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# Downey mayor advances in Assembly race

Blanca Pacheco advanced Tuesday to a November runoff election against Raul Ortiz Jr., a Republican from La Mirada.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** - Downey mayor Blanca Pacheco advanced Tuesday to a November runoff election in her bid for a state Assembly seat.

Pacheco, a Democrat, will face Raul Ortiz Jr., a Republican from La Mirada who collected the most votes in Tuesday's primary election.

Ortiz was the only Republican in the race for the newly-formed 64th Assembly District, which encompasses Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, La Habra, La Mirada, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and South Whittier.

Pacheco collected 25.65% of all votes, outpointing her Democratic opponents Elizabeth Alcantar, the mayor of Cudahy; Ana Valencia, vice mayor of Norwalk; Robert Cancio, a Norwalk-La Mirada school board member; and Rose Espinoza, a La Habra city council member.

Pacheco said she was "deeply humbled and grateful" to advance to the November general election.

"I first would like to thank all the supporters, volunteers, and voters who fueled our campaign's strong performance," she said. "This moment would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication, and it is humbling to see the widespread support behind the common vision we share."

"In the coming months, I will continue to run a robust campaign that highlights my history of delivering results on the issues that matter for our district, including a strong local economy, affordable housing, and safe communities."

"I look forward to rolling up my sleeves to get to work expanding my coalition and earning the support of people across Assembly

District 64 as we enter the general election."

If Pacheco is successful in the November election, she will resign her City Council position, triggering a special election for her replacement.

Alcantar, who had been endorsed by the L.A. Times, said she was proud of her campaign despite the loss.

"Unfortunately, we did not see the results we wanted to see last night but I'm incredibly proud of the campaign we ran - one that stood proudly with our communities," she said.

"A lot was at stake yesterday and unfortunately low voter turnout only set [Southeast L.A. County] back further."

Cancio, the Norwalk-La Mirada school board member, said he was "grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a significant election, blessed for all the friendships I made, and optimistic for the future."

"We fought a good fight," he said. "Thank you all for standing with me. Stay safe and stay tuned. I'm not going anywhere. Always remember, all greatness is from God."

## Robert Garcia, John Briscoe advance

In the race to represent Downey in the U.S. House of Representatives, Long Beach mayor Robert Garcia and businessman John Briscoe advanced to a November runoff Tuesday.

Garcia, a Democrat, collected 44.5% of all votes. Briscoe, a Republican, came in second with 28.6% of all votes cast.

Termed out Assemblymember Cristina Garcia finished third, ending her political career for now.

Garcia and Briscoe will now compete to effectively replace Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and Rep. Alan Lowenthal, who are both retiring this year.



Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco, a Democrat, will face Republican candidate Raul Ortiz Jr. this November. Both are vying to serve in the state Assembly. (Campaign photo)

The newly-drawn 42nd Congressional district covers Downey, Huntington Park, Bellflower, Lakewood, Signal Hill, Long Beach and Catalina Island.

Garcia said his campaign was fueled by grass roots volunteers.

"We took no corporate PAC money, had an army of volunteers and supporters, and focused on what real patriotism is all about: helping others and doing the most good," he said. "Thank you so much."

Briscoe, a far right Republican, didn't address Tuesday's election results but instead criticized President Joe Biden.

"Sleepy Joe never loses sleep over anything..... he's always sleeping!," Briscoe tweeted. "The President is a tool of his handlers and teleprompters. His handlers never sleep, always scheming to take your money."

He also called Garcia "a self-proclaimed gay mayor."

## Archuleta primed for re-election

State Sen. Bob Archuleta, Democrat from Pico Rivera, appears poised for re-election, collecting 36.92% of the vote.

Archuleta will face Republican Mitch Clemmons in the November election. Clemmons is owner of a plumbing company in Whittier.

Archuleta represents

California's 30th Senate District, which covers Downey.

Archuleta beat fellow Democrats Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, who finished third, and former Whittier councilman Henry Bouhot, who finished last.

"I am grateful to the people of the 30th Senate District who voted for me, and I am humbled by the faith the voters have in me to continue to represent them in Sacramento," Archuleta said.

"Thank you to the people, organizations and elected officials who supported our campaign. As we move forward to the November election, let's continue the work we started four years ago to bring the needed resources to our communities."

## Gov. Newsom wins easily

California Gov. Gavin Newsom emerged victorious in Tuesday's primary.

The Democratic governor received just over 60% of the votes. Though Newsom did not make a public appearance, he tweeted on Tuesday to his 2 million followers.

"Across the country, Republicans are attacking our fundamental rights as Americans. Destroying democracy, stripping a woman of the right to choose, and standing idly by as gun violence claims far too many lives," he said.

Aiming to clinch his second and final four-year term, the governor is slated to face Republican state

Sen. Brian Dahle in the November general election.

Dahle, a farmer who wants to suspend California's gas tax, received approximately 17% of the votes.

"Why would you not reduce the gas tax?" the gubernatorial challenger asked, according to The Associated Press. "He doesn't understand his policies are hurting people."

Alternatively, Newsom has proposed sending up to \$800 to people who own cars, plus spending another \$750 million to give people free rides on California public transit for three months.

He has also vowed to make California a sanctuary for women seeking abortions should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade, and pushed for a new law that would let private citizens enforce a ban on some assault weapons.

"Californians are reeling from bad policies that are making it impossible to afford to live here. People who work by the hour, or live on a fixed income are being crushed," Dahle wrote in a statement Tuesday evening.

"We deserve a safe California where the laws are enforced and violent criminals are not let out early. Not building any water infrastructure for decades, forcing us to ration and skyrocketing food costs is a travesty."

# DUSD ponders \$341.8M spending plan

Downey Unified's 2022-23 proposed budget could change depending on state funding levels.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Unified Board of Education reviewed its potential budget for the upcoming fiscal year on Tuesday, however it won't have a complete picture until the Governor comes to an agreement with the legislature.

According to official documents, DUSD will see over \$341.8 million in (\$261 million in unrestricted funds, \$80.5 million in restricted) revenues, and \$345.3 (\$215.4 million in unrestricted, \$129.9 million in restricted) in expenditures in 2022/23.

A vast majority of the district's projected expenditures (over 83%) will go towards certificated and classified salaries, as well as benefits.

In Covid-19 relief, DUSD still

has over \$53 million pending to be received of the total \$105,764,262 it was awarded.

The district spent over \$32.8 million of its relief funding between 2019/20 and 2020/21, and an estimated over \$18.7 million in 2021/22. Budgeted expenditures in Covid relief for 2022/23 are at \$11.4 million.

Still, staff maintained that the budget was not static and could change "dramatically."

Some of that uncertainty lies on if Governor Gavin Newsom can come to terms with the California legislature on his May budget revision.

Prop 98 funding increased by \$8.3 billion (or an increase of 1.23% funded COLA) over the January proposal, to \$110.3 billion for 2022-23.

Newsom is also proposing a one time \$8 billion discretionary block grant for local educational agencies in FY 2022/23, as well as an on-going \$2.1 billion in local control funding.



Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia speaks to supporters at a campaign event Tuesday. Garcia has said he would open a campaign office in Downey if elected to Congress. (Campaign photo)

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 89°

Saturday 87°

Sunday 85°

## THINGS TO DO



**Cuban American Music Festival**  
Saturday  
La Plaza de Cultura y Artes

A regional destination event that features four musical acts, dancing, local Cuban artists, Cuban food, drinks, dance instruction, domino tables, art exhibits, and cigars. Tickets: \$45 online, \$60 at the door

## ON THIS DAY

**1870:** Charles Dickens, creator of some of the world's best-known fictional characters and regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era, died at age 58.

