The ruling had a profound impact on hip hop music, making it necessary for samples to be cleared with the original artist before being used.

Markie responded by titling his follow-up album "All Samples Cleared!"

health at the age of 80.

Granelli played with the Vince Guaraldi Trio for several years in the 1960s, including while the trio recorded the music for "A Charlie Brown Christmas." He was paid \$120 for the recording.

Granelli was also a session drummer, playing on songs including the Grammy-winning "You Were on My Mind" by We Five. Granelli became part of the group Light Sound Dimension in the mid-'60s, an arts collective blending music with a light show, who toured with the Grateful Dead.

He continued to record and tour frequently, releasing solo albums and forming the Jerry Granelli Trio.

"It was really simple," Granelli said of recording "A Charlie Brown Christmas." "I wish I could make up a great wonderful story about the art coming from the heavens or something, but it felt pretty simple. And honest. Vince always demanded we played our hearts out. We played our best. But that music is simple...when I play it live, we really play it, man."

## Robby Steinhardt, member of rock band Kansas

Robby Steinhardt, the violinist and co-lead singer for the classic rock band Kansas, died July 17 of complications of acute pancreatitis at the age of 71.

Steinhart joined Kansas in 1972, when they were in an earlier, pre-fame incarnation, then named White Clover.

Within a few years, the band was rising in popularity, and in 1976, they had a hit with the enduring classic rock standard "Carry On Wayward Son." They followed it with the hits "Point of Know Return" and "Dust in the Wind."

Steinhart's violin was a key part of Kansas' sound, particularly on "Dust in the Wind," and he was also the band's emcee when they performed live.

He left Kansas in 1983, though he returned in 1997 and toured with the band for several years before stepping aside again in 2006.

Steinhart also formed the band Steinhardt-Moon and played with the Stormbringer Band.

## Gloria Richardson, civil rights activist in 1960s

Gloria Richardson, a civil rights activist known for her role in intense protests in early-1960s Cambridge, Maryland, died July 15 at her home in Manhattan at the age of 99.

Richardson became involved in the civil rights movement in the early 1960s, becoming a leader of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee (CNAC), an associate of the

famed Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

She worked to survey the Black residents of Cambridge and determined they were most concerned about severe inequalities in housing, jobs, and education. Much of the city's Black community was impoverished, and a large employer had recently closed.

A series of protests in Cambridge in the early 1960s erupted into violent clashes and race riots, and martial law was imposed on the city. Richardson became controversial for her willingness to embrace violence as a tactic in obtaining equality. She was photographed at this time, pushing aside a soldier's bayonet in a photo that became one of the defining images of the era.

As the federal government worked to bring order to Cambridge, Richardson became one of the signatories of Robert F. Kennedy's "Treaty of Cambridge," which called for desegregation of the city's schools, housing, and employment.

In 1963, Richardson was among the civil rights leaders who sat on the stage at the March on Washington, though she wasn't given the opportunity to speak.

## Mat George, popular podcast host and influencer

Mat George, the co-host of the podcast "She Rates Dogs" and a popular Twitter personality, died July 17 in Los Angeles in a traffic accident at the age of 26.

George and Michaela Okland co-hosted "She Rates Dogs," a podcast that debuted in 2020 with a focus on relationships and pop culture.

George was also known for funny takes on Twitter that often went viral, including a recent tweet, "I've been in LA for a year and haven't seen a single celebrity. My mom comes for a weekend and meets Snoop Dogg" - alongside a photo of his mother and a Snoop Dogg impersonator.

He also frequently tweeted about his experiences as an out gay man.

"My hopes for my Twitter account and SheRatesDogs the Podcast is to share my stories and make LGBTQ+ people all across the world feel like they're not alone," he said in 2020. "The most rewarding moments are when members of the LGBTQ+ community reach out to me and tell me what a difference I've made in their lives."

## Shirley Irvin, winner of three consecutive majors

Shirley Fry Irvin, a tennis player who was ranked No. 1 in 1956 and won a career Grand Slam, died July 13 in Naples, Florida at the age of 94.

Irvin first competed in the U.S. National Championships in

1941, when she was just 14 and the youngest woman competing. By 1946, she was ranked in the world top 10, and she won the singles title at the French Open in 1951.

In 1956 and 1957, Irvin won three consecutive majors - Wimbledon, the U.S. Championships, and the Australian Championships, completing the Grand Slam. She was one of only 10 women to do so. She was also one of only seven women to win the Grand Slam competing in doubles.

Fry retired from tennis in 1957, and she was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1970.

## Paul Orndorff, 1980s professional wrestler

Paul Orndorff, a pro wrestler known as "Mr. Wonderful," known for his WWF feud with Hulk Hogan, died July 12 in Fayetteville, Georgia at the age of 71.

Orndorff joined the WWF (now WWE) in 1983, working with "Rowdy" Roddy Piper as his manager. Taking Mr. Wonderful as his nickname, he challenged Hogan for the world title in 1984, though Orndorff lost.

The following year, Orndorff and Piper took on Hogan and Mr. T in a popular match at the first WrestleMania. Orndorff later teamed up with Hogan before beginning another feud with the star.

After retiring from the WWF in 1988, Orndorff wrestled with WCW for several years. He was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2005.

In 2016, Orndorff was part of a class action suit against the WWE alleging that they failed to care for wrestlers as they suffered "long term neurological injuries" from the sport.

## Jeff LaBar, guitarist in Cinderella metal band

Jeff LaBar, the guitarist for the glam metal band Cinderella, known for hits including "Don't Know What You Got (Till it's Gone)," died July 14 in Nashville at the age of 58.

LaBar joined Cinderella in 1985, replacing their original guitarist shortly before they recorded their debut album.

Their singles in the late 1980s and early 1990s included "Nobody's Fool," "Coming Home," "Shelter Me," and "Don't Know What You Got (Till it's Gone)," which was their top-charting hit, reaching No. 12 on the Billboard Hot 100.

LaBar remained with Cinderella throughout the band's existence, as they continued recording albums through 1994 and touring until 2013.

He also played in Naked Beggars with Cinderella bandmate Eric Brittingham, and he released the 2014 solo album "One for the Road."

### In Memory of



## Bobby Briley

December 1, 1929 - September 14, 2020

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### In Memory of



## Charlsie Patricia Case

March 1, 1922 - July 6, 2021

Charlsie Patricia Case passed away on July 6, 2021 at the age of 99. She was born on March 1, 1922 to Charles and Virgie Groff on her grandparent's farm in Amherst, Massachusetts. Within a few months, the New England family moved to Los Angeles. She met a soldier at a dance in 1941 while accompanied by her parents. They courted during his time on leave and regularly corresponded during the war. Charlsie married William J. Case Jr. upon his return in 1945. The marriage lasted 63 years until his death in 2008.

After residing in Los Angeles, the Case family moved to Downey in 1950 and eventually they had five sons. Charlsie became a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, the Downey Women's Club, and the Downey Symphony Society. While she briefly worked as a Real Estate Agent, her primary occupation was being the greatest Mom five boys could ever have. Charlsie only saw the best in everyone she knew and appreciated the differences in every person. She loved traveling, reading, lunches with her sister Bonnie, and attending every social gathering there was to attend. She also enjoyed supporting various charities.

She is survived by her five sons and their wives, Dennis and Lisa, Steve and Gina, Paul, Tim and Caryn, Tom and Alma, and grandchildren; Tracy, Paul, Renee, Ann Marie, Megan, Sam, Sarah, Emily, Andrea, James, and Logan, and great grandchild Alexandria. After leading a good life for 99 years, the Lord has called her home.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday, August 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary, 10229 Paramount Blvd, Downey. Funeral Mass to be held on Wednesday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10727 Downey Ave, Downey. Burial to follow at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside.

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## 8 hours a day, 5 days a week is not working

By Bryce Covert

With more than half of American adults fully vaccinated against Covid, employers and employees alike have turned their eyes back to the office. They're locked in a conflict over when they'll return and, when they do, what the return will look like. But we shouldn't just be talking about the parameters of how we get work done in a postpandemic world. We should be pushing to do less of it.

In truth, the debate over the return to the office is fraught. Employers are used to being able to dictate when and where employees work, but we have now discovered that a lot of work can be done at odd hours between remote school lessons and from home offices or even the comfort of one's bed.

So now there's a tense push and pull over when and how much people should start commuting and how much power over the question employees can exert. Everyone is focused on how we will make work work after such a severe shock to the system for how things used to get done. But the ultimate answer won't be found in hybrid remote and in-person offices or even in letting employees shift their hours around. The way to make work work is to cut it back.

Nearly everyone went into overdrive when the pandemic hit, and we aren't showing signs of letting up. By April of 2020, during the first big Covid spike, homebound working Americans were logging three more hours on the job each day. As our commutes disappeared, we poured much of the extra time not into our own lives but into our Zoom meetings and Slack messages. Working on a primary job ate up the most of the saved time (35.3 percent of it to be exact); an additional 8.4 percent went to a second job. The line blurred between work and home, and we let work take over. No wonder a third of Americans now say they're burned out by working at home.

But as we start to fumble our way back to some sort of normal, it's not enough for employees to demand that our hours return to what they were. Prepandemic, nearly a third of Americans clocked 45 hours or more every week, with around 8 million putting in 60 or more. While Europeans have decreased their work hours by about 30 percent over the past half century, ours have steadily increased. We have long needed better work-life balance, but despite constantly trying to hack our lives by waking up before dawn or exercising during lunch, that can be achieved only by actually working less.

To Americans, who log 7 to 19 percent more time on the job than our European peers, that may sound heretical. But we should heed the other countries that have come to this realization. This year, the Spanish government announced a pilot program to entice companies to try out a four-day workweek without reducing anyone's pay. Last month, Japan released economic policy guidelines encouraging employers to do the same. Iceland just published results from an experiment with a four-day week in Reykjavik that ran from 2015 to 2019 and found that productivity didn't decline and in some cases even improved. The reduced schedule showed "that we are not just machines that just work," one Icelandic participant said. "We are persons with desires and private lives, families and hobbies." Employees reported being less burned out and healthier.

Working too long is bad for our health, associated with not just weight gain and more alcohol and tobacco use but also higher rates of injury, illness and death. A study that looked at long work hours across 194 countries found a higher risk of heart disease and stroke, leading to about 745,000 attributable deaths. Long work hours are "the largest

of any occupational risk factor calculated to date," the authors wrote.