**1940:** Norway surrendered to the Nazis during World War II.

**1969:** The Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.

**1973:** Secretariat won horse racing's Triple Crown with a victory at the Belmont Stakes.



**1980:** Comedian Richard Pryor suffered near-fatal burns at his home when a mixture of free-base cocaine exploded.

**1986:** The Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts.

**2008:** Ken Griffey Jr. of the Cincinnati Reds became the sixth player in baseball history to hit 600 home runs.

**2012:** Maria Sharapova of Russia beat Sara Errani of Italy 6-3, 6-2 in the French Open final to complete a career Grand Slam.



## Birthdays

College basketball analyst **Dick Vitale** (83), "Back to the Future" star **Michael J. Fox** (61), film director **Aaron Sorkin** (61), actor **Johnny Depp** (59), actress **Natalie Portman** (41), and U.S. Olympic gymnast **Laurie Hernandez** (22).



# Villanueva heads for November runoff

■ Alex Villanueva faces opposition from retired Long Beach police chief Robert Luna, who finished second in Tuesday's primary.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** - Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva's bid for a second term will move to a November runoff election against former Long Beach police Chief Robert Luna, with the pair topping a nine-candidate field in Tuesday's election.

Over the past century, only one incumbent sheriff in the county has lost a re-election bid. That was four years ago, when Villanueva achieved a stunning upset of Sheriff Jim McDonnell, riding to an election victory with strong backing from reform-minded community groups and Democrats.

But over the past four years, Villanueva's support among those

groups has waned as he repeatedly clashed with the Democrat-dominated Board of Supervisors over funding and policy matters, fought back against claims of "deputy gangs" within the agency, defied subpoenas to appear before the Civilian Oversight Commission and refused to enforce the county's COVID-19 vaccination mandate among his deputies and department employees.

He has openly criticized "progressive" policies and politicians, most notably District Attorney George Gascón, and assailed movements to "defund" law enforcement agencies.

Those stances, however, have helped solidify his support among many of those working for him, exemplified by his endorsement by the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

In a campaign statement, Villanueva's campaign insists he has worked to restore public trust in the sheriff's department,

pointing to the rollout of body-worn cameras and boosting minimum requirements for new deputies. The campaign also boasts the agency is "the most diverse in the nation."

"In his next term, Sheriff Villanueva will work to reduce violent crime, compassionately clean up homeless encampments and hold public officials accountable for their actions," according to his campaign.

Speaking to his supporters Tuesday night, Villanueva said he is "focusing on what matters to people -- homelessness and violent crime."

He said he has been "playing eight-on-one basketball" during the campaign, noting that his candidates were all running on anybody-but-him platforms.

"We're going to keep doing what we're doing, because it's the right thing to do," Villanueva said. "... My job is to keep the community safe. If that means I have to battle the Board of Supervisors, so be it."



Alex Villanueva, left, and Robert Luna, right, will face off this November to see who runs the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

Luna argued during the campaign that the sheriff's department is being "mismanaged" by Villanueva and said he will work to restore trust in the agency. He also touted his position as an outsider with no connections to the sheriff's department.

"Growing up in East Los Angeles, patrolled by the sheriff's

department, opened my eyes to examples of both good and bad policing, and inspired my 36-year career in law enforcement," Luna said in a candidate statement.

He said he will work to "modernize" the sheriff's department and its jail system and improve the mental well-being of deputies and employees.

The other hopefuls in the race were sheriff's Lt. Eric Strong, sheriff's Sgt. Karla Carranza, Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo, retired Sheriff's Capt. Matt Rodriguez, parole agent April Saucedo Hood, retired Sheriff's Capt. Britta Steinbrenner and retired sheriff's Cmdr. Eli Vera.

# No one prepared me for Covid depression

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

Well, it finally happened.

After doing our best to circle the wagons for two years, Covid-19 finally managed to make its way into my household this last week.

I gotta say, it's an extremely defeating feeling to make it this far, only to just now join the "Covid club" (as one of my friends, having recently contended with her second bout, so casually called it).

I can't say that I'm surprised, but it's still a head trip.

I'll be honest with you, I had returned to basically my normal routine: work, Dodger games, dinner and a movie at home with family on Saturdays, outings with friends (mostly at Disneyland, where most of my inner circle are passholders).

I even bulked up the courage to go to a recent sci-fi convention

(more on that later).

Most of the time, I had a mask; it was just in my back pocket.

Simply put, I wasn't necessarily ignoring the fact that Covid-19 numbers were beginning to tick upwards again, but I also wasn't necessarily doing anything to protect myself from it either. Not like I had during the worst of the pandemic, at least.

Besides, I'm not only vaccinated, I'm boosted; my mother, doubly so.

So, when I started to need to clear my throat a bit more often than usual, I didn't think much of it.

When my mom started to do the same thing, it triggered a few red flags, but still nothing either of us seemed all that worried about; we both have pesky post-nasal situations that we contend with regularly.

When many of the social

media influencers and YouTubers I follow (who had been at the same convention I had been at just days prior) began announcing that they had tested positive, I think I went into a sort of denial.

"Nah, not me. I've been careful. I'm vaxed and boosted. I wore my mask."

Then Friday came. My mom, preparing to go see a few patients, tested just to cover her bases.

Positive.

I tested. Negative.

Again. Negative.

It's not a sequence of events that leads to a whole lot of closure for a guy like me, but I digress.

Neither one of us is deathly sick. In fact, both of us, if it weren't for the lingering two-lined cloud over our heads, felt absolutely normal; a rogue cough, if that, every once-in-a-while.

And we're both 99.9% over that

by now.

My worst "symptom" has been the depression.

I don't particularly like being alone. I've often said that I can be happy as a clam sitting in a room with someone, even if not talking or even acknowledging each other. For better or worse (maybe one day I'll let a shrink decide), I take extreme comfort in the general presence of someone, anyone.

So, you can imagine that it didn't take long (an hour or two, maybe) for me to go absolutely stir crazy in my mostly quarantined "neutral corner."

But more than my boredom, I've found myself face to face with feelings I didn't expect to contend with. Instead of fear or sadness, I feel guilt, embarrassment

"I told you you shouldn't have gone to that convention."

"Good luck trying to schedule interviews next week."

"I was at my niece's school promotion; what if I got her, her mom, dad, or brother sick?"

"You wrote all those op-eds about how people needed to be safe and responsible, yet here you are."

At times, I felt just plain dirty. Sub-human.

Along those lines.

Thankfully, none of the people I know who I was around seemed sick (though worry for those I don't know has certainly crept into my thoughts). Those I could inform have been informed, and they all seem alright.

So why do I write all this here now? Why expose my exposure that I am so embarrassed about?

Well, firstly, because it's cathartic. I've been wrestling with my own thoughts and emotions all weekend, so sorry reader, but I'm tagging you in for a moment.

Secondly, because in my head it

(somewhat) corrects a wrong I feel I committed. I don't feel I lived up to the responsibility that I so often got preachy about, especially in prior articles. Maybe it's too little too late, but if someone can read this and change a habit or two, then I'll take it.

Lastly, as a reminder: the pandemic may not be nearly where it was at its worst, but it is still out there. So, because you'll allow me to be preachy just one last time:

If you haven't already, consider being vaccinated and/or boosted. Speaking as someone who is severely overweight and asthmatic, I have every reason to worry about being sick with Covid-19. Thankfully, due to the vaccines, I don't/didn't need to worry more than I already have.

Lastly, still take the precautions you need to. Wear a mask, avoid crowds where you can. If you have any thoughts that you may be sick, don't ignore them and get tested.

We all want life to be normal again; some of us are already living as such.