There is a class divide in overwork in the United States, however. The demand to spend 60 hours at an office is one that depletes the lives of professional, higher-paid workers. What would appear to be an opposite problem plagues those at the lower end of the wage scale. In 2016, about one-tenth of American workers were working part time but trying to get more hours. Despite current hand-wringing that these workers are refusing to come back to the job, thanks to lucrative unemployment benefits, the problem is typically the opposite: People who work in retail or fast food often struggle to get enough hours to qualify for benefits and pay their bills, just to survive.

They also struggle to cobble them together into a predictable schedule. Sixteen percent of American workers' schedules fluctuate based on their employers' needs. The people who suffer from just-in-time scheduling that never quite adds up to a normal 9 to 5 aren't spending their off hours on leisure. They're working second and third jobs. They are hovering over an app to find out if they're going to be called into work and are scrambling to piece child care and transportation together if and when they are. Employers are still usurping their time by forcing them to be available at a moment's notice.

"The overlap between the overworked executive and the underemployed hourly worker," said Susan Lambert, a professor of social work at the University of Chicago, is "that they cannot fully engage in their personal or their family life." Employers steal both overtime hours spent in front of a computer and off hours spent piecing a decent income together.

If everyone worked less, though, it would be easier to spread the work out evenly to more people. If white-collar professionals were no longer expected or required to log 60 hours a week but 30 instead, that would be a whole extra job for someone else. That would allow more people into positions with middle-class incomes, particularly young people looking to put college educations to use. We could even guarantee everyone a floor, a certain number of hours, at the same time that we lower the ceiling. That would push low-wage employers to fully use the people they have and not treat them as interchangeable cogs to be called upon or turned away whenever demand necessitates.

The goal, Dr. Lambert told me, is "one reasonable job per person." Not "two for one and half for another."

A reduction in work doesn't have to mean a reduction in anyone's living standards. In 1930, in the midst of the Great Depression, John Maynard Keynes predicted that by 2030, we would need to work only 15 hours a week. Technological advances and increasing productivity and prosperity would mean we could have everything we needed by doing less. But while Keynes underestimated the jump in technology and wealth we would experience in the intervening years, instead of working less, we're working harder than ever.

That doesn't mean we're producing more. There's a point at which



we simply cannot squeeze any more useful work out of ourselves, no matter how many more hours we put in. Studies show workers' output falls sharply after about 48 hours a week, and those who put in more than 55 hours a week perform worse than those who put in a typical 9 to 5. Even during the pandemic, as work hours shot up, output stayed flat, which means productivity actually fell.

None of this is news. Henry Ford famously reduced shifts in his auto plants in 1914 to eight hours a day without cutting workers' pay and was rewarded with a boom in output. Years later, after mass strikes and mobilization and during the same depression that inspired Keynes, the 40-hour workweek became enshrined in law by the Fair Labor Standards Act. But there's nothing scientific or preordained about working eight hours a day, five days a week. It's just the norm we've accepted — and increasingly blown right past.

Keynes took the opportunity of a generational economic depression when millions were thrown out of work to look forward and imagine what the future could, and should, look like. Workers used the Depression as an opportunity to force through legislation that levies a penalty on employers that make people work more than 40 hours a week. The pandemic is our chance to do something similar. Employees hold a lot of power over employers scrambling to ramp production back up and negotiate over what the new office normal will look like.

This is an opportunity for us to seek more control over not only where we work but how much we work, too. Americans can't be content just to gain the right to work 6 to 2 instead of 9 to 5. We have to demand time off that lasts longer than Saturday and Sunday. We have to reclaim our leisure time to spend as we wish.

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## Biden is failing at the border

By Patrick Buchanan

Article IV of the Constitution addresses the obligations of the federal government to the state governments that were being asked to surrender aspects of their sovereignty to form our new Union.

"The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government," reads Article IV, "and shall protect each of them against Invasion."

Late in the War of 1812, U.S. forces held Fort Mchenry in Baltimore Harbor through a nightlong attack but failed to stop an invading British army at Bladensburg, which marched on to Washington and burned the Capitol and White House.

To repel a British invasion and the capture of New Orleans, and a blockading of the Mississippi, Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson mustered a defending army that almost annihilated the invading British force.

Half a decade later, President James Monroe sent Jackson to halt the raids of marauding Indians out of Spanish Florida into Georgia.

Jackson stormed into Florida, crushed the Indian tribes, sent the Spanish governor packing to Cuba and hanged two British subjects for collaborating with the enemy.

Secretary of State John Quincy Adams persuaded the Spanish to cede the "derelict province" they could not control — or Jackson might return, and we might just take it.

Madrid got the message. We got Florida.

When Pancho Villa sent a raiding party across the U.S. border in 1916 and killed Americans in Columbus, New Mexico, President Woodrow Wilson sent Gen. John Pershing and an army that grew to 12,000 into Mexico to run him down.

In 1954, after a million Mexicans had crossed over into the United States, President Dwight Eisenhower sent Gen. Joseph Swing to send them back. In the vernacular of the time, the mission was named Operation Wetback.

Mission accomplished. Problem solved. And the point:

America used to regard its southern border as sacrosanct and vulnerable, requiring constant vigilance and occasional action to secure.

And how is President Joe Biden handling his sworn presidential duty to defend the states of the Union from invasion?

This June, 188,800 illegals crossed into the United States — a rate of more than 6,000 a day. Nearly a million have arrived in the six months since Biden swore an oath to defend the Constitution that obligates him to protect the states against invasion.

As for "getaways," migrants who enter illegally but evade contact with the Border Patrol and other U.S. authorities and then vanish into our midst, their numbers have been running at about 30,000 a month.

If the present rate of illegal entries continues, Biden, by the end of his first year as President, will have failed to stop perhaps 2 million illegal aliens from having breached our southern border.

Biden is conducting the border policy of a failed state.

And U.S. immigration policy is being set by people from Third World nations who can find their way to the Rio Grande.

Why can't we stop this invasion?

Vice President Kamala Harris was assigned to take charge of this task, but she redefined her mission as discovering what makes people leave their home countries and trek across Mexico — to come and live here.

Good question: Why are people from developing nations leaving their home countries and crossing Mexico to get into the USA?

After all, our academic, cultural and political elites have told the world that America is a place of "systemic racism," created by white supremacists, for the benefit of peoples of white privilege, where ethnic minorities remain oppressed.

Why would such a country, of all 193 nations in the U.N., be, far and away, the first choice of peoples migrating from the Global South?

Could it be that people from developing nations are not so ignorant as to believe this anti-American progressive propaganda?

They know America is free and full of opportunity. That even the poor here have access to 12 years of free education for their kids. That they will find better health care in America than they can find at home. That there are programs here to battle poverty, hunger and homelessness.

But from the standpoint of the nation to which they are coming, the millions of illegal migrants present real problems. They consume far more in benefits than they pay in taxes. They are dead weight on the welfare state.

"Biden is in a vise on border," said The Washington Post Sunday headline, over a story describing the president's border problem.

## Protecting animals

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-C.A., for working to protect animals in US-funded labs in foreign countries.

Rep. Roybal-Allard championed a critical measure in the National Institute of Health's 2022 spending bill requesting more information about the oversight of animal experiments in foreign countries. Thanks to the Congresswoman's leadership, the bipartisan House Appropriations Committee voted to include the measure in the funding bill.

Most Californians would likely be disturbed to learn that in 2020 alone, the NIH spent approximately \$140 million on cruel and outdated animal experiments in foreign countries where there is little accountability and transparency about how animals are treated. Some of these foreign labs have no protections for animals, either. If passed into law, Rep. Roybal-Allard's policy will improve oversight and ensure taxpayers know how our money is being spent.

Our taxpayer watchdog group's 3 million members in California and beyond are grateful to Rep. Roybal-Allard for advocating on behalf of animals in taxpayer-funded labs at home... and abroad.

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But the only way Biden can have a political crisis on the border is if he is seen as failing in his duty to defend the states against invasion.

Why is he failing? Either he can't do what is needed to be done, or he won't do it.

America's border paralysis is induced by liberal ideology.

The left does not want the illegals coming here. "Do not come!" was the message Harris gave the Guatemalans. But when it comes to the necessary toughness to stop the invasion, they recoil.

Joe Biden is no Eisenhower, no Wilson, no Quincy Adams and certainly no Andrew Jackson.

*Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."*

## One flag for all

Dear Editor:

While at the concert in the park on July 7, I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the 1st Marine Band perform and lead us in singing our national anthem and pledging allegiance to our grand old flag.

When singing, I mixed up a few words in the national anthem, so upon returning home, I reviewed the song: "Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight o'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof thro' the night that the flag was still there. Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

What a truly profound poem — so heartfelt with visions of a hard-fought battle during the War of 1812 and at the next morning seeing our flag waving so proudly. Francis Scott Key so brilliantly and patriotically wrote these words and the song to which became our official national anthem on March 3, 1931. These words don't say "o'er the land of the white people" or "the land of any other race." The flag waves o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave of all Americans.

There is no need to sing more than one national anthem because this is an anthem for all Americans. By singing "The Black National Anthem" along with "The Star Spangled Banner" we are allowing segregation to rear its ugly head. Soon Asians, Muslims and etc. will want their cultural song sung. As Americans we pledge allegiance to one flag — the one in red, white and blue, and this flag and only this flag represents all Americans. Singing special interests songs and flying special interests flags such as Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ at city hall or at our U.S. Embassies should not be allowed because these flags do not represent the interests of all Americans. We pledge allegiance to one flag — that of the United (not divided) States of America, and for the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with justice and liberty for all. Our military has and is continuing to fight for freedom for all Americans in the United — not divided America.