And at least one of us here was just reminded of the reality.

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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

There is a small item in most of our pantries which comes in handy for a number of uses, whether related to health, cleaning, or cooking. I also keep one in my refrigerator and another beneath my kitchen sink. I'm referring to baking soda.



teeth and improves the breath. Baking soda is acidic and slightly grainy and abrasive, so it can neutralize and scrub away the plaque. (However, note that baking soda doesn't kill bacteria, and that using it too frequently can weaken the enamel.)

- When mixed with other ingredients (like shea butter), it is marketed as a natural deodorant. The alkaline baking soda neutralizes our mildly acidic sweat.

- Baking soda is a natural exfoliator. When mixed with water into a paste, it will help to remove oils and dead skin cells.

- When used in moderation, a paste of water and baking soda can soothe skin suffering from poison ivy, insect bites, acne or canker sores.

- Baking soda can help remove oil stains from fabric. Immediately pat off the excess oil, then apply a paste of baking soda mixed with water. Let it dry, then brush off the paste.

- Baking soda mixed with lemon or vinegar cleans dirt and grime from hard surfaces like sinks, showers, and tile.

- To clean fruits and vegetables, gently scrub them with dry baking soda and rinse with cold water.

- To help prevent mold, sprinkle baking soda on clothes or shoes stored in damp places.

- Baking soda is the key ingredient in many fire extinguishers. Unlike water, it is effective on electrical or grease fires. When sodium bicarbonate is heated, it releases water and carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is heavier than air, and smothers the oxygen flow to the flames.

- Most over-the-counter antacids contain sodium bicarbonate. Sodium bicarbonate neutralizes stomach acid, and this helps to relieve ulcer or acid pain, indigestion, and heartburn. The recommended dosage for gastrointestinal issues is 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda dissolved in 1/2 glass of water.

- Baking soda can help to encourage splinters to work their way out on their own. Combine one tablespoon of baking soda with a glass of water, and soak the splinter twice a day.

- Summer is coming: I urge you to protect your skin from the sun. However, when you're not successful, try soaking in a lukewarm bath with 1/2 cup of baking soda in it.

And, baking soda is cheap! I encourage you to give it a try.

*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.*

Baking soda has just one ingredient: sodium bicarbonate. This chemical has been in use since at least 3500 BCE. The ancient Egyptians used a form of it for cleaning, as well as for mummification.

Baking powder, which includes sodium bicarbonate, was first patented for food in 1856, and proved to be revolutionary. Baking soda is pure sodium bicarbonate, which is alkaline, whereas baking powder also includes a weak acid salt. Baking soda and baking powder are leaveners: When sodium bicarbonate is combined with an acid, it produces carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). (Note that CO<sub>2</sub> is the gas we exhale when we breathe.) When carbon dioxide is released into batter or dough, things rise and become fluffy.

Besides baking, what else can baking soda be used for?

- Periodically brushing with baking soda whitens the

# 2nd presumed case of monkeypox found in LA County

Health officials say the threat to the public is low; a growing number of cases are being reported across the country.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** - A second presumed case of monkeypox has been identified in Los Angeles County, health officials said Wednesday, stressing that the risk of infection in the general population remains low.

The newest patient was described only as an adult who had recently traveled, although further details were not released. The person is showing symptoms but is "doing well and isolating away from others," according to the county Department of Public Health.

Health officials said they are continuing to investigate the case and identify people who had contact with the patient.

It is the second presumptive case of monkeypox announced by the county in the past week.

Last Thursday, the county revealed it had found its first presumed case, which was later verified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That person was an adult who had recently traveled and had "a known close contact to a case," health officials said.

According to the CDC, there have been eight confirmed monkeypox cases in California, and 40 nationally, as of Wednesday.

County health officials insisted that "the risk of monkeypox in the general population remains very low."

The infection can cause lesser symptoms such as fever and body aches before developing into a rash that spreads across the body.

Since monkeypox cases are usually more common in African nations, its appearance in the United States and more than a dozen other countries has generated headlines, particularly among a populace weary of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But health officials insist

COVID is far more infectious than monkeypox.

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said last week that spread of the illness "requires close contact with an infected person or with belongings that the infected person has used."

"Am I worried we're going to have a massive outbreak of monkeypox? No," she said.


Health officials said the infection spreads through contact with bodily fluids, monkeypox sores or shared items such as bedding or clothing that were contaminated with fluids.

It can also be transmitted through saliva and sexual contact.

Most people who develop monkeypox have only mild illness that goes away within two to four weeks without treatment.

People with symptoms are urged to visit a medical provider, cover the rash area with clothing, wear a mask and avoid close or skin-to-skin contact with others.

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

**Excursion to Catalina Island**, 6:45 am. Enjoy all that Catalina Island has to offer in this day trip open to seniors ages 50 and older. \$50 for Downey residents, \$54 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

**Health Workshop: Special Needs Plans**, 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**Ecuamex Pop-up**, 9 am to 2 pm. Enjoy local art while sipping on local coffee. Local vegan coffee bar, Ecuamex, will be popping up for the day at Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave. See menu: staygallery.org/ecuamex

**Autograph Signings**, 11 am. Anime voice actors Zach Aguilar and Abby Trott will be meeting fans and signing autographs (prices set by each actor). OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

**Elevation Studios presents "Homeward Journey"**, 2 pm and 6:30 pm. After two years of virtual concerts, Elevation Studios is so excited to be back at the Downey Theatre for our annual June Concert "The Homeward Journey." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12

**Autograph Signings**, 11 am. Anime voice actors Max Mittelman, Ray Chase and Robbie Daymond will be meeting fans and signing autographs (prices set by each actor). OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

**Luau Quill**, 4 pm. A Hawaiian luau for Downey senior citizens. \$5 admission. Reservations must be made in person no later than 2 pm the Friday prior. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 16

**Bowling Tournament**, 7 pm. Fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Downey with proceeds benefiting the 10-20 Club, which works with troubled youth in Downey. \$50 for individual bowlers or \$225 for a group of 5. Call (562) 231-6974 to sign up. Del Rio Lanes, 7502 Florence Ave.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 17

**Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**, 10 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual golf tournament. For details, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

**Stay Gallery: "The Resilience Archive" Closing Reception**, 7-10 pm. Join Stay Gallery for the closing reception of "The Resilience Archive", a group exhibition co-curated by artist Yeu Q Nguyen. Made possible by Eastside Arts Initiative and The Puffin Foundation. Learn more: staygalley.org/resilience-closing

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

**Stay Gallery: Family Paint Day**, 4-5:30 pm. Create an LA inspired painting with your family in this

guided workshop. Led by local teaching artist Israel Lopez. Includes paint supplies. Register: staygallery.org/paintday

## TUESDAY, JUNE 21

**Go Skate Day**, 12-5 pm. Kids ages 6-17 are invited to participate in games, competitions, and more. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

**Concerts at the Park**, 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 24

**Stay Gallery: "The Experimental Phase"**, 7-10 pm. A one night, pop-up exhibition featuring the work of local artist Rhyeseyes. Free admission. Learn more: staygallery.org/experimental-phase

## SATURDAY, JUNE 25

**"Alice in the Palace"**, 1 pm and 6:30 pm. With the help of some crazy characters she meets along her journey, Alice learns what true happiness, determination and trust truly means. Presented by SFS Dance Center. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

**Concerts at the Park**, 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

**Concerts at the Park**, 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## FRIDAY, JULY 8

**Health Workshop: Muffins & Medicare**, 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, JULY 9

**Intro to Computers**, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and learn how to sign

up for and use email, type up text documents, and browse the internet. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