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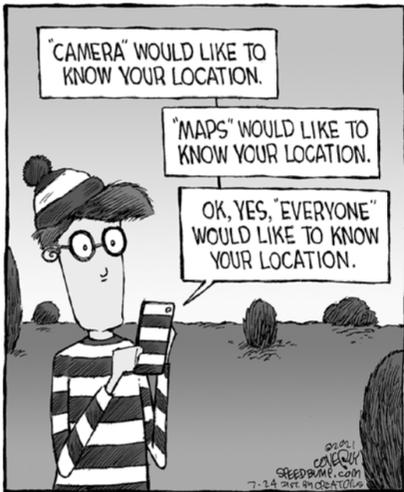
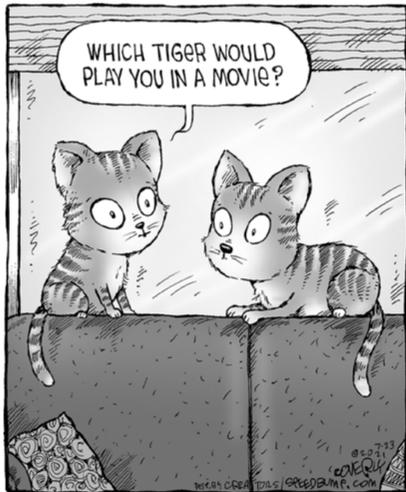
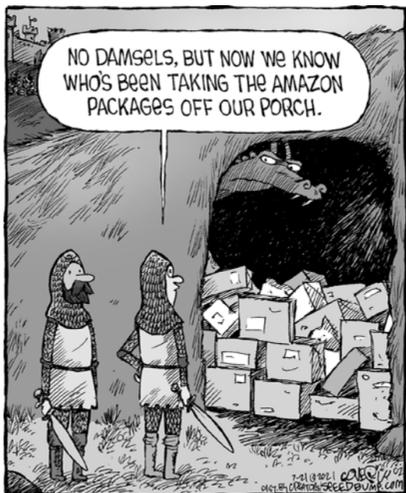
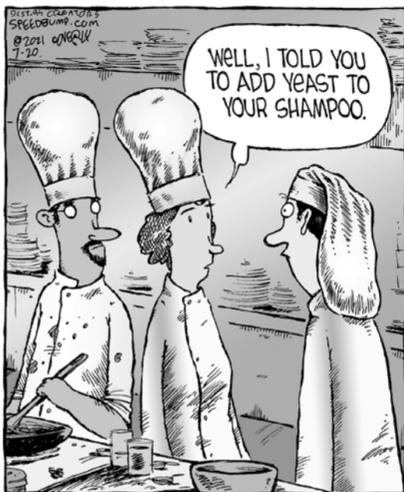
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## Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

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

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

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# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

We have all become so knowledgeable about COVID-19. We are aware of the illness that it brings. We are aware that perhaps as many as 30% of those who experience the acute illness continue to have long-term symptoms. And now... there is yet a new category of sufferers: Some of those who have had COVID-19 are now experiencing brand new medical problems.



A recent study tracked the health insurance records of nearly two million Americans who contracted COVID-19. It showed that from one to six months after infection, 23% sought medical treatment for a new condition. This amounts to hundreds of thousands of Americans who pursued care for a health problem that had not been diagnosed before they tested positive for COVID-19. All ages were affected, including children.

What types of health issues

were found? The most common new problem was pain, including pain in nerves and muscles, appearing anywhere in the body. Other new issues were breathing difficulties, high cholesterol, malaise and fatigue, newly diagnosed hypertension, a variety of intestinal symptoms, migraine headaches, skin problems, heart conditions, sleep disorders, brain fog, anxiety and depression.

The first question I would ask is this: How does this rate of newly diagnosed diseases for post-COVID patients compare to the rate of newly diagnosed diseases in people who never had COVID-19? It appears that between one and six months after becoming infected, patients who had COVID had a 60% greater risk of death and a 20% greater chance of needing outpatient medical care than did those who had not been infected.

Of course, note that it's possible that some of these newly diagnosed issues actually already existed prior to the COVID-19 infection, and only came to light because the person finally saw a doctor.

Did only those who had serious cases of COVID develop these new complaints? Consider this: Nearly half of hospitalized COVID patients experienced subsequent medical issues, 27% of those with mild to moderate disease experienced subsequent medical issues, and 19% of those who were completely asymptomatic experienced subsequent medical issues. While this data clearly implies that the sickest COVID patients are more likely to develop newly diagnosed conditions post-COVID, it also shows that anyone who was COVID-positive (whether or not they had symptoms) may find themselves with unexpected new health issues.

What does this new data tell us? We are dealing with a strange and new disease. It absolutely has lasting effects. This is yet one more reason to become vaccinated and continue to protect yourself and your community. The current significant surge in the Delta variant across the United States is a critical reminder that we are not yet through this pandemic. Please continue to remain vigilant in protecting your health, and the health of your loved ones.

*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.*

# LA County reports 2,500 new COVID-19 cases, highest since February

Health officials in Los Angeles County reported a major spike in new COVID-19 cases across the area Wednesday.

The Los Angeles County Public Health reports 2,551 new COVID-19 cases, marking the 13th day in a row the county saw more than 1,000 new COVID-19 cases. The county has not reported a daily case rate this high since February 2021.

Wednesday's test positivity rate is 5.2%; the rate was 0.7% a month ago, according to Los Angeles County Public Health. The county also reports 83% are among people under the age of 50 years old with 65% of new cases among people between the ages of 18 and 49 years old.

Los Angeles County is still on its first week of reinstating its indoor mask mandate. The mandate, which went into effect over the weekend, applies to

everyone in Los Angeles County regardless of their vaccination status.

The mandate means customers will again be required to mask up - regardless of vaccination status - when entering any indoor public establishment, including retail shops, grocery stores, bars, clubs, restaurants and workplaces.

County Health Officer Dr. Muntu Davis said indoor dining will remain open, but customers will have to remain masked while they are not eating or drinking.

Davis said the county is "not where we need to be" in terms of getting the population vaccinated against the virus.

He said the rate of virus spread in the county has officially risen from moderate to substantial, with infections five times more likely to occur among unvaccinated residents. The

current seven-day average rate of daily new cases in the county is now at 7.1 cases per 100,000 residents.

Dr. Thomas Yadegar, the Medical Director for the Intensive Care Unit at Providence Cedars Sinai Medical Center, said the rationale behind everyone wearing a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status is protection.