**Book & Movie Club: 12 Angry Men**, 11 am. Read the play and then watch a special screening of the Sidney Lumet directed movie, "12 Angry Men," with a discussion afterwards. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

**Wild West Quill**, 4 pm. A Cowboy-themed dinner for Downey senior citizens. \$5 admission. Reservations must be made in person no later than 2 pm the Friday prior. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 17

**Excursion to see "Pretty Woman: The Musical"**, 3 pm. A day trip to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts to see "Pretty Woman: The Musical." Open to adults ages 50 and older. \$55 for Downey residents, \$59 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

**Concerts at the Park**, 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, JULY 23

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**Concerts at the Park**, 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

**Excursion to Pageant of the Masters**, 4 pm. "Wonderful World" is the theme of this year's Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. Trip includes plenty of time for dinner before the show and to explore the pageant amphitheater. \$45 for Downey residents, \$49 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

**Music and a Movie**, 5 pm. Enjoy live music, food booths, food trucks, a prize walk, and a movie starting at dusk. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**Health Workshop: Medicare & Medical Plans**, 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by

# Crime Report

On May 30 at 5:35 am, officers responded to the 8600 block of Imperial Hwy. in regards to an armed carjacking. The suspects approached the adult as he was seated in his vehicle. One suspect brandished a handgun and in fear the victim exited the vehicle. The suspects fled in the victim's vehicle.

On May 31 at 12:55 am, officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress at the 8300 block of Puritan Ave. The adult victim was outside on his porch, when the suspect approached on a bicycle and demanded his property. The victim refused and the suspect lunged at the victim, who fell back on the floor. The suspect fled the scene and it was at that time the victim noticed he was slashed on the calf and received a small laceration. The victim was treated and the suspect was not located.

On June 1 at 11:05 pm, officers responded to the 11800 block of Downey Ave. in regards to an armed carjacking. The victim arranged to meet through Offer Up to sell his vehicle. The suspect brandished a handgun and ordered the victim out of the vehicle. The victim complied and the suspect fled the scene in the victim's vehicle.

On June 4 at 5:00 am, officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress at 7400 Stewart and Gray Rd (7-Eleven). The suspect entered the store, produced a firearm, pointed it at the clerk, and demanded money and lottery tickets. The store clerk complied and the suspect fled on foot with the loss. The clerk was not injured.

## POET'S CORNER

### We Are in the World

**A swarm of butterflies drinking from cleft rock in river. Doves delight in fermented mulberries. An aspen 80,000 years old people took for forests, A member of the mint family, each flower a hairy calyx with pointed sepals, tubular corona, fifty flowers might fit on a penny, Hidden Lake bluecurls. The muskrat holds a branch above his head while swimming. Mergansers land nearby. Yesterday four sandhills, today a blue heron, a rail, phoebe, vesper sparrow, a kite. The marsh foregrounds playa lake, sedge lines banks, cattails. The mud wasp nest has additional rows each storm.**

*Allison Adelle Hedge Coke*

*21st century eco-poetry means mutualism. "There is duty inherent to place, says Coke in this prose poem. "Balance, sustenance, reciprocity, preservation, protection, beingness, belonging to or being a good guest within." Her book Dog Road Woman won the American Book Award. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**  
**Rocket Fever**, 10 am to 5 pm. Come by and build then fly your own rocket. Sponsored by Financial Partners Credit Union., Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**  
**Blood Drive**, 11 am to 5 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Downey" Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
**Computer & Internet Safety**, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the fundamentals of safe internet browsing and how to better safeguard yourself both on and offline. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
**Kiwanis Golf Tournament**, 12 pm. The 24th annual L'Abri Golf Classic benefiting Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and the Downey Family YMCA.RSVP to jfztz@labrimanagement.com. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.


**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
**16th Annual Senior Follies**, 1 pm and 5 pm. A talent show by Downey's most talented senior citizens. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**Christmas Parade**, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, featuring bands, floats, classic cars, dance troupes, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue

### In Memory of

## Margaret Mary Sullivan

October 19, 1927 - April 8, 2022



After a lengthy illness Margaret Mary Sullivan passed away peacefully on April 8, 2022, in Mountain View, CA. She was born in Dunmanway, Ireland and was one of thirteen children born to John Buckley and Helen Hennessy Buckley. She moved to Birmingham, England, as a young woman to study nursing. There she met and married Timothy Joseph Sullivan and welcomed their daughter Maureen. In 1959 they moved to the US and lived in Huntington Park. In 1980 they moved to Downey. Margaret worked for many years as a ward clerk at Mission Hospital in Huntington Park. Her coworkers and colleagues there became a beloved second family. When she wasn't working she loved to grow beautiful roses, spoil her grandchildren, spend time at the beach, and travel to England and Ireland to visit family. She was preceded in death by her husband Timothy, who passed away in 2005. She is survived by her daughter Maureen Kravitz, son-in-law Dr. Kerry Kravitz, granddaughters Erin and Katherine, and great-granddaughters Hazel and Edie. She was laid to rest next to her husband at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park, CA. Her family would like to thank the kind and loving staff at Villa Siena Retirement Community in Mountain View, CA, for the excellent care she received during her time there.

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# Get in, we're going to save the American shopping mall



By Alexandra Lange

It is easy to think of indoor and even outdoor malls as anti-landscape: big asphalt parking lots, blank walls, artificial lighting, manufactured scents, digital sounds. But the origin of mall architecture was in the European 19th-century conservatory, where cast-iron and glass roofs covered expensive, nonnative plants. Early mall innovators like Victor Gruen emphasized the year-round good weather of indoor shopping, and leading landscape architects like Lawrence Halprin made sure the plantings were as up-to-date as the goods for sale.

As America contemplates mass mall die-off — analysts predict that a quarter of the United States' roughly 1,000 malls will close in the next three to five years — reminding ourselves of the mall's garden origins offers clues as to how they might be transformed. Some should be demolished and returned to nature, but more should be rethought from an ecological point of view. While malls are a wasteful use of land, replacement with new stand-alone buildings with space-hogging parking lots only compounds that wastefulness: Better to add (perimeter buildings, solar panels, trees) and to swap (markets for department stores, classrooms for boutiques).

Ground cleared and buildings constructed for one kind of community benefit — shopping — could be reduced, reused and recycled to serve a broader and greener community purpose, with pedestrian open space as part of a mix of public uses. While the mall was designed to showcase products intended for obsolescence, in the best-case scenario it is also a building designed to change.

Malls represent heavy investments in infrastructure, construction materials and place making that should not be discarded. The popularity of dead malls as sites for Covid testing and eventually vaccinations underlines these essential qualities: Easy road access, unencumbered indoor space, instant name recognition. Contemplating the mall's roots in the garden is an opportunity not for picturesque nostalgia but for new solutions.

The most famous conservatory of all wasn't labeled as such, but the designer of London's Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition of 1851, the English architect Joseph Paxton, had cut his teeth on lightweight, all-weather architecture in the gardens at Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire. The Crystal Palace's barrel-vaulted glass roof sheltered elm trees, as well as natural and human-made goods from around the world exhibited in booths and browsed by six million visitors.

The connection between glass architecture, plants and shopping was further developed by the department stores that proliferated in European and American cities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The grandest of these were organized around central light courts, where plants would soften the lines of iron staircases and, eventually, escalators.