"Even the people that have been vaccinated, it's not 100% effective and we are seeing those patients do get the virus. Fortunately, though it goes from being a deadly virus to a bad cold but you can still pass it on," he said.

There are still nearly four million LA county residents who are unvaccinated.

# Short Story: The Nash Rambler

By Sharon Benson Smith

When I started the seventh grade at Kern Avenue Junior High School in East L.A., I met up with a group of girls so we could walk to school together. We met on the corner of McDonnell and Second Street, and always took the shortcut through the vacant lot that sported a huge billboard.

This particular day, as we came to the end of the lot, a teal and white Nash Rambler was parked there; the window was down and the man in it was doing things that he shouldn't be doing. We were somewhat frightened, but felt safe in numbers. We gave him disgusting looks, and commented amongst ourselves that he was a dirty old man (plus a few other choice words). Then we continued our walk to school and put the incident behind us (or so we thought).

However, the very next morning, the same group of girls met and as we entered the vacant lot the Nash Rambler came into view once again parked in the same spot.

Right then and there, I conjured up a plan that just before we reached the end of the lot, we would each scoop up a handful of dirt and rocks and bombard the Nash Rambler. That's exactly what we did... CHA-CHING! Bullseye and right on target!

We got the top of the car, the side, the hood, and even right through the open window into his "lap."

After we scooped and

bombarded him the second time, the consequences were that the Nash Rambler needed to ramble on to the first car wash he could find for a thorough wash and detailing job.

Better yet, our mission was accomplished. We never saw the Nash Rambler parked there again.

Vivian, her sister Maggie and I enjoyed a movie and lunch just recently. When we're together, the course of our conversation always turns to school days and living in East L.A. The subject of the man in

the Nash Rambler came up.

We snickered at the subject but recalled being somewhat frightened as teenagers. Again, we were only feeling brave back then because he was far outnumbered.

We wondered and conversed about how we might fare in that same situation now, given the political atmosphere of the day.

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

# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## 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. Free admission. Downey High School parking lot.

## SUNDAY, JULY 25

**Allie & Co. Grand Opening**, 2-5 pm. A grand opening celebration with a live DJ, dessert vendors (crepes and churros), drinks, and more. Allie & Co., 8337 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Eight-piece band Stone Soul perform Motown hits, including hits from Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Four Tops, and more. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, JULY 31

**Back-to-School Giveaway**, 11 am to 2 pm. Pick up a free bag of school supplies to start the school year strong. LEV Church, 11543 Paramount Blvd.

**Young Dreams Tour**, 2-8 pm. A day party featuring performances by child rappers Miss Karissa B, Lil Lu, Savannah, Nature Boy, and others. Hosted by Romeo and Malachi of 93.5 KDAY. \$10 cover, kids 12 and younger free. Baja's Grill, 7931 Firestone Blvd.

## 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. Four piece band Conganas plays the sounds of a full Latin orchestra with elements of Latin jazz, R&B, pop and soul. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## 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.

**Music and a Movie**, 4 pm. Live music by The Tease Band, playing Latin, R&B, Top 40, old school, and more. Plus games, arts and crafts, and a screening of the movie "Raya and the Last Dragon." Families are invited to bring food and lawn chairs. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

**Concerts in the Park**, 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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

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# Affordable housing proposed at Rancho campus

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"We in South Gate have worked in stride for many years to be able to afford a home with less density, less crime, adequate schools, and a decent quality of life," said Virginia Johnson, of South Gate. "... We have all these homeless permanent housing, all these affordable housing all in South Gate, and Downey touching all the families in South Gate, not touching Downey residents."

"Rancho South Campus wants to build 700-1,200 dwelling units, and possibly even a lot more," she continued. "This is near Garfield and Gardendale, near South Gate residents, but not the Downey residents...This is putting all the density and concentration of extensive growth right here on the backs of South Gate."

Still, the commission felt comfortable moving the process along and passing the torch off to the City Council.

"This decision is a balance test," said Montoya. "We understand that there could be some detrimental impact, but there's a lot of gains to get out of this potential project. I think when weighing all that, approving this [Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Specific Plan] would benefit the communities and surrounding areas as a whole."

City Council hearings are anticipated to begin in August and September.

**POETRY MATTERS**

**Boats in a Fog**

A sudden fog-drift muffled the ocean,  
A throbbing of engines moved in it,  
At length, a stone's throw out, between the rocks and the vapor,  
One by one moved shadows  
Out of the mystery, shadows, fishing-boats, trailing each other  
Following the cliff for guidance,  
Holding a difficult path between the peril of the sea-fog  
And the foam on the shore granite.  
One by one, trailing their leader, six crept by me,  
Out of the vapor and into it,  
The throb of their engines subdued by the fog, patient and cautious,  
Coasting all around the peninsula  
Back to the buoys in Monterey harbor. A flight of pelicans  
Is nothing lovelier to look at;  
The flight of the planets is nothing nobler; all the arts lose virtue  
Against the essential reality  
Of creatures going about their business among the equally  
Earnest elements of nature.

**Robinson Jeffers**

*Jeffers is a poet of landscape, and the rugged California coast is his reality. We should relate to a place, he says, more like we listen to music, in a pre-linguistic way. Here people and place interact as the cliffs tell the fishermen how to proceed in safety. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks*

# Crime Report

On July 6 at 1:05 pm, officers responded to Apollo Park, 12540 Rives Avenue, to investigate a sexual battery. An adult female victim was walking at the park when an adult male suspect grabbed the victim's buttocks. Officers located the suspect, who fled on foot and was ultimately detained at an adjacent business. The suspect was arrested.

On July 9 at 2:25 pm, officers investigated an assault with a vehicle at 9110 Imperial Hwy (Carl's Jr). The adult female victim was in the drive-thru of Carl's Jr. when the suspect, her ex-boyfriend, entered the drive-thru from the exit trapping the victim in the drive-thru. The victim was able to exit the drive thru and left. The suspect followed and intentionally side-swiped the victim's vehicle then fled the scene. The victim was not injured and detectives are currently investigating the case.

On July 9 at 5:15 pm, officers responded to the 9200 block of Paramount Blvd. in regards to an armed robbery in progress. Two

suspects armed with a firearm contacted the victim and ordered him to the alley at gunpoint. The suspects took the victim's cell phone and fled in an awaiting vehicle. A short time later, Bell PD located the suspect vehicle in their city. The firearm used and the victim's cell phone were both recovered in the suspect vehicle. Both suspects were arrested.

On July 11 at 6 pm, officers responded to 9706 Telegraph (Arco Gas Station), in regards to a carjacking. The suspect approached the victims as they were fueling their vehicle. The suspect brandished a large kitchen knife and held it at the victim's chest as he demanded the car keys. The victims relinquished the vehicle in fear for their lives. The suspect fled in the victim's vehicle. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department located the victim's vehicle in their jurisdiction. After a brief pursuit with the Sheriff's Department, the adult male suspect was detained and arrested.

# Downtown movie theater reopening later this month

**DOWNEY** - It won't be long until Downtown Downey has a functioning movie theater again.

Look Dine-In Cinemas is taking over the Studio Movie Grill located at 8200 2nd St. The theater closed in March 2020 when L.A. County went into a COVID-19 lockdown and never reopened.

Brian Schultz, founder of Look Cinemas, said customers can expect an elevated moviegoing experience when the Downey theater reopens July 29.

"One of the core values of Look Cinemas is to have this black box, non-distracting moviegoing experience," said Schultz. "That means a full dining experience with high levels of hospitality and all the benefits of full service."

Schultz was an executive with Studio Movie Grill before leaving to start Look Cinema. In fact, he helped Studio Movie Grill open the Downey theater in 2017.

"I loved the Downey community," he said. "The Downtown

Downey community just has a vital love of their area and I want to make sure they have a platform to come together."

The theater will offer private reservations and not just for films. Theater rooms can be rented and used as conference rooms, with state-of-the-art video and audio capabilities.

In addition to Downey, Look Cinemas is also opening theaters in Monrovia and Glendale.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to provide three more California communities with jobs that pay fair wages, and a space for each neighborhood to come together for great cinema experiences," Schultz said. "I firmly believe in the magic of going to the theater so I hope that after a year of isolation that we start to see more and more communities going back to the movies."

The Downey theater originally opened in 1997 as Krikorian Theaters. It was taken over by Studio Movie Grill in 2017.

**Eric Pierce**

# Free car show Saturday

**DOWNEY** - Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis is hosting a free car show this Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm at Downey High School.

Up to 200 classic vehicles will be on display. There will also be live music, raffle opportunities, and vendors.

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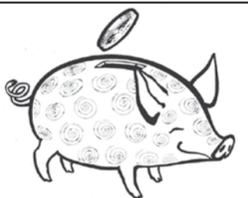
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for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JULY 15, 2021  
MICHAEL P. VICENCIA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**DIAN JEAN BARELA**  
3516 E HEYDA ST  
LONG BEACH CA 90805  
(562) 513-0773  
DIPEREZ923@HOTMAIL.COM

ROBLES to Proposed name (1) JENNIFER KARINA STEPHENS  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: AUGUST 13, 2021, Time: 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

JUNE 23, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA**  
11538 PRUESS AVENUE  
DOWNEY, CA, 90241  
(562) 676-7941  
Garcia099@gmail.com

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**Project Description:** This project will install solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery energy storage systems at six City facilities, namely: Downey City Hall, Downey Police Department, Downey Library, Downey Theater, Columbia Memorial Space Center and Barbara J. Riley Senior Center. This project will generate 1.61 MW of solar energy at all six sites combined with a total projected annual generation of 2,794,600 kWh. In addition, battery energy storage systems will be installed at four sites with a total capacity of 750 kW or 2,500 kWh.

**Environmental Determination:** This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1 and Class 11 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

**Public Hearing Scheduled:** The City Council of the City of Downey will conduct a public hearing to consider the following action:

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

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**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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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00216  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DARREL BERNARD TAYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) DARREL BERNARD TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) ASANTE IZEL TAYLOR  
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 90802  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JUNE 22, 2021  
MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**DARREL TAYLOR**  
11138 DEL AMO BOULEVARD  
SUITE 288 LAKEWOOD CA 90715  
(323) 413-2222  
Darreltaylor23@yahoo.com

**PROBATE**

T.S. No. 095333-CA APN: 6360-017-011 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/28/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 8/31/2021 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/9/2007 as Instrument No. 20071125439 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ELIZABETH G. HANKINS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7765 DINDALE ST, DOWNEY, CA 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$557,616.95 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand

**STOX 928290**  
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**INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY MAKING FINDINGS FOR ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACTING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217.10 ET SEQ. AND THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND APPROVING SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AND ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ONYX DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC;**

The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 10, 2021 in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA. All interested parties are invited to attend and give testimony on the request.