The history of American gardens is also deeply entwined with the mall. At Southdale in Edina, Minn., the first enclosed mall in America, which opened in 1956, Mr. Gruen named the central court the Garden of Perpetual Spring, to underline the luxury of climate control, and topped the plants, water feature and aviary with fraternal twin "Golden Trees" sculptures by Harry Bertola. Mr. Halprin, better known for the weathered, hippie modern style of Sea Ranch, in Sonoma County, Calif., cut his teeth bringing curves, water and casual plantings to shopping malls, from Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie, Ill. to NorthPark Center in Dallas, an outdoor mall where children still treat his and his associate Richard Vignola's 1965 tiled fountain as a giant climbing structure and turtles and ducks still find a home.

Tending community has been the impetus behind many malls' longstanding walking programs, considered so important for public health that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a booklet to encourage the practice. Just as teenagers taste adult freedom in the food court, older Americans use malls as a softened version of the city park, with flatter terrain, more benches, more bathrooms and less traffic.

Privatizing the garden isn't an unmixed blessing, however. The Crystal Palace was a colonial project, gathering the fruits (and in later exhibitions, the people) from the British Empire under one industrialized roof as a show of power. So, too, have shopping malls historically cultivated specific audiences by virtue of their locations sometimes in segregated suburbs and,

later, by codes of conduct designed to limit the impact of groups of teenagers.

A series of U.S. and state Supreme Court cases, from 1968 on, have sought to limit free speech protections in malls by claiming them as private property; the plaintiffs in these cases have been union members and antiwar and anti-fur demonstrators. In Amalgamated Food Employees Union Local 590 v. Logan Valley Plaza Inc. in 1968, one of the first of these cases, Justice Thurgood Marshall, writing for the majority, argued that "businesses situated in the suburbs could largely immunize themselves" from criticism — which went against the public interest in a suburbanizing nation.

The whiteness of malls, at least, is changing. The geographer Wei Li coined the term "ethnoburb" in 1997, studying the rise of majority-Asian American suburbs. Willow Lung-Amam has chronicled the rise of shopping centers and malls curated for this demographic, and formerly white-serving malls across the South have been reborn as mercados offering Latinx food, fashion and entertainment and fulfilling other community service functions.

What these Asian and Latin American projects have in common is a responsiveness to changing residential patterns and a willingness to support local businesses — displays of creative management beyond attracting the latest hot national brand. The approach of these culturally responsive mall managers is more akin to the revolution promised by the festival marketplaces of the 1970s than of the peak mall 1990s. The architect Ben Thompson — a creator, with his wife, Jane Thompson, and the developer James Rouse of the urban marketplaces Faneuil Hall, Harborplace and South Street Seaport — wrote, "Everything we build must inject the affirmative values human beings need as much as food — the pleasure of tactile and visual things, assurance of physical security and freedom, variety of stimulating impressions and experience."

Ethnocentric mall revamps are only one of a bouquet of strategies deployed in successful retrofits, resurfacings and replacements of malls. June Williamson and Ellen Dunham-Jones have been chronicling suburban reuse for more than a decade. Their database and 2021 book, "Case Studies in Retrofitting Suburbia," includes malls that have become civic centers, schools, churches and medical facilities — sometimes in tandem, reversing the single-use zoning common to the postwar burb.

The more uses added to the sites, the more likely they are to have added green space, whether those are the outdoor courtyards on the former parking lot at Austin Community College's Highland Campus or the great lawn at the Promenade of Wayzata in Minnesota, which combines senior housing, a hotel and offices. Renderings for the Rise, the under-construction redevelopment of Valco Shopping Mall in California, designed by Rafael Vinoly Architects, hype the 29-acre green roof as "the world's largest" and claim it "restores the predevelopment character of the Cupertino landscape."

Some have even become parks. The second wave of mall building in the 1970s often targeted low-lying areas that were difficult to develop for residential or other uses, and rightly so, as they were bottoms, or stream beds prone to flooding. Meriden Hub Mall in Meriden, Conn., was one such site. In 2007 the city began working on a plan, using local, state and federal funds, to replace the mall with a 14-acre park, opening access to Harbor Creek, creating a public space that also functions as a water retention basin and building a bridge and amphitheater. Mixed-income housing and an upgraded transit center now front the park, known as Meriden Green.

My favorite rebirth-of-the-mall story comes from Detroit. Before Mr. Gruen designed Southdale, he worked out some of his ideas for the new suburban Main Street in Southfield, Mich., just north of the city. Northland,

## Support for recall

Dear Editor:

The Catherine Alvarez Recall Committee would like to thank all those residents who have once again signed our petition. As you may know, we were only short 35 signatures due to technical issues and many non-registered voters signing. If you signed as a non-registered voter, we can help you register, visit our website below.

In response to the resident who wrote last week and was disappointed her signature didn't count, your voice was heard, you should be proud of it and we appreciate you. We try to make sure that everyone is aware they must live in the district per state law. We also try to show a map of the boundary lines. Boundaries are: west of Downey Avenue, north of Firestone Boulevard, south of Telegraph Road and a section by Old River School Road and Stewart and Gray Road. Visit our website for the full map.

This recall is so important to our residents. It will tell politicians in Downey, now and in the future, that they cannot deceive our voters. Having a criminal record as Ms. Alvarez has (she pled guilty to welfare fraud, had two warrants for her arrest and has a lifetime ban from Michaels for shoplifting) is something our residents deserved to know before her election. She withheld this vital information and tried to cover her past from the voters.

Ethics and character are important to our community and by putting this recall on the ballot will allow our residents to send a message for our future.

Again, thank you to the many residents that came out to sign but who were not in District 3 so we had to turn them away for being out of district. Even though your signature may not be counted at this time, you are making it known what we stand for.

We are grateful to every individual who supports this campaign. For signing locations or to schedule a visit, please go to: [www.RecallCatherineAlvarez.com](http://www.RecallCatherineAlvarez.com) and on Facebook (Recall Catherine Alvarez).

**The Catherine Alvarez Recall Committee**  
Downey

which opened in 1954, had landscaped outdoor courtyards with modern sculptures connecting rows of shops and a branch of the city's leading department store, J.L. Hudson. The planted spaces offered room for women and children or anyone else isolated in their homes, to come together and shop, chat and play.

In 2021 a developer, Contour Companies, bought the dead mall from the city for \$11.1 million. Published plans show 1,500 housing units in new buildings on the parking lots, with lofts, shops and offices in the old mall's ground level retail spaces and a market in the old department store.

While most of the post-1950s additions will be torn down, the 1954 core, exemplifying Mr. Gruen's dream of bringing downtown to the edge of town, will stay. Oh, and so will the gardens. In 2022 people still need spaces — between errands or Zooms or classes or meals — to stop and touch grass.

*Alexandra Lange is an architecture critic and the author of the forthcoming "Meet Me by the Fountain: An Inside History of the*

## Cerritos College

Dear Editor:

I am a faculty member at Cerritos College. I pride myself on putting students first. I do everything I can to model strength, support, ethical behavior, and care for others in my classroom. I expect that the Cerritos Community College District will do the same for me, as an employee.

However, Cerritos Community College District doesn't care about me. As a Cerritos College faculty I have been working on the same salary since 2019, even though inflation is at its highest level in 10 years.

While I am lucky that my spouse and I both have full time jobs in education, I am watching my colleagues struggle with historic inflation and no economic relief in sight. And at the same time, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees has given themselves a 10% raise. This same Board of Trustees has also provided the Cerritos College President with a \$40,000 bonus, an amount more than double what the average annual salary for my part time colleagues at Cerritos College.

My part time colleagues, who make up 70% of the faculty ranks, are some of the lowest paid in the Los Angeles area. However, the Cerritos College District has more than \$40 million in accessible reserves and more than \$30 million in unspent federal COVID relief funds.

Cerritos College District has the ability to provide appropriate compensation for its employees, it just won't. Cerritos College faculty have engaged in good faith efforts to bargain for an increase and a new contract for more than 16 months. In this same time, the Cerritos College District was found guilty of engaging in illegal bargaining tactics and bad faith bargaining. And another unfair labor practice charge was recently filed against the Cerritos College District.

Cerritos College faculty have ensured that students have access to education before and during the pandemic. As a result, Cerritos College had more students who earned a degree or certificate than ever before. But at this year's graduation ceremonies the Cerritos College District did not thank faculty for continuing to provide high quality education, even when the world felt like it was crumbling around us.

As a faculty member at Cerritos College I will continue to put my students first. I will continue to model strength, support, ethical behavior and care for others. But I am also human and I won't be able to continue this much longer without support, ethical behavior, and care from my employer, the Cerritos Community College District.

**April Bracamontes**  
Norwalk

## Guns debate

Dear Editor:

Guns are inert weapons that need activation by a person or thing. Guns do not kill.

Killings with guns are done by misguided brains - brains that were malformed at birth, brains that were radicalized on the internet as was the killer in Buffalo, brains that are possessed with pure evil, brains under the influence of drugs, brains which are filled with hate, brains that are racist, brains influenced by horrible "killing" videos that desensitize the brain whereby the individual no longer has empathy or compassion for others and thus kills without concern for what he/she is doing.

Because mental illness seems so prevalent in our modern society, the sensible thing and simplest mitigating tool to prevent school killings would be to have one point of entry. At this entry would be metal detectors and security police with guns. All backpacks and persons would be required to pass through the metal detector as is required in courts, airports, and cruise ships.

On cruise ships, in addition to metal detecting screening, each passenger has a photo card key that is scanned each time a person leaves or returns to the ship.

Bottom line: Guns are inert weapons that need activation by a person or thing to kill. Our mental laws should be changed to allow reporting of abnormal, threatening behavior to proper authorities, the police, schools, and places selling guns.

**Martha Morrissy**  
Downey

Dear Editor:

Guns should be purchased at police stations. The NRA could manage these rooms.

All guns should be sold to people 21 or older. Background checks, fingerprints, medical exams, etc. should be done at police stations with a police officer overseeing it. No more gun shows, no more guns being sold through magazines.

If the police station needs to add another room for this, city taxes will pay for it. No guns sold elsewhere.

Training to use the gun should be required on Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm only.

Perhaps we also need a curfew from 9 pm to 6 am. If stopped by police, show your ID and place of business, along with the name of your boss and phone number.

**Marilyn Madru**  
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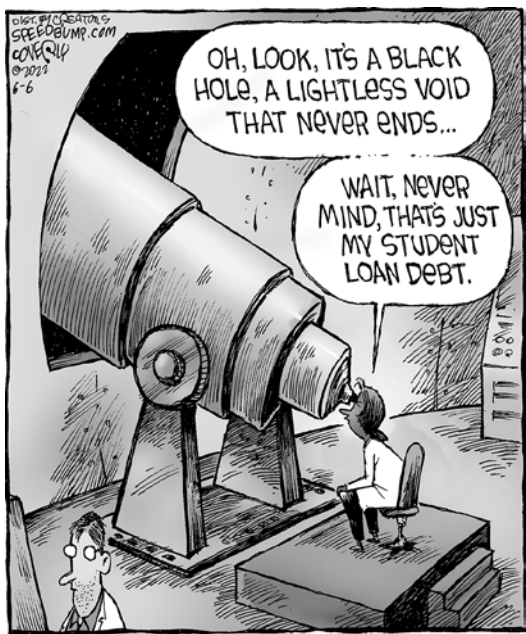
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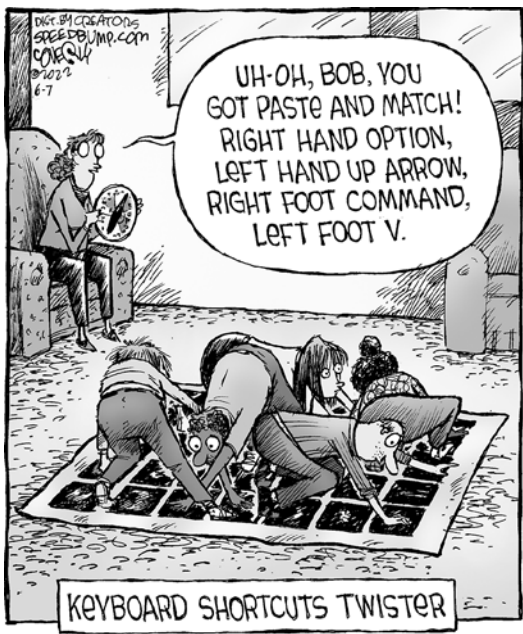
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## Downey Community Calendar

### 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., 6:00pm: 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: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### 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.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Frantone's Downey, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 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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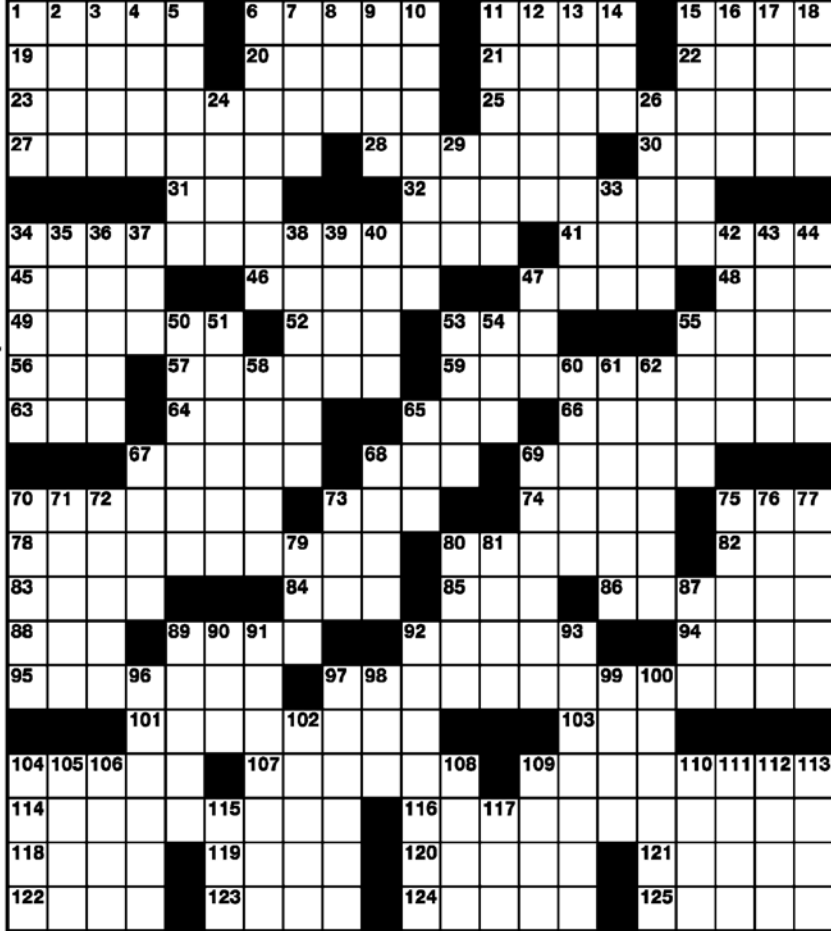
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 by Gail Grabowski