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

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**DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following products no later than the specified bid deadline:

**Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., August 13, 2021,** at the District's Purchasing Department located at: 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241. Sealed bids may be opened by the District at or after that time and will be publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

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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 26, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 26, 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 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  
SONIAGOCAFE4EVER@YAHOO.COM

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00193  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENNIFER KARINA ROBLES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) JENNIFER KARINA

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**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

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00221  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00221  
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# Rancho debuts California public schools will begin art installation offering free meals to all students

■ The 3D art pieces were created by patients of Rancho Los Amigos.

By Zachary Deere  
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

**DOWNEY** – Through a grant funded by the California Arts Council to the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, Los Angeles based artist Hataya Tubtim has been leading artistic workshops over the past year for patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

These workshops aimed to bring the power of art and expression to the Rancho campus through a series of collaborative efforts, which culminated in a three-dimensional art installation that is currently on display at Rancho.

To create this art expression, Ms. Tubtim, along with fellow artist Carlos Benavides, recruited Rancho patients to work collaboratively to envision and design the art installation that they titled, "Love and Kindness."

This spectacular art piece is a physical representation of the journey one goes through when faced with a life changing injury or illness. It is broken into two sections with one side showing the darkness, depression, and loneliness faced when recovering from such a traumatic experience and the other side shows the kindness, love, and compassion of those who help you to return to some sense of normalcy. This duality is one that many can relate to given the last year and a half of living through a global pandemic.

When looking at the left side of the art installation, you will see a landscape of bright flowers, blue skies, and lush foliage. There stands a figure who offers their heart towards the figure on the right who sits behind a brick wall in isolation.

The 'loving' figure is painted in bright colors and is adorned with symbols that represent its love, creativity, and freedom. Though the figure shows signs of physical wear on its body, represented by a leg brace, it continues to exude positivity and healing.

In contrast, the 'lonely' figure on the right is painted in neutral colors with symbols of heartbreak, despair, and shame. The figure sits surrounded by images of past joys that have become distant memories. Both scenes contain painted river rocks that offer messages of love and kindness from dozens of Rancho community members including friends, family, and staff.

Colton Bryant, one of the artists involved in creating the piece said, "participating in this project has opened up my mind to where I'm at in life. I loved seeing people come together in one accord, working together with the same mind, and then bringing their creativity forth to create this wonderful work of art."

In an effort to make the



■ California will become the first state in the nation to make free meals permanently available to all students.

**SACRAMENTO** – California will permanently begin providing free school meals for students this fall in a move that many advocates are praising as a big step toward ending food insecurity.

The state says it will be the first in the nation to make free meals permanent for all public school students, regardless of their family's income.

"No questions. No stigma. ALL California kids now have access to free meals at schools," California Gov. Gavin Newsom tweeted last week, linking to an article announcing the news.

Almost 60% of California's 6.2 million students qualified for free or reduced-price meals in the 2019-2020 school year, according to School Meals for All, a coalition made up of more than 200 organizations that has pushed for funding in the state budget to gain momentum.

In the last year, the pandemic's financial fallout pushed child hunger to record levels, even in the richest US counties.

"Right now, nearly 20% of

all California households -- and 27.3% of Latinx households with children and 35.5% of Black households with children -- report food insecurity," School Meals for All said in a news release last month. "This is double pre-pandemic rates, impacting about 8 million Californians."

Universal free lunch programs ensure no one falls through the cracks and eliminate the stigma associated with qualifying for free or reduced-price meals because of family income, the coalition said.

"California has made history," Kat Taylor, co-founder of the TomKat Ranch Educational Foundation and co-sponsor of School Meals for All, said in a news release. "As the first state in the nation to adopt universal school meals, California is giving kids a better shot at growing up healthy and ready to succeed."

School officials across the state also commended the news.

"This is a win for our schools, families, and students," Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent of Oakland Unified School District, said in a statement in School Meals for All's news release.

Trieste Huey, food service director of Fontana Unified School District, said "California's leadership to feed every hungry

child should be a model for the rest of our nation."

"I have seen how stigma can keep students from eating school meals, even when the alternative is going hungry," Huey said in a statement in the news release. "School Meals for All will not only eliminate school meal debt, it will provide much-needed relief to struggling families experiencing daily stress and stigma around feeding their kids."

According to School Meals for All, "the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) waivers that have enabled schools to provide free meals to all students during the pandemic are set to expire at the end of the 2021-22 school year, at which point California's public schools will be reimbursed

for providing universal school meals."

California will invest "\$650 million in ongoing funds by 2022-23 to support universal free school nutrition, including access to two free meals every day for all students, and \$150 million to improve kitchen infrastructure and nutritional training," Newsom's office said in its news release.

The meals program is part of a \$123.9 billion education package that also includes free pre-kindergarten for all children, expanded after-school and summer programs, and adding more staff.

artwork more accessible to the community, a dedicated webpage has been created to showcase the project, the artists involved, and the inspiration behind it. Simply visit [www.RanchoFoundation.org/CAC](http://www.RanchoFoundation.org/CAC) to view the virtual gallery and to learn more.

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



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