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| 6 Evaluated                                  | 2 Oaf               |
| 11 Bell-shaped lily                          | 3 Singer Guthrie    |
| 15 Come clean, with "up"                     | 4 Look closely      |
| 19 Jazz pianist Chick                        | 5 Runway pavement   |
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| 22 Golden State sch.                         | 8 Bathwater tester  |
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| 25 Get into a fistfight                      |                     |
| 27 Exit angrily                              |                     |
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| 34 Ma Bell introduction of 1959              |                     |
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| 45 "This can't be!"                          |                     |
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| 114 Title originally applied to Mrs. Madison |                     |
| 116 Wonder Woman's secret identity           |                     |
| 118 Big sheet of ice                         |                     |
| 119 Actress Swenson                          |                     |
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| 122 Strong desires                           |                     |
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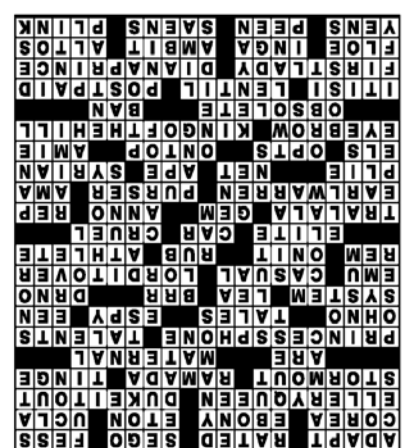
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# A visit to the Downey Greek Festival

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

**DOWNEY** - Blue skies were shining and then white clouds moved in overhead to match the colors of the Greek flag.

For the first time in three years, Downey's famous Greek Food Festival was back.

The god of good parking spaces was smiling on me. I had lucked out, pulling into a space a few steps from St George's Greek Orthodox Church on Downey Avenue, just as someone pulled out. An auspicious beginning.

The little agora, or marketplace, in the entry was lined with vendors. Here you could buy raspberry honey, freshly pressed olive oil, and charms to ward off the evil eye.

The unmistakable aroma of broiling lamb wafted over the festival area. The meat is roasted on the spot, roast lamb with the fat sizzling under the gauzy smoke— what are the spices they rub it with?

One of the features that makes St. George's Festival different from other Greek festivals you will find in Southern California is that we have a real authentikós Downey-centric Greek festival. Everyone is a volunteer from the St. George community, from the baklava makers to the spit masters who prepare and roast the lamb, 20 of them at a time, turning on 20 spits.

There is also the man who cleaves the lamb into serving portions. These lambs are not carved, they're split with an ax, and this is as close as we will ever get to the classic feasting that Homer wrote about.

Specialty of the house is the lamb platter, with rice and Greek salad; a la carte classics dishes are moussaka, a dish made from eggplant, meat, potatoes and béchamel sauce; tiropita, a light and flaky Greek pie filled with feta cheese; spanakopita, a spinach and cheese pastry; and dolmades, ground lamb with rice rolled in grape leaves. Everything has been made by the ladies of St. George Philoptochos Society of Downey.

There are gyros too, a blend



of beef and lamb sliced off a big spit, served on pita bread with tzatsiki, a yogurt, cucumber and spice sauce. And souvlaki platters, marinated pork on a skewer, and Greek fries with feta cheese. Soft drinks and beer slake any thirst.

Under a big white canopy novices lined up for a lesson in Greek dancing. "One, two three, together," said the instructor, and toddlers and teenagers, fair goers of all ages linked arms and followed her lead.

Soon all were swaying in a circle to the irresistible sounds of the bazookie and the oud. Everyone was encouraged to "Get your Greek on," and one or two dancers wore newly purchased sequined scarves on their hips.

Lots of applause every time the music stopped and started up again. It was only mid-afternoon, and as the day wore into night, more and more would form and reform the circle, with experienced dancers performing along with learners.

Other delicious odors too: Greek coffee freshly brewing at the booths where Greek dessert pastries were sold. Loukoumades, little bite-sized fluffy sweet honey balls deep fried to golden perfection. Baklava; melomakaronos, an egg-shaped dessert made from flour, olive oil, and honey; karidopita, made with chopped walnuts and honey and scented with cinnamon and ground clove. Pasta flora filled with raspberry or apricot jam.

The trays of goodies were selling out, but there were plenty more in reserve.

The occasion is billed as a food event, but this event is much more. The cultural side of Hellenic life was on display in the rooms in the mini-mall across from the church, where the sanctuary stood before the church with its mighty dome was built. There was a special room for wine tasting, from the wine-producing areas of both Greek and Crete, accompanied by Greek cheeses. The varieties are traditionally made from goats and sheep, as the rocky terrain is too steep for cows to navigate.

The cool sanctuary of St. George's Church was a nice place to rest from the outdoors sounds and activities. There are guided tours of the sanctuary, or one could just sit and let one's eyes follow the painted icons on the walls and the ceiling to the face of Christ Pantocrator on the inside of the dome. The Annunciation scenes are above the altar, and the Last Supper. The faces of saints and patrons fill the iconostasis, and the Four Gospel writers adorn the apse corners.

Here I could reflect on history of the Greek community in Downey, and leaders like Harold

Tseklenis, patron of the arts and passionate promoter of the drive to build this church. Since 1982 worshippers had been housed in temporary storefront quarters, and Harold had constructed the wooden iconostasis for that in his workshop at home.

I was there in 2001 when the church was being constructed, on the day a monster crane swung the steel frame for the dome into place on the Greek cross-shaped walls, in the dramatic photo taken for the Downey Eagle by John Adams.

And then again in 2002 on the day of the Door Opening Ceremonies, when the congregation at last could enter. The church was consecrated by the Metropolitan Anthony, who came down from San Francisco for the occasion.

The church has no mortgage: the Metropolitan Anthony saw to that. He laughingly wouldn't conduct the Opening Ceremony until enough pledges came from those assembled to pay off the last remaining dollars. Now, as money is raised, decorations are added: the art work, the carpeting, the beautiful blond wood pews. The funds from this Food Festival provide things this church needs, for projects beyond the everyday running of the church, like a new roof.

It's a quiet place to sit and contemplate, and it is light-filled. The church is the motivating spirit behind all that these parishioners do.

If you didn't get to this year's festival, be sure to save the first weekend in June in 2023.

The lambs will be on the spit, and the dancer's circle just beginning.

# DUSD summer programs start Monday

Free meals, including breakfast and lunch, for all children also begin Monday on select campuses.

**DOWNEY** - Beginning the week of June 13, Downey Unified launches its summer enrichment programs for students, this includes summer school at each middle and high school, Extended School Year (ESY) programs and elementary STEAMworks.

The middle school summer program and ESY will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, and will run from June 13 to July 14. The high school summer program and ESY will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will run from June 13 to July 21.

Downey Unified's elementary summer enrichment program, STEAMworks, will be located at Gauldin, Lewis, Rio Hondo and Unsworth elementary schools, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This program, which runs from June 13 to July 8, will enrich approximately 2,400 students by instructing them on the basis of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math).

The elementary ESY program being held at Alameda will run from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In observance of the July 4th holiday, all summer school programs will be on a Tuesday through Friday schedule as no school will be held Monday, July 4.

Also beginning on June 13, Downey Unified will be participating in the Seamless Summer Food Service Program,

providing breakfast and lunch at no cost to all children ages 18 and younger during the summer school session.

Meal distributions will be held Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. until July 8; however, they will not be distributed on July 4 in observance of the July 4th holiday.

Meals can be picked up via walk-up at Lewis, Rio Hondo and Unsworth elementary schools.

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

The Downey Unified School district's office hours will also be altered during the summer beginning on June 6, being open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The district office will be closed on Fridays beginning June 6 through July 29, 2022.

The upcoming 2022-23 school year will begin for all students on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Registration for the upcoming school year will open on July 1.

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALLEN DECK aka ALLEN GREGORY DECK

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Barbara Staley in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 6, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

**Attorney for petitioner: JOHN A BUNNETT ESG SBN 107890 LAW OFFICE OF JOHN A BUNNETT 8136 2ND ST DOWNEY CA 90241 CN987371 DECK Jun 9,16,23, 2022**

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**STOX 932276 The Downey Patriot 5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22**

Title Order No.: 05945162 Trustee Sale No.: 85786 Loan No.: HERRERA APN: 6253-022-010 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/27/2010. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/15/2022 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA DUTY SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 5/28/2010 as Instrument No. 20100735250 in book N/A page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JUAN HERRERA, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor TOMWORKS, LLC, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: See Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. TS# 85786 APN # 6253-022-010 LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A" THAT PORTION OF RANCHO SANTA GERTRUDES, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF TRACT 8326, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 155, PAGE 98 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PARCEL 2 OF DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 130, PAGE 502 OF DEEDS, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, NORTH 57° 52' 50" WEST 425.74 FEET TO A POINT THAT IS SOUTH 57° 52' 50" EAST 0.55 FEET FROM A 2" IRON PIPE SET IN CONCRETE OF THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, TRACT 9118, IN BOOK 120, PAGE 84 OF MAPS, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, THENCE NORTH 31° 03' 00" EAST 342.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PARCEL 1 OF DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 21098, PAGE 155 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE THEREON SOUTH 58° 51' 22" EAST 980 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO ALBERT C. UETZ, RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1947 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 1518 IN BOOK 24319, PAGE 78 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, THENCE NORTH 31° 03' 00" EAST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LAND TO UETZ 60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58° 51' 22" EAST 194.41 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD 80 FEET WIDE AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 13989, PAGE 221 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, BEING A POINT OR A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 6960 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 44.00 FEET ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID CURVE WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD (FORMERLY CERRITOS AVENUE) AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 5508, PAGE 83 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE ALONG SAID LAST MENTIONED WESTERLY LINE SOUTH 31° 45' 05" WEST 16.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PARCEL 1 OF DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 21098, PAGE 155 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, THENCE THEREON NORTH 58° 51' 22" WEST 196.28, MORE OR LESS TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THE PORTION OF SAID LAND LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE 9950 FEET RADIUS CURVE AND CONTINUATION THEREOF DESCRIBED IN DEED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECORDED IN BOOK 29253, PAGE 329, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being

sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10717-10719 LAKEWOOD BLVD DOWNEY, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$ 612,314.65 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 5/18/2022 CALIFORNIA DUTY SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD, ANAHEIM ILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2190 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA DUTY SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If

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**STOX 932307 The Downey Patriot 5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22**

**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No. 099371-CA APN: 6312-004-018 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/19/2012. 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 7/26/2022 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/27/2012 as Instrument No. 20120948858 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: IMELDA LOPEZ AND DEBORAH A. GARZA, CO-TRUSTEES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES UNDER THE IMELDA LOPEZ LIVING TRUST, DATED APRIL 29, 2012 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

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# FPCU tops list of credit union mortgage lenders

■ Downey-based Financial Partners Credit Union was the top mortgage lender among credit unions in its category.

**DOWNEY** - Financial Partners Credit Union, serving 86,000 members in California, has once again been recognized as the leading mortgage lender in the state among the nearly 300 credit unions with up to \$5 billion in assets.

In a report released by the American Credit Union Mortgage Association (ACUMA), Financial Partners also ranked #2 among the nearly 5,000 credit unions in the United States in the same category.

"Buying a home has become more competitive than ever, especially in California. Buyers need to have confidence that their lender can get their mortgage closed efficiently," said Nader Moghaddam, President and CEO of Financial Partners Credit Union.

"Our unparalleled service combined with competitive rates ensures anyone buying a new home can go from making an offer to closing without stress. As this ranking by ACUMA demonstrates, Californians trust Financial Partners more than any other credit union of our size when it comes to getting a home loan."

In 2021, Financial Partners was able to help nearly 1,600 members secure home loans — helping them to lower their monthly mortgage payment, allowing them to pay-off their loan sooner, or getting them into their dream home.

To continue offering products that help make the dream of homeownership a reality, Financial Partners will be introducing a 100% home loan, which does not require a down payment, in Q2 of 2022.

"Our mission is to help members and their families build stronger financial futures," continued Moghaddam. "By continuing to lead with impeccable service and innovative products, we look forward to being California's preferred mortgage lender for years to come."



**Downey's own Willellyn (Willie) McFarland was recently honored by her watercolor class for a prestigious award bestowed in her name. The National Watercolor Society presented a \$1,000 prize named the Willellyn McFarland Award at their recent membership exhibition.**

**Willie has been interested in art as long as she can remember. While attending the University of Southern California, she majored in painting and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. After college she taught on several levels.**

**While raising her family she continued to paint, along with teaching elementary school and adult education classes. During that period she became interested in watercolor and was accepted into the National Watercolor Society as a Signature Member. Since that time she has held several offices in NWS including serving as president twice. She was also elected Chairman of the jury of selection for one of their annual exhibitions.**

**Other groups in which she has held membership include Women Painters West, and Watercolor West. She has served as president of that group. She is a Signature member of that group as well.**

**She has received many awards including awards in the Watercolor West Annual Exhibition and San Diego International Exhibition. The Andre Agassi Foundation, New Horizons chose her as their featured artist at the foundation's annual fundraiser in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

**The artist's work has been published in The Artist's Magazine, The Artistic Touch 3 and 4, and Artists of California.**

**The U.S. Forest Service has commissioned her to do several paintings for interpretative signs along the trails of the San Gabriel Mountains and she did a series of illustrations for the future children's garden at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Center in Claremont.**

**She is also a member of Assistance League of Downey and is a past president.**

# OLPH Guild announces scholarship, grant winners

**DOWNEY** - The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church has awarded five Downey area 8th grade graduate students with \$1,000 scholarships to further their Catholic high school education.

The scholarships are based on completion of the 8th grade and acceptance to a Catholic high school of their choice.

This year's recipients completed a portfolio which included transcripts, acceptance letters to a Catholic high school, placement tests, letters of recommendation and the applicant's Personal Statement.

This year's scholarship awardees (and the Catholic high school they will be attending this fall) include:

- Jenna Mielk (St. Joseph)
- Emmanuel Garcia (Bosco)
- Xavier Grizzelle (Bosco)
- Israel Ramirez (Loyola)
- Ricardo Torres (Loyola)

The Women's Guild also announced the recipients of this year's community grant awards. This year, awards were approved for all 10 applicants and total \$8,575.

Recipients include:

Friends of the Downey Library Student & Children's Programs

(\$1,000), OLPH School Music grades 3-8 (\$1,000).

Program (\$1,100), OLPH School TK Program (\$330), OLPH School TK/Spanish Program (\$525), OLPH School TK/Classroom Manipulatives (\$1,645), OLPH Life After Loss Ministry (\$700), St. Dominic Savio Church Food Pantry (\$1,000), and St. Gertrude the Great School Reading Curriculum

The OLPH Women's Guild grants are awarded annually. Applications are made available in February/March on the guild website at womensguild.olphdowney.com.

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# DOWNEY GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

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To say our community is amazing would be an understatement. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our festival this year.

Thank you, Downey!  
We love you.  
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# Join Us

## Trivia Night

PRESENTED BY THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

**TUESDAY TRIVIA TOPIC FROM TELEVISION AND MOVIES!**

**WORLD OF WIZARDS**

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE **WITCHES, WIZARDS, WEREWOLFS & VAMPIRES** FROM MOVIES AND TV?

**TUESDAY • JUNE 21, 2022 • 7PM**

**EPIC LOUNGE**  
8239 2ND STREET, DOWNEY

